



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Baptismal Registration Instructions

Welcome

The Lord has blessed you and our parish with a beautiful gift of your child.

You have played an important part in God's plan of creation, and with Him have given life to a new member of His family.

The Baptism of your child provides an opportunity to examine your own Catholic Christian life and invites you to reflect on your hopes and dreams for your child.

Infant Baptism: (requirements)

- Offered for children less than 7 years of age.
- Godparents must be practicing Catholics, be at least 16 years of age, and **MUST** have received all the Sacraments of Initiation; (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).
- Married Godparents are required to have been married in the Catholic Church and must submit a copy of their marriage certificate.
- Both parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptism class prior to baptism.
- Certificate of class completion is accepted for parents or godparents who attended the class at another parish. Class certificates no older than 2 years old will be accepted.

Fees

Class Only - Designed for those who plan to baptize at another parish.

- A non-refundable \$25 fee must be submitted with all pre-baptism class applications for parents or godparents.

Regular baptisms - there is a \$50 non-refundable fee.

Private baptisms – there is a \$200 and are available **primarily for military families**, and under special circumstances for registered parishioners.

- Approval based on clergy and church availability.
- The baptism must be approved in advanced by clergy (Deacon or Priest) celebrating the Rite.
- All fees are to be submitted with their application forms.

Required Documents

- Photocopy of child's birth certificate or adoption papers.
- Photocopy of Church Marriage certificate for married godparents.
- Completed and signed Parent/Guardian application form.
- Godparent-Sponsor Application Form (one per primary godparent).
- Pre-baptismal class certificate of completion (req'd if pre-baptism class attended at another parish).
- Pastor letter granting permission to baptize outside their registered parish (required for all applicants not registered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish).

NOTE: All submitted documents must be entirely completed, signed, & fees paid before the baptism can be scheduled.

Please submit all forms a minimum of two weeks prior to attending the pre-baptismal class.

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