

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism

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REQUIREMENTS TO BAPTIZE AT SAINT ANTHONY PARISH

(children younger than seven years old)

1. The parents of the child should be **parishioners** of St. Anthony (they must be registered)
→ If the parents are registered and/or belong to a different parish, parents should present an *authorization letter from their corresponding parish, requesting permission to baptize at St. Anthony of Padua.*
2. Choose one or two godparents who **meet the requirements** of the Catholic Church. They must obtain a recommendation letter from the parish where they attend Mass (*Sponsorship letter*).
3. **Before attending the pre-baptismal class, the following documents should be delivered at the parochial office:**
 - Baptismal Registration Form (enclosed)
 - Copy of the Birth Certificate of the child to be baptized
 - Godparents Sponsorship Letter (or letter issued by their church)
 - **Parents should bring an authorization letter from their corresponding parish (according to their address if not registered at any parish) giving permission to baptize at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Applies only to parents that are not registered at St. Anthony.**
4. **Both parents and godparents** must register and attend a Pre-Baptismal class.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GODPARENTS

An active Catholic who meets the following requirements:

1. Have the canonical legal age of 16 years.
 2. Having received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
 3. Be parishioners (you do not need to be registered in the parish), *or obtain a letter from the parish they attend to certify that they are registered.*
 4. Attend Mass on Sundays and days of obligation and receive Eucharist.
 5. For married Catholics: be married by the Catholic Church.
 6. For single Catholics: live a Christian life according to the laws of God and the Catholic Church.
 7. For religious or clergy: be in good relations with the religious community or the diocese to which they belong.
 8. Live the commitment to Christ and the community of the Catholic Church, showing compassion and kindness to others.
 9. Help the Godchild with prayers and a good Christian example and help him/her grow in the Catholic faith.
- ** To baptize you need at least one Catholic godfather or one Catholic godmother. Only one godfather and one godmother are allowed, not two of one or the other. A non-Catholic Christian can only participate as a Christian witness of baptism.

CHILDREN 7 AND OVER

Children 7 and over should attend catechesis to receive the sacrament of Baptism. Please contact the Office of Religious Education.



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ENGLISH SCHEDULE 2025

Baptism Classes on Saturday:

In Room 9 at 11:00 AM*

Baptism Ceremony on Sundays:

Sundays in the Church at 9:30 AM*

(Immediately **after** the 8:30 AM Mass)

***Please be on time to the Baptism Classes & the Baptism Ceremony.**

	Baptism Class	Baptism Ceremony
January	4	12
February	1	9
March	1	9
April	5	6
May	3	11
June	7	8
July	5	13
August	2	10
September	6	14
October	4	12
November	1	9
December	6	14



Baptism Registration Form - St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Are you a registered member of St. Anthony? _____
If your answer is yes, since when? _____

Child's full name _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Child's Place of Birth (*City or County and State*): _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Mother's Religion: _____
Telephone Number _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Godfather: (Please see requirements to be a Godfather) _____

Catholic, Single, Married in the Catholic Church

Godmother: (Please see requirements to be a Godmother) _____

Catholic, Single, Married in the Catholic Church

Name of Church you are member and attend _____

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Is the child adopted? (YES/ NO) _____

Is one of the Godparents represented by proxy? (YES/ NO) _____

Name of Representative: _____

PARISH USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Date of Baptism Class _____

Date of Baptism _____

Signature of Priest or Catechist (Upon Completion) _____

Signature of Priest or Deacon (Upon completion) _____

The following documents were received with this form: ___ Birth Certificate. ___ Godparents sponsorship letter. ___ Parents are registered members of St. Anthony of Padua. ___ Or authorization letter to baptize at St. Anthony of Padua ___ Letter not applicable ___ Father and mother attended the pre-baptismal class. ___ Godparents attended the pre-baptismal class.