

Divine Mercy of Our Lord Catholic Church
Guidelines for Baptism of Infants
Children Under the Age of 7 (Children 7 and over baptized through RCIA)

Parents

1. Parents must live within the boundaries of Divine Mercy of Our Lord parish, it is desired that parents presenting children for baptism and living within the boundaries of Divine Mercy of Our Lord be registered members. Parents living outside the boundaries of Divine Mercy of Our Lord must be registered, practicing members for 3 months.
2. Parents must complete the attached Baptism Data Form. This form is used to identify the child to be baptized, prepare the baptism certificate, and record the baptism in our Sacramental Record Book.
3. Parents registered in another church parish who wish to have their child baptized at Divine Mercy must first obtain a letter of permission from the pastor of the church parish in which they are registered.
4. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Seminar. If a seminar was attended within a 3 year period, this requirement is waived but proof of attendance must be provided, Divine Mercy does not keep this certificate on file, the parent is responsible for providing it to the church.
5. **A Baptism date cannot be scheduled until a baptism seminar has been attended and all of the attached paperwork is returned to the parish office.**

Godparents

1. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If married, the godparent must be married in the Catholic Church or had their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church. A Catholic marriage certificate is to be provided.
2. God parents must have the attached Godparent Eligibility Form signed by their pastor indicating that they are registered parishioners, practicing Catholics, and are qualified to serve as godparent.
3. Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Seminar.
4. Church law requires that there be at least one godparent, traditionally there are two. If there are two one must be male and the other female. A **baptized non-catholic** may serve as a Christian Witness but may not serve as godparent.

Baptismal Classes

1. Pre-baptismal classes are every **1st Saturday of the month in English and every 3rd Saturday of the month in Spanish**. Classes will promptly begin at 10:00AM to 12:30PM. If late 15 minutes, you will be required to reschedule class for the following month. **Registration must be done in the office one week prior to the date of the class to be taken. Classes will not be offered without pre-registration.**
2. **NO** donation is required for contributing members of Divine Mercy church to take the Pre-Baptismal classes, however a donation of \$20.00 will be asked for non-members for **each married couple or each single individual** taking the classes to cover expenses for the Pre-Baptismal Book and certificate.
3. There is no babysitting service available during the class. Parents are strongly advised to leave children at home.
4. A 'Certificate of Attendance' will be given to each participant or married couple at the end of the class. This certificate will be valid **at Divine Mercy of Our Lord Catholic Church for a period of 3 years** from the attendance date. **A duplicate certificate can be provided for a cost of \$10.00.**

Godparent Information:

Please see attached sheet for Godparent requirements before selecting your Godparents.

Please give full name, not nickname (ex. Benjamin not Ben).

Godfather's Name: _____

Is He a Confirmed, Practicing Catholic? _____ His Phone Number: _____

If No, What Religion is Godfather? _____

Will Godfather be represented by a Proxy? _____

If Yes, Proxy's Name: _____

Godmother's Name: _____

Is She a Confirmed, Practicing Catholic? _____ Her Phone Number: _____

If No, What Religion is Godmother? _____

Will Godmother be represented by a Proxy? _____

If Yes, Proxy's Name: _____

When space allows, we publish the names of the children baptized and their parents in our Church Bulletin.

_____ OK to Publish _____ Please **DO NOT** Publish

Please return this form to : Divine Mercy Of Our Lord Catholic Church
1585 East Cartwright Road
Mesquite, Texas 75149

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Phone (972) 591-5294 Fax (972) 289-7445**

Godparent Eligibility

Name of Godparent: _____

Godparent's Church Parish: _____

Godparent for _____

the child of _____

I declare that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and that I am formally registered in the church parish listed above.

I believe all that the catholic Church believes and teaches, and I truly make a serious effort to live a good and moral life. As a practicing catholic, I participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and I receive the Sacraments regularly.

I am Married _____

I am Not Married _____

If married:

_____ I have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.

_____ I am working with a priest to have my marriage blessed in the Church.

Signature of Godparent

Verification by Church Parish of Godparent

Signature of Priest

Date

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Parish Seal

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