



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH
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The Baptismal Process

Faith Requirement:

At least one parent must be baptised in the Roman Catholic Church.

When Baptisms Are Celebrated:

Baptisms take place after the **11:30 am Mass Sundays**.

Please register **at least one month in advance**.

Meeting with Father Biju:

Kindly make an appointment to meet with **Father Biju**.

Please bring the **completed Baptismal Registration Form** and your **donation envelope** to the meeting.

Forms are available: At the back of the church, In the parish office, On our website.

Preparation Class:

Parents and godparents are asked to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class**

Baptismal Bib:

A **baptismal bib is required** for the ceremony.

(Handmade bibs are available for purchase at the parish office if desired.)

Baptismal Candle:

The parish will provide a **baptismal candle** for your child.

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.



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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. **One parent needs to be baptised in the Roman Catholic Faith.** 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 available to attend baptism ceremony.
- ✠ 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 CLASS: Preparation for baptism enables parents and godparents to gain a deeper understanding of the meaning of the sacrament. It provides an opportunity for reflection and discussion about their spiritual hopes for their child and for themselves, as well as the vital role they play in the child's spiritual growth.

If parents are not yet ready to fully profess and practice the faith of the Catholic Church, the baptismal facilitator may encourage them to postpone the baptism until they feel prepared to make this commitment.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 -8.30pm PM in the Parish Hall.



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Baptism Registration Form

A MINIMUM \$100.00 DONATION IS SUGGESTED TO COVER THE COST OF CHURCH EXPENSES.

Child's Full Name:

(First name) (Middle Name) (Last name)

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

Address: _____
Address City/Town Postal Code

Name of the Parish where you normally Worship: _____

Child's School (if applicable): _____ **AGE:** _____

Mother's First & Maiden Name: _____

I have legal custody of the child. ☐ (Cell): (_____) _____

Work: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Father's First & Last Name: _____

I have legal custody of the child. ☐ (Cell): (_____) _____

Work: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Name of Godfather: _____

Name of Godmother: _____

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 Class for Baptism: Month: _____ Time: _____

Celebration of Baptism: Date: _____ Time: _____

☐ \$100.00 Donation ☐ Baptismal Prep Course ☐ Certificate ☐ Baptismal Computer Registry ☐ Baptismal Register