



PROCESS OF CELEBRATING INFANT BAPTISM DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



1. Parent/s of the child and Godparents must be registered and consistently contributing member/s of any Catholic parish for at least six (6) months. (If either party belongs to another parish, they must obtain a letter of membership from their parish.)
2. If Godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church. (*A marriage certificate is required to confirm this*). You may have two single persons with all sacraments of initiation or one married couple as the Godparents. Even if using only one Godparent, that potential Godparent must be married by the Catholic Church and/or living by the teachings of the Catholic faith.
3. Parents and Godparents must attend the “Pre-Baptismal Classes” before the actual baptism.
 - a. *Pre-baptismal classes are every 1st Saturday of the month in English and every 3rd Saturday of the month in Spanish. Classes will promptly begin at 10:00AM to 12:30PM in the Pentateuch Hall. If late 15 minutes, you will be required to reschedule class for the following month.*
 - b. **NO** donation is required for contributing members of Divine Mercy church to take the Pre-Baptismal classes, however a donation of \$20.00 will be asked for non-members for each married couple or each single individual taking the classes to cover expenses for the Pre-Baptismal Book and certificate.
 - c. *There is no babysitting service available during the class. Parents are strongly advised to leave children at home.*
 - d. *A ‘Certificate of Attendance’ will be given to each participant or married couple at the end of the class. This certificate will be valid at Divine Mercy of Our Lord Catholic Church for a period of 3 years from the attendance date. A duplicate certificate will not be given if misplaced or lost.*
4. Parents must fill out and submit Baptismal Form attached with all necessary documents stated in the guidelines a week prior to the intended baptismal date. (***Documents that must be included with the Baptismal Form are the following: Child’s birth certificate, Godparents’ marriage certificate through the Catholic Church, Membership letter from parish if either party are non-members of Divine Mercy Church, and Proof of Pre-baptismal classes.***)
 - a. *A donation of \$10.00 (\$20.00 non-members) will be asked for every child being baptized to cover expenses for the candle, white cloth and certificate. A Baptismal Appointment Card will be given after the Baptismal Form and donation is submitted to the church office.*
5. The Rite of Baptism is usually celebrated at 10:00 AM every Second Saturday of each month in English and at 10:00 AM every Fourth Saturday of each month in Spanish in the Church. Parents must present their **Baptismal Appointment Card** to the Minister who will celebrate the baptism to show that all the requirements have been met. No baptism will be celebrated without this card. (*During Advent and Lent, no baptisms are to be celebrated. During the Easter season, baptisms will be celebrated during the Sunday masses. For better order, baptisms will be limited to no more than five (5) children in each mass.*)
6. A Baptismal Certificate will be issued for each child baptized. Parents will need to pick-up the certificate from the parish office during the week. Please call first to make sure it is available.