

San Antonio Catholic Church

24445 Rampart Blvd. ♦ Port Charlotte, Florida 33980

BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____ MALE FEMALE
Middle Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last Name: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Address: _____
STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Married? YES NO In The Catholic Church? YES NO San Antonio Parishioners? YES NO

FATHER'S INFORMATION

(Name as it appears on Child's Birth Certificate)

First Name: _____ City/State of Birth: _____
Middle Name: _____ Religion: _____
Last Name: _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

(Name as it appears on Child's Birth Certificate)

First Name: _____ City/State of Birth: _____
Middle Name: _____ Religion: _____
Maiden Name: _____

GODPARENT 1/CHRISTIAN WITNESS INFORMATION

(Catholic Godparent)

First Name: _____

Parish Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

City/State: _____

Last Name: _____

Practicing Catholic? YES NO

(If YES, Letter from Parish Required)

GODPARENT 2/CHRISTIAN WITNESS INFORMATION

(Catholic Godparent or Christian Witness)

First Name: _____

Parish Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

City/State: _____

Last Name: _____

Practicing Catholic? YES NO

(If YES, Letter from Parish Required)

Religion: _____

**PLEASE NOTE: AT LEAST ONE GODPARENT MUST BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC IN GOOD STANDING.
IF TWO GODPARENTS, ONE MUST BE MALE AND ONE MUST BE FEMALE.**

IF THE SECOND IS NON-CATHOLIC, HE/SHE MUST BE A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN (CHRISTIAN WITNESS).

**NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS AND CATHOLICS WHO ARE NOT IN GOOD STANDING
DO NOT QUALIFY AS A CHRISTIAN WITNESS.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

SPONSORS: (Canon 872) In so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor. In the case of an adult baptism, the sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation. In the case of an infant baptism, the role is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.

(Canon 873) One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS:

(Canon 874 §1) To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:

1. Be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
2. Be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;

4. Not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
5. Not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized.

(Canon 874 §339522) A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a Catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.

Sponsors must also provide:

1. If the sponsor is not a member of San Antonio, the sponsor is required to obtain a letter from their pastor stating that they are practicing members of their Church.
2. If the sponsor is to be represented by a proxy, the sponsor must provide a letter of consent for the proxy as well as the sponsor letter.
3. If the sponsor does not attend the Baptism Preparation class at San Antonio, the sponsor must provide documentation from their home parish confirming the completion of a similar class.

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GODPARENT ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

Name of Person to be Baptized: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY GODPARENT

By initialing below, I certify that all of the following statements are true:

- I participate in worship by attending Mass each Sunday and receive the other Sacraments regularly.
- I willingly practice Catholic Stewardship by offering my time, talent, and treasure in support of others, both through my parish community and in my daily life.
- I am a practicing Catholic and give witness to my Catholic faith and my belief in Jesus by frequent reception of the Eucharist and by my good example and loving response to others.
- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) when necessary.
- I am or will be at least sixteen years of age at the time of the Sacramental celebration at which I wish to serve as a Godparent.
- I am not a parent of the child who will be baptized.
- (If married) I am in a valid marriage, ie: one that was witnessed by a Catholic Priest or Deacon in a Catholic Church, unless dispensed from the Catholic form of marriage by a Diocesan Bishop and neither my current spouse nor I have need for an annulment.
- I will give my support to my Godchild by my prayers and by the Christian example of my life.

Godparent's Name (please print): _____

Godparent's Address: _____

Signature of Godparent: _____

Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR OF GODPARENT'S PARISH

I verify that _____ is a registered member of this parish and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to serve in the role as Godparent as indicated above.

Pastor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parish: _____ **City/State:** _____

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CHRISTIAN WITNESS ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

Name of Person to be Baptized: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

By initialing below, I certify that all of the following statements are true:

- I am a baptized (non-Catholic) and currently practicing Christian.
- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I am not a parent of the child who will be baptized.
- I am a registered member of my church.
- I regularly attend Sunday services.

Witness's Name (please print): _____

Witness's Address: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Christian Denomination: _____

Date: _____

Please note that a Christian Witness is simply a witness, and as such, their name is not recorded on the child's Baptismal Certificate.