



Parent Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Christ the King Parish

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Congratulations! As your parish family, we share your joy in bringing your child into the world and give thanks that you want to share the gift of your Catholic faith that comes through baptism. Through the waters of baptism and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, your child will be welcomed into the faith and called to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

Parents are the first and most important teachers of their children, and so the decision to baptize them is essential to the development of their relationship with God. We support you and want to help you in their faith formation. The Catholic Church baptizes infants and young children on the extension of faith of the parents with the support of a faith community. Your understanding, commitment, and growth in our Catholic faith is essential. We want to encourage you in your own lifelong journey of faith.

Before you make arrangements of the baptism of your child, we ask that you complete a baptismal preparation session to learn more about the Church's teaching on baptism, the Rite of Baptism, and the sacramental symbols used within the ritual.

Please call the parish office at or email Fr. Geoff at frgeoff@christthekingonline.org to set up a personal appointment.

Parents seeking baptism for their child (age 6 or younger) should complete a [Baptism Registration Form](#).

Please note: At least one Catholic sponsor is required, but most parents choose both a godfather and a godmother. Catholic sponsors must be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church (baptized, confirmed, and have received First Communion), actively practicing their Catholic faith in worshipping community, and if married, married in the Catholic Church.

Each sponsor must complete a [Godparent Form](#) with their Catholic parish which verifies their information. The pastor of the parish must sign and seal this form.

Please return these forms to the parish office and we will work with you to set up a date and time for the celebration of the sacrament. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

Blessings to you and your family as you prepare for your child's initiation into the Catholic faith!

"We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life."

Romans 6:4