

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
4020 Curtiss Parkway · Virginia Gardens, Florida 33166
305-871-5780

Congratulations and blessings to you and your child! We offer the following notes and guidelines to assist you in the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. Please read them carefully.

We celebrate Baptisms twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Sunday of the month at 2PM

SPANISH: The second Sunday of the month at 2PM.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Since you are the primary educators of your child, we will present a refresher class on certain basic points for you and the Godparents. This class is offered twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the school library.

SPANISH: The second Thursday of the month at 7PM in the school library.

Godparents: Godparents are to assist the parents in the faith development of the child. Godparents must be baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholics.

Documentation required*: Before we can baptize your child, we **must have** the following information on file the **15th of the month prior** to the date of baptism.

1. Completed Baptismal Register (form attached).
2. Copy of your child's birth certificate.
3. Sponsor forms for the Catholic Godparents (Certificate of Eligibility). The godparent(s) obtains this form from the parish where he/she is registered and active.
4. \$30 donation – (NOTE: Please note that the Church does not charge for sacraments. The suggested donation serves as a guideline. Your offering may be more, or it may be less depending on your means to help the parish with its expenses.
Blessed Trinity does not perform private baptisms unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case, the offering may be anywhere from \$100 to \$150.)

*** The Baptismal date will not be confirmed until all required documents are provided. ***

2 PM Baptisms

- * Please, be at the Church by 1:45 PM.
- * The baby must wear a white garment and it should be loosened around the neck during the ceremony in order for the Priest/Deacon to be able to anoint the chest of the child.
- * Photos are at the celebrant's discretion.
- * Memorial cards should not have the name of the Priest/Deacon printed on them, since the celebrant assigned to perform the Baptisms may change at the last minute.

Baptismal Certificate: If the Certificate is not given to you the day of baptism, it will be mailed to you. Please make certain that we have your complete address on the Baptismal Registration Form.



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Baptism Registration Form

Date _____

Time _____

Language _____

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Name _____ Religion _____

Contact Phone #s _____ # _____

Residence _____

Are Parents Married in the Catholic Church _____

Name of Parish Parents are registered at _____

Permission Letter if not BTCC _____

Sponsor's (Godfather) Name _____

Registered Parish _____ Sponsor Cert. if not BTCC _____

Sponsor's (Godmother) Name _____

Registered Parish _____ Sponsor Cert. if not BTCC _____

Name of Proxy if applicable _____

Father - Attended Class - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Where _____

Mother - Attended Class - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Where _____

Godfather - Attended Class - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Where _____

Godmother - Attended Class - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Where _____

Copy of Birth Certificate attached _____

Was child adopted _____

*If Applicable - Notarized parent permission letter filed: _____

Suggested Donation \$30.00 _____

Name of Priest/ Deacon: _____ Date: _____

- ☐ Book # _____ Rec # _____ Page # _____
- ☐ Update PDS
- ☐ Schedule Mass Post _____
- ☐ Add to Masses book
- ☐ Send letter to family



Godparent/Sponsor Certificate

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Role of a Godparent/Sponsor

To be a godparent/sponsor is both an honor and an awesome responsibility, as it calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the candidate in the ways of Christ and His Church. The godparent/sponsor, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized/confirmed grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparent/sponsor will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 872).

Church law permits two godparents for Baptism. Only one is necessary. If two are chosen, there must be one of each sex. (cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 873). Only one sponsor of either gender is permitted for Confirmation.

Therefore, I _____

Desiring to assume the obligation of godparent/ sponsor for the Sacrament of:

Check all that apply: ☐ Godparent for Baptism ☐ Godparent for Confirmation

On behalf of: _____

do here declare that I understand the responsibilities of a godparent/sponsor and that I am willing by prayer and example to encourage and instruct her/him in living out the Catholic faith.

Furthermore:

- I have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I have attained the required minimum 16 years of age.
- I am not the parent of the person being baptized/confirmed.
- My manner of life is in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- (If married) My current marriage is canonically valid and recognized as such by the Catholic Church.

I hereby testify before God and Gods' minister to the truth of what is stated above.

Signature of Applicant

PARISH USE ONLY

This is to certify that _____

Has attested to the above requirements in my presence, and to the best of my knowledge, is qualified to act as godparent/sponsor for the Sacrament of:

Check all that apply: ☐ Godparent for Baptism ☐ Godparent for Confirmation

Date

Parish Seal

Signature of the Pastor/ Parochial Vicar