



Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church

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WHAT IS BAPTISM?

The baptism of a child is a miracle of faith in which the child receives sanctifying grace to live in this world. In this Sacrament of Baptism, the child is welcomed into the Christian community and, therefore, gains a sense of belonging to God's family and is embraced by God's unconditional love.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

"Registered parishioner" refers to individuals or families who regularly participate in the life of the Parish and are formally registered with the Parish office. Registration helps us stay connected with our Parish community and better serve families preparing for the Sacraments. If you are unsure of your registration status, please contact the Parish office.

If you are not a registered parishioner and do not reside within the territorial boundaries of the Parish, we kindly ask that you contact your local Parish to arrange for the baptism of your child, or request a letter from your pastor granting permission for the Sacrament to be celebrated at Precious Blood Parish.

WHAT ARE THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES?

The nurturing and education of our children requires great care and total commitment from the parents. This same care and attention must be given to *all* aspects of the child's growth and development. You, as the child's parents, are the primary caregivers as well as the first teachers of faith. To fulfill this responsibility and commitment, parents guide the child by Christian example. Parents should develop a personal relationship with God, nurtured by a healthy prayer life and regular Mass attendance.

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The primary role of a sponsor is that of a spiritual guide, to be a model of Christian living through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in Parish life and liturgy.

You are required to have only one sponsor, in which case he or she must be Catholic. If you have two sponsors, one is to be male and the other, female. To qualify as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Catholic, Confirmed and in Full Communion with the Church, at least 16 years of age and not married outside the Church or in a common-law relationship.

A baptized person who belongs to the non-Roman Catholic Christian community may be asked to serve as a Christian Witness (not as a Godparent) as long as a Catholic Godparent is present.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Please complete the registration form and submit to the Parish office with the following:

- 1) Copy of the child's birth certificate.
- 2) Copy of the baptism certificate of at least one parent.
- 3) Suggested donation of \$50 – this is a tax receipted donation.



Precious Blood Parish

Baptism Registration Form

Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Parish Information

Requested Date of Baptism: _____

- ☐ I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish and am a registered parishioner of Precious Blood Parish.
- ☐ I currently **do not** live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish, but I am formally registered at the Parish.

Child's Information

Full legal name of child:

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Parents' Information

Mother (Full Legal Name & Maiden Name):

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

(Maiden Name)

Religion: ☐ Roman Catholic Other: _____ ☐ None

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ I am a parent of or have legal custody of the child.

Father (Full legal name):

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Religion: ☐ Roman Catholic Other: _____ ☐ None

Present Address: ☐ Same as mother's

Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ I am a parent of or have legal custody of the child.

Godparent's Information

Eligibility of Godparent(s):

Canon 873 There is to be only one male Godparent or one female Godparent or one of each. The

following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a Godparent (canon 874 §1):

- at least 16 years of age
- he/she has been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- in good standing with the Catholic Church: live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; not under canonical penalty
- not the father or mother of the one to be baptized

Godparent (Full legal name): _____ Age: _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Current Parish: _____ City: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Fulfills the requirements of canon 874 §1.

Godparent (Full legal name): _____ Age: _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Current Parish: _____ City: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Fulfills the requirements of canon 874 §1.

Christian Witness' Information

Eligibility of Christian Witness:

A Christian Witness for a child's baptism must be a validly baptized Christian of a non-Catholic Church (canon 874 §2)

A Christian Witness may only participate together with a Catholic sponsor (canon 874 §2)

Christian Witness (Full legal name): _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Denomination: _____

Present Address: _____
Street City Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Fulfills the requirements of canon 874 §2.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form (Pages 1 & 2) is true and accurate.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____ Signature: _____

For Office Use Only: Priest/Deacon _____ **Date of Baptism:** _____