



# BAPTISM

St. John Vianney 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 priests at St. John Vianney Parish will be happy to sensitively discuss the implications of these circumstances with the parents.

**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.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** We do not allow pictures to be taken, either stills or videos, during the ceremony. In order to avoid any embarrassing situations with your family and guests on the day of baptism, please inform them of this restriction in advance. You are most welcome to take pictures and video immediately following the baptism, and the priest who baptized your child would be most happy to be in any pictures you wish to take.

## **THE BAPTISMAL PROCESS**

Baptisms are offered once a month, on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please check with the parish office for specific dates. You must register at least two months in advance.

Starting **July 2025**, Baptismal Preparation will be held at the church, **in person**. (Until then, we will continue with our virtual classes.) The preparation class will take place once a month on a Saturday morning from 9:00am – 10:30am (please arrive 15 minutes early). This class is **MANDATORY** and therefore we suggest taking the class at least one month before the Baptism. This time frame will allow for rescheduling if something unexpected arises.

### **WE REQUIRE A COPY OF ONE OF THE PARENTAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES**

Please stop by the parish office with the completed **registration form, parental baptismal certificate and donation amount** (minimum \$75.00 donation), and a member of our staff will schedule a date for the preparation class as well as the date for Baptism. Parents will be contacted about any changes.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact the parish office at 705-726-8007**



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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 Name)

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

Father's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's First & Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Name and Number City/Town Postal Code

Phone: (Cell- Mother): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell- Father): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**OR** Name of Christian Witness *(must be a baptized Christian in another tradition)*: \_\_\_\_\_

**BAPTISMAL CONSENT: Both Parents (Guardians) must date and sign below...**

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name) (Signature) (Date)

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name) (Signature) (Date)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation Baptism Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\$75.00 Donation

Parental Baptismal Certificate

*By submitting this application, you agree our parish will enter your information in our databases*

*and share your information with parish staff, ministry coordinators, and members of our ministry groups.*

*We may also use your information to contact you with parish news.*