

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
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INFANT BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

- Infant Baptism corresponds to any child(ren) up to and including six years of age.
- The Church considers the parent/legal guardian to be the primary agent in bringing the children for Baptism.
- For your child(ren) to be baptized at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, **all** of the following requirements must be completed at least one week prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

General Administrative Requirements:

- The parents of the child(ren) are required to attend an interview with the Baptism Coordinator and get the necessary information as you plan the Baptism of your child(ren).
- Parents or legal guardians are given the opportunity to register and become active parishioners of Good Shepherd Church. Concerns about parents being sacramentally married will be treated.
 - If divorce or separation exists between the parents, then consent must be obtained from the other parent. They must be in agreement that the child(ren) will be raised in the practice of the Catholic faith.
- Completion of the “Good Shepherd Parish Preparation Form”.
- Copy of the child(ren’s) birth certificate(s).
- To baptize child(ren) from other parishes requires the written permission of the parish where the parents are registered.

Sponsor (Godparents) Requirements:

- The minimum of one sponsor is required. Two are allowed. When there are two, one must be selected from each gender. No more than two are allowed.
- Sponsors (Godparents) must be fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation), registered and active in their parish.
- Sponsors (Godparents) if a married couple, needs to be married by the Catholic Church.
- When not a member of Good Shepherd Parish, one must obtain a statement from his/her parish saying that he/she is eligible to serve as a sponsor (Godparent), verification letter or form.
- If a selected sponsor/Godparent is unable to attend the actual baptism of the child(ren) a stand-in, or “proxy” is allowed. Please let the priest/deacon know.

Formational Requirements:

- Parents/legal guardians and Godparents are required to attend a “Baptism Preparation Seminar”. Pre-registration is required for the seminar. Unfortunately, no children are allowed in the seminar class.
- If unable to attend a workshop at Good Shepherd, one may attend a workshop offered by another parish. A letter/form confirming attendance at a workshop in another parish must be submitted to Good Shepherd.

Baptismal Coordinator: Fr. Sunny Poovathumkudy, M.S.

Please return all paperwork at the same time to Mrs. Nilda Santana, Parish Secretary to schedule your baptism date at least two weeks before. Partial Paperwork will not be accepted.

- Preparation Information Form
- Sponsorship(verification) letter for godparent
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Parish Registration Form
- Class Certificate