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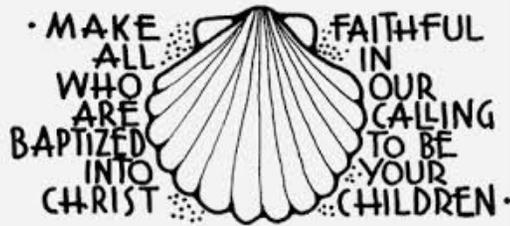
Sacrament of Baptism



*"Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you."*

- Mt 28:19-20





A Godparent:

- Is **Catholic**, 16 years old or older, who has **received the Sacrament of Confirmation**;
- **Must be a practicing Catholic**—if there are two, one must be Catholic and the other may be a Christian witness if he or she is baptized and belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community;
- Can be male or female—if there are two, **one must be male and the other female**;
- Is **living a life of faith**—in order to be equipped to help the parents in **raising the child in the Catholic faith (not subject to canonical impediment due to cohabitation or civil marriage that is not valid by the Catholic Church nor prohibited to receive sacraments)**.

** Baptismal guidelines provided for this parish are in consonance with the guidelines set by the diocese.*

What is Baptism?

“Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into his death? We were **buried therefore with him by baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life**” (*Rom 6:3-4*; cf. *Col 2:12*).

The Sacrament of Baptism:

- Is the **basis of the whole Christian life**, the **gateway** to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives **access to the other sacraments**;
- **Frees us from sin** and lets us be **reborn** as children of God;
- Makes us **members of Christ**;
- Incorporates us into the Church, making us **sharers of her mission**;
- And is the **sacrament of regeneration** through water in the world. (*CCC 1213*)

At Baptism, the **Holy Spirit** marks us with the **seal of the Lord** “for the day of redemption. Baptism indeed is the **seal of eternal life**.” The faithful Christian who has “**kept the seal**” until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his baptism, will be able to depart this life “**marked with the sign of faith**,” with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the **blessed vision of God**—the consummation of faith—and in the **hope of resurrection**. (*CCC 1274*)

Baptism Preparation

Baptism welcomes your child, you, your family and the Godparents into the shared experience of being part of a faith community. Your role, and the role of the Godparents whom you choose, is one which calls you to make a promise on behalf of that child that you will teach him or her by word and action about God and the faith.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism

- Parents and Godparents must attend the seminar or complete online Formed.org videos.
- Baptisms are held on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- One form for each child must be filled out and submitted to the church office with a copy of the child and parents’ birth certificates.
- Parents must also submit the Confirmation certificates of the Godparents along with the Godparent eligibility forms completed by the intended Godparents and their parish priest.
- There is a \$25 stipend (or donation) necessary to defray the cost of supplies.
- Call the Church Office to register. Forms are available at the office or on the St. Genevieve website.

