



St. Agatha Catholic Church

Sacrament of Baptism

The information that follows is to inform you of the process for the Sacrament of BAPTISM of infant children at St. Agatha Catholic Church. 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. This includes membership, participation at the Sunday worship, and fellowship. We hope that your interaction with us will enable you to experience the love of God.

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. Gospel 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 complete an online course and attend one live class for baptismal preparation.**
4. **At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic.**
5. **At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic.**
6. **The child must be under seven years of age.**
7. **Parents will be interviewed by the Parish Administrator, Rev. Anthony Lee.**

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month and the live class on the first Sunday. Because we have baptisms only once a month and only accept three children per month, we request that arrangements are made at least three months in advance. This advance notice will provide the opportunity for the parents and Parish to meet the requirements noted above.

When the attached **Baptismal Registration Form and a copy of the child's birth certificate** are returned to the Parish Office, Fr. Anthony Lee will contact you to provide you with the next available date for Baptism and to arrange an interview with the parents.

Please note there is a suggested donation of \$75.00 due at the time of the interview.

If you have any questions please call (323) 935-8127.

Thank you.

Infant Baptism

START COURSE

DETAILS ▾



INFANT BAPTISM ONLINE COURSE

In both English and Spanish

The online courses are:

- accessible from any device
- interactive learning experiences
- opportunities for reflection and spiritual engagement
- accessed from the ADLA website (Office of Worship page)
- password protected (passwords will be shared with users by the parish in order to ensure parish approval/interaction)

The online courses can be:

- used as a supplement to live sessions at the parish
- used as content for live sessions at the parish
- offered in lieu of live sessions at the parish



**Add Infant Baptism
Online to your Infant
Baptism Preparation**

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/worship/Pages/Infant-Baptism.aspx>

**English course
password:**

LivingWater17

**Spanish course
password:**

AguaViva17

**Let online learning
enhance your parish
baptism preparation!**

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Infant Baptism Registration

Please print clearly

Name of the Child: _____ Current age: _____

City/State of Birth: _____ Date of birth: _____

Full Address: _____

Full Maiden Name of the Mother: _____

Has the mother been baptized? _____ Religion: _____ If Roman Catholic,
has the mother received First Communion? ____ Yes ____ No and Confirmation? ____ Yes ____ No

Where does the mother celebrate Mass? _____ Time _____

Day time Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Name of the Father: _____

Has the father been baptized? _____ Religion: _____ If Roman Catholic,
has the father received First Communion? ____ Yes ____ No and Confirmation? ____ Yes ____ No

Where does the father celebrate Mass? _____ Time _____

Day time Phone: _____ Email: _____

Marital status: (circle one) Married Single Widow Divorced or _____

Are the parents married in the Catholic Church? _____
Name of church city/state

Was the child adopted? _____

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

Copy of Birth Certificate: _____

Name of Godmother: _____

Has the godmother been baptized? _____ Religion: _____ If Roman Catholic,
has the godmother received First Communion? Yes / No and Confirmation? Yes / No

Circle Marital Status: M S W D or _____

Is the godmother married in the Catholic Church? _____
Name of church city/state

Name of Godfather: _____

Has the godfather been baptized? _____ Religion: _____ If Roman Catholic,
has the godfather received First Communion? Yes / No and Confirmation? Yes / No

Circle Marital Status: M S W D or _____

Is the godfather married in the Catholic Church? _____
Name of church city/state

Proxy godmother: _____

Proxy godfather: _____

“I have chosen BAPTISM for you”

To be completed by parents:

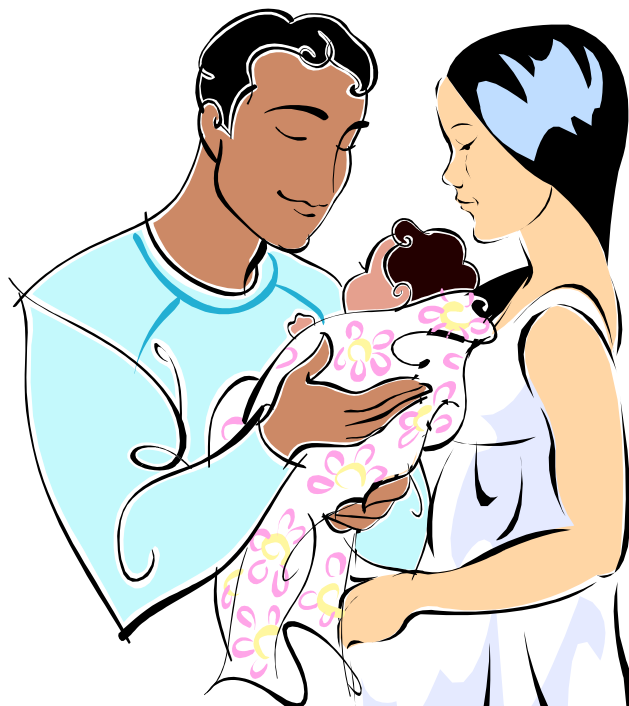
On a separate sheet of paper, please compose a letter to your child highlighting your decision to baptize him/her into Christianity.

The following elements must be addressed in your letter:

- **Why you made the decision to baptize your child.**
- **Who you have chosen as Godparents and why.**
- **The role you expect the Godparents to play in his/her life.**
- **The 5 most important things that you want your child to know about life.**
- **The central ideas, traditions or principles that you want your child to adopt.**
- **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 Godparents forms, copy of birth certificate (or proof of adoption if applicable) and registration form to the office as soon is possible.



My Role as Godparent

To be completed by each Godparent

On a separate sheet of paper compose a letter to your Godchild highlighting your decision to be his or her Godparent.

The following elements must be addressed in your letter:

- **How long have you known the parents of your Godchild?**
- **Why did you accept to be a Godparent?**
- **What is your role as Godparent?**
- **Why were you chosen to be a Godparent and what do you believe the parents expect of you?**
- **What are the most important things you want your Godchild to know about Life?**
- **How will your Godchild know these issues are important to you?**

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