



Baptism is the First Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. It is the foundation of our life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism bestows God's grace on a person, frees the recipient from Original and Personal Sin, and makes the person a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.



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Sacrament of Baptism

Epiphany Cathedral

**Do you have a baby or
older child that has not
been baptized?**



Baptism Preparation Guidelines for Parents

Baptism Registration Forms

Return to Parish Office before Class
Copy of Birth Certificate Required

Internet

Go to our parish website:

www.epiphanycathedral.org

Choose Sacraments, choose Baptism. You can download the forms and fill in. Save it and print out. Sign the form.

Parish Office

Hard copies of Baptismal registration forms are available in Parish Office.

Special Circumstances

If there are unusual circumstances that are in the need of a priest, an appointment needs to be set up with a priest.



Baptism Class:

Register to attend a Baptism class. Baptism classes are held the first Tuesday of the month in the Santa Maria Chapel. The class lasts approximately 1 - 1¼ hours.

If you have Baptized a child within the last 3 years, it is not necessary to attend the Baptism class again.

If the Baptism Class has been recently attended at another parish, a letter from that parish is required.

After the class has been taken, a Baptism "Attendance Certification" form is available, upon request.

Infant/Toddler Baptism

Member of Epiphany Parish

Must meet with a deacon, and must attend one Baptism class (typically on the first Tuesday of the month) prior to setting a date for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Non-members

If the parents are members of another Parish, a letter from their Pastor addressed to our Rector, Very Rev. John F. Costello, asking permission to Baptize at Epiphany Cathedral is required.

Scheduling a Date for the Baptism

Once all the appropriate paperwork has been returned, and after completing the Baptism class, you will receive a call to schedule a Baptism date.

Baptisms can be scheduled during a Mass, welcoming the child into the community at Epiphany Cathedral.

Santa Maria Chapel:

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at 12:30pm. at Santa Maria Chapel located in the school courtyard. Chapel doors open at 12:15pm. No food, drink or cellular phones are permitted in the Chapel.



Baptism of Older Children

We welcome older children to special preparation, so they understand the Baptism. Please contact Sr. Frances Lalor, RSM, 941-485-2325
lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Godparent Eligibility

To be a godparent you must be 16, baptized, confirmed in the Catholic Church, taking Communion with us, leading a life in harmony with faith, and not a parent of the one to be baptized. A baptized non-Catholic may serve as a witness to the baptism if a Catholic godparent also takes part. Only one godparent is needed, although two may serve.