



St Jerome Catholic Church

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Thank you for choosing St. Jerome Parish for the baptism of your child.

Baptism is the main Sacrament of the Catholic Church.

Please read the following rules carefully.

Sign the contract only if you agree to abide by the requirements.

Baptism Requirements:

1. After attending the **Baptismal Information** meeting, the first step is to know all the requirements and come to the Parish Office with all the necessary information to register your child.
2. Must register 3 months before the chosen date. When registering your child, you will need to bring the **Birth Certificate**. Also, the child must be **6 years old or younger** to be baptized. At the time of registration, you will also have to give your stipend.
3. The stipend for the baptism is \$75.00 - \$100.00. **Minimum \$75.00**. The entire amount must be paid the same day you register. **In case of cancellation, the stipend will NOT be refunded.**
4. Parents will also need to register to become parishioners at St. Jerome Parish. **Please fill out the attached form to register as a parishioner of our Parish.** You will receive **Parish Envelopes** for the Sunday offering. Every Saturday or Sunday, parents should use their **Parish Envelopes** for their weekly offering. This will provide evidence of their attendance at Mass.
5. Godparents must be married by the church according to Catholic Canon Law (**see attached Catholic Canon Law**). They must bring their **Marriage Certificate** at the time of registration. However, there may also be godparents who are single people in good standing within the church.
6. **Every third Sunday of the month**, parents are required to attend **3 mandatory Pre-Baptismal Classes**. The last class is for parents and godparents. If you miss a class your child will still be baptized, but you will not receive a baptismal certificate. It is very important that you do not fail to attend these **Pre-Baptismal Classes**. Please go to the Parish Office for dates and times. (**Note: The Baptismal Information** does not count as one of the **Pre-Baptismal Classes**).
7. In case that the godparents live outside the area and cannot attend St. Jerome's **Pre-Baptismal Class**, they must attend a class in their parish and present a letter or certificate to our Parish Office, verifying that they attended the **Pre-Baptismal Class**.
8. The celebration of Baptisms **in English** will be every **fourth Sunday of the month, at 10:15am**.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and accept the terms and conditions that are requested for the celebration of the Baptism.

X _____
Parent or Legal Guardians Signature

X _____
Date

Canon Law of the Catholic Church for Sponsors of Baptism

can. 873. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

can. 874. 1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- a. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
 - b. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
 - c. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
 - d. not to be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
 - e. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- 2.** A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.