

CHOOSING A GODPARENT FOR YOUR CHILD

These are the qualities needed for someone to serve as a sponsor:

1. Be a baptized Catholic who has received the Eucharist and has been Confirmed.
2. Must be at least 16 years old.
2. Be a practicing Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration on Sundays.
4. Give a good example of living their Catholic faith.
5. Be Willing to encourage the child to develop and grow in the Catholic faith.
6. Godparent must be single or married by Catholic Church.
7. The two godparents do not necessarily have to be of the same marriage.
8. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a sponsor but may serve as a witness alongside a Catholic sponsor. Together they carry out the role of godparents in the baptism. Non-baptized persons may not serve in the role of sponsors or witnesses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

1. Be a registered member of the parish for at least **3 months**. For new parishioners registration and welcome is every third Saturday of the month.
2. Please provide the following for baptism:
 - Complete Baptismal Registration Form
 - Complete Godparent Form
 - **Copy of birth certificate of the child** to be baptized .
 - **Baptismal offering of \$75.**
3. Attend **Baptismal Class**. Parents and Godparents **must** attend baptismal class. If class was taken in other Parish, bring proof of attendance within the last three years.
(**Baptismal class offering is \$30** for those who are going to baptize in other parish.)
4. Provide **Letter of Permission from your home Catholic Parish**. If parents are registered members of another parish or do not live within the boundaries of St. Clement Parish.
5. It is very important that copy of child's birth certificate, baptismal offering, letter of permission (if needed) **must be in our office no later than the day of the baptismal class**.



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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is often called "The door of the Church," because it is the first of the seven sacraments.

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, Baptism is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God.

Baptismal Class

Baptismal Class is a prerequisite before having your child baptized. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal class. **No Children allowed** to avoid distractions. *(2nd Saturday of the month, please see baptismal schedule)*

Monthly presentation and blessing Parents must bring their child for a special blessing before baptism. *(2nd Sunday of the month, please see baptismal schedule)*