



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism Information – Keep this Form

Baptism for a child older than 7 years of age (or 1st grade)

Parents:

Baptism of a child in the Catholic Church requires:

- The parents give consent for the Sacrament of Baptism.
- At least one parent must be a practicing catholic.
- In order that a child be baptized, it is necessary that the parents' consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place, and that there is reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Present a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith.
- Your marital status will be clarified during the baptismal preparation process. Baptism is not denied if the parents are unmarried or not married in the Roman Catholic Church. However, there may be reason to postpone Baptism if parents are not practicing the Faith, or have no intention of living a Catholic life in harmony with the Gospel. If your status is not in harmony with the Roman Catholic understanding of sacramental marriage, please inquire as to how we may help you enter into proper sacramental marriage or, if need be, seek a declaration of nullity by the Church.

Godparents:

Only one godparent is required, male or female.

- If there are two godparents, they are one of each sex, male and female.
- Be designated by the parents and has the aptitude and intention of fulfilling the role of godparent.
- Cannot be the birth parent of the one being baptized.
- Must be a minimum of 16 years of age or older.
- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.

Continued Godparents:

- Leads a life in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ and is in good standing with the Church. "Good standing" is understood as leading a Catholic life, for example celebrates Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, frequently receives the sacrament of Confession, behaves in a Christ-like manner and participates in acts of charity.
- If single, cannot be cohabitating or living with someone "like a married couple" outside of the sacrament of marriage
- If married, is married in the Catholic church
- If the godparents (or proxies for godparents) are not present, the Baptism cannot take place.

The Baptism Procedure at St. John the Evangelist:

1. Complete the Baptism Intake Form.
2. Provide a copy of the child's birth certificate.
3. The designated godparent(s) must present a Letter of Eligibility for Godparent and be signed by the said godparent.
4. All parties, parents and godparents (or godparent and Christian witness), are required to take a pre-Baptism class or retreat that is offered by the school or catechism program prior to the scheduled Baptism. If the class is taken at another parish, a Letter (or Certificate) of Attendance, signed and sealed, from the parish must be presented prior to the scheduled Baptism.
5. To be placed on the list for baptism, all paperwork and documents must be submitted to the Religious Education Office **30 days prior to the Baptism**. Please verify that all information has been received prior to the Baptism.
6. Any additional inquiries can be made by contacting the Religious Education Office at 520-901-1997 or by email at llopez-1@stjohntucson.org

Baptismal Fees:

There is a \$45.00 Baptismal fee charged to include: Baptismal candle, prayer book, Baptismal garment that is used for older unbaptized children (catechumens) that is used during the Baptismal rite and fees for instructional materials which may include parent/godparent/children retreat fees.