



BAPTISM GUIDELINES

Welcome to Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and thank you for taking this first step with your child on a life long journey of faith.

Baptism is the gateway to all the other Sacraments in the Church and the means by which the candidate becomes a member of the Church. It welcomes your child into a faith community. It also welcomes you, your family, and the godparents to share that same experience.

You and the godparents you choose are about to make an impact on the faith of a young life. Your role during your child's Baptism is one which calls you to make a promise, on behalf of that child that you will teach him or her by word and action about God and the faith.

Listed below is information that will help you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:

1. Baptismal seminars are held once a month, usually on the first Thursday of the month. Please call the church office to register. ***Parents and godparents must attend.*** However, if you have attended a baptism seminar within the last three years only a letter of attendance of said seminar is required.
2. Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please check with the church office for scheduled dates.
3. To be a baptismal godparent one should be:
 - a. Catholic, at least 16 years of age, and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - b. Because the godparent plays an important role in assisting the parents in raising the child in the Catholic faith, the godparent must also be "living a life of faith" reflecting the function he or she will undertake. ***See Godparent Eligibility Form.***
 - c. One godparent fulfills the requirement and, if there are two, it has to be one *male* and one *female* godparent.
4. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community cannot take part as a godparent but may participate as a Christian witness, provided that there is one Catholic sponsor present.
5. ***An informational sheet must be filled out on each child along with a copy of the Birth Certificate of the child brought or mailed to the church. The parents are also required to provide documents (e.g. certificates) that will prove that the intended godparent(s) has (or have) received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have completed and returned the Godparent Eligibility forms.***
6. ***A Baptismal stipend of \$10.00 or a donation is necessary to help defray the cost of materials and supplies and should be paid no later than at the time of baptism.***

The guidelines provided for this parish are in consonance with the guidelines set by the Diocese. We hope this will help you with any questions you may have about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. The seminar will help you in understanding the role you and your child's sponsors will have in your child's faith journey beginning with the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church
985-633-2903
Baptismal Form



Date of Seminar: _____
Attending: Father Mother
Godfather Godmother

Date: _____

Child's Full Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
First Middle Last

Baby's Due Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth: _____

Date Planning to Baptize: _____ Date of actual Baptism: _____

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Father's Religion: _____

Date and Place of Baptism: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle (Maiden Name)

Date of Birth: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Date and Place of Baptism: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Contact Numbers: (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

Registered in Parish? Yes _____ No _____ If no, would you be interested in registering for the parish? _____

Date and Place of Marriage: _____

Godfather's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
First Middle Last

Date and Place of Confirmation: _____ Eligibility Form

Godmother's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
First Middle Last

Date and Place of Confirmation: _____ Eligibility Form

Christian Witness' Name: _____ Phone #: _____
First Middle Last

Religion/Denomination: _____

----FOR OFFICE USE ONLY----

Certificate _____ Census Card _____ Parish List _____ Bulletin Date _____ Baptismal Register # _____
Birth Cert/Proof of Live Birth _____ Confirmation Certificate (GM) _____ (GF) _____ Paid _____ CK# _____

Please fill out and Mail to: Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, 529 Highway 20, Thibodaux, LA 70301