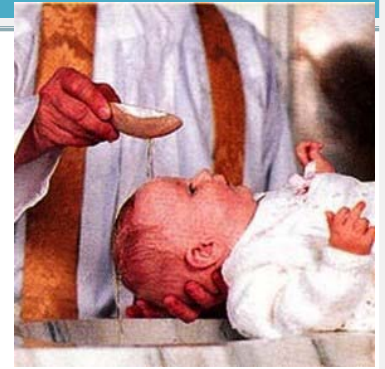


St. Agatha Parish Baptismal Package



Dear:

This information that follows is so that you are informed about the process for the BAPTISM of children at St. Agatha Parish. Your interest in baptizing your child is, for us, an expression of your desire to belong to our family of faith by participating in the spiritual growth in our Lord, which includes membership, participation at the Sunday worship, and fellowship. We hope that your interaction with us will enable you to experience a loving God between you, your family, and us your parish family.

As the Lord has called you to baptize your child, we are called to support you in preparing you and your child for baptism. Our process at St. Agatha focuses on the development of faith and community. For this reason, we begin with the presentation of the family and godparents to the St. Agatha Parish Family during the 10:00 a.m. mass as you are all affirmed in your decision to begin the baptism process. The community, in turn, prays for and welcomes the family and godparents.

The requirements for baptism at St. Agatha are:

1. Parish family registration
2. Be an active member of the parish for at least six months
3. Both parents and godparents will need to attend one class for baptismal preparation.
4. One parent must be a practicing Catholic.
5. At least one godparent must be a practicing Confirmed Catholic.
6. The child must be under six years of age.
7. Parents will be interviewed by Our Parish Life Director, Sr. M. Karen Collier SSL.

Due to the fact that we only baptize children once a month, and can only accept three children per month, we request that the baptism be arranged with a three month in advance notice. This advance will give you and the parish the opportunity to meet the requirements as noted above. When the enclosed baptismal registration form including the letter(s) from the parents and godparents are returned to the Pastoral Center front office, we will forward the forms to our infant Baptism preparation minister, Mrs. Pamela Simmons, who will then give you the date for the baptism. Once this is done Sr. Karen will contact you to arrange an appointment for your interview.

If you have any questions please call at (323) 935-8127 or fax at (323) 939-3547

Sincerely yours, in Christ

St. Agatha Parish

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INFANT BAPTISM REGISTRATION (Infant - 6 years only)

(Please print or type clearly)

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CURRENT AGE:** _____

CITY/STATE OF BIRTH: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: _____

Religion: _____ If Catholic, are you confirmed? ____ Yes ____ No

Where does the Mother celebrate Mass? _____ Time _____

Day time phone: _____ Fax _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

FULL NAME OF FATHER: _____

Religion: _____ If Catholic, are you confirmed? ____ Yes ____ No

Where does the Father celebrate Mass? _____ Time _____

Day time phone: _____ Fax _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

MARITAL STATUS: (Circle one) Married Single Widow Divorced

Name of Church where parents were married: _____

City/ State _____

NAME OF GODMOTHER: _____

Has the godmother been baptized? ____ Religion: _____ Circle Marital Status S M W D

Is the godmother a confirmed Catholic? ____ Date _____ City/State _____

NAME OF GODFATHER: _____

Has the godfather been baptized? ____ Religion: _____ Circle Marital Status S M W D

Is the godfather a confirmed Catholic? ____ Date _____ City/State _____

PROXY GODMOTHER: _____

PROXY GODFATHER: _____

Was the child adopted? _____

Was the child previously baptized (due to an emergency in the hospital or at home)? _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Interview Date _____ Presentation Date: _____ Class Date: _____ Baptism Date: _____

Class Preparation: _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Godmother _____ Godfather

Is the family registered? _____ Name of Celebrant: _____

To be completed by parents:

"I have Chosen Baptism for You"



On a separate sheet of paper, please compose a letter to your child highlighting your decision to baptize him/her into Christianity. The following elements must be addressed in your letter:

1. Why you made the decision to baptize your child.
2. Who you have chosen as Godparents and why.
3. The role you expect the Godparents to play in his/her life.
4. The 5 most important things that you want your child to know about life.
5. The central ideas, traditions or principles that you want your child to adopt.
6. If you could create the perfect life for your child, what would you give him/her?

We believe that this is an excellent way to express your hopes and dreams for your child as he begins the rites of initiation into Catholicism. We will seal and return the letter to you so that you can share it with him/her later in life.

Please return the letter, completed Godparent forms, copy of birth certificate (or proof of adoption if applicable) and registration form to the office as soon as possible.

To be completed by each godparent:

My role as Godparent



On a separate sheet of paper compose a letter-to, your godchild highlighting your decision to be his/her Godparent.

The following elements must be addressed in your letter:

1. How long have you known the parents of your godchild?
2. Why did you accept to be a Godparent to this child?
3. What is your role as Godparent?
4. Why were you chosen to be Godparent and what do you believe the parents expect of you as the Godparent?
5. What are the central ideas, principles or traditions you want your godchild to adopt?
6. What are the most important things you want your godchild to know about life?
7. How will your godchild know these issues are important to you?

We believe that this is an excellent way to express your hopes and dreams for your godchild as he/she begins the rites of initiation into Catholicism. We will seal and return the letter to the parents so they can share them with him/her later in life.