



Our Lady of Peace Parish
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BAPTISM: For an infant, child or adult, baptism is the beginning of one's life in Christ. Through this Sacrament, we die to sin and are reborn as children of God and members of the body of Christ, the church. As followers of Christ, we are then challenged to share His work, to minister to His people and to profess His love. Of the seven Sacraments in the church, three constitute 'Sacraments of Initiation': Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The child who is baptized and received into the church will begin to be nourished by the body and blood of Christ when he/she attains the age of reasoning. Later, at the threshold of adulthood, the youngster will be confirmed in Christian life with the seal of the Holy Spirit empowering him/her to bear witness to Christ.

THE PARENTS: In presenting their child for baptism, the parents show that they want him/her to grow up as a Christian, and they take on the responsibility of providing a Christian upbringing. They lead their child to the knowledge of God and, by their example, prepare him/her to receive the Eucharist and for confirmation. The baptismal liturgy gives great importance to the commitment of the parents to nurture faith values in their children a life of faith. Parents, who find themselves in circumstances such as a common-law union, or civil marriage outside of the Catholic Church, should give serious consideration as to how this will affect their ability to provide a strong example of faith for their children. The pastor at Our Lady of Peace Parish will be happy to sensitively discuss the implications of these circumstances with the parents and provide steps to rectify.

THE GODPARENTS: Godparents are spiritual representatives of the Church and, as such, assist the parents in teaching the child to profess and express the faith. The godparents, therefore, have the following qualities:

- ✠ Be 16 years of age or older and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: baptism, Eucharist and confirmation.
- ✠ Be active members of the Catholic Church.
- ✠ Be mature enough to undertake the responsibility.
- ✠ In special circumstances, a baptized believing member of another Christian Church, along with a Catholic godparent, may act as a Christian witness.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Preparation for baptism enables the parents and godparents to gain a fuller knowledge and understanding of the meaning of baptism. It allows for thought and discussion regarding their spiritual hopes for their child and for themselves and the very important role they play in the child's spiritual growth. If the parents are not yet ready to fully profess and practice the faith of the Catholic Church, the facilitator may encourage them to delay the baptism until they are ready to make this commitment.

The Baptismal Process

Baptisms are usually offered on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. You must register at least one month in advance.

Once you have submitted your completed baptism registration form and donation amount, a date will be selected for the Baptism Preparation session that best suits your schedule. All dates will be confirmed by the parish office after referring to the parish calendar. Parents will be contacted about any changes.

Kindly return the Baptismal Registration Form along with the donation envelope (minimum \$75.00 donation) to the parish office during regular office hours or through the mail slot at the front door of the rectory.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the parish office at 416-239-1259



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BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

A MINIMUM \$75.00 DONATION IS SUGGESTED TO COVER THE COST OF CHURCH EXPENSES.

Child's Full Name:

_____ (Last name) (Given Name) (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Year / Month / Day City / Province / Country

Child's School (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____

Father's First & Last Name: _____

I have legal custody of the child.

Mother's First & Maiden Name: _____

I have legal custody of the child.

Mother's Religion: _____ Father's Religion: _____

Address: _____
Address City/Town Postal Code

Phone: (Cell - Mother): (_____) _____ (Cell - Father): (_____) _____

Father's Work: (_____) _____ Mother's Work: (_____) _____

Home: (_____) _____ Parent Email: _____

Name of the Parish where you normally worship: _____

Name of Godmother: _____ Name of Godfather: _____
One Godparent must be Catholic, over age 16 and must attend Baptism. Only one is necessary.)

and/or Name of Christian Witness (*must be a baptized Christian in another tradition*): _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointment with Pastor: Date: _____ Time: _____

Preparation for Baptism: Date: _____ Time: _____

Celebration of Baptism: Date: _____ Time: _____

\$75.00 Donation Baptismal Computer Registry Baptismal Register Certificate