

Baptism Seminars

The Sacrament of Baptism allows families the opportunity to delve into the sacrament in a special way through the Baptism Seminar. Come and join other parents and Godparents as we learn more about the history of the sacrament, the Rite of Baptism, a tour of the Cathedral, our roles as parents, Godparents, and Christian witnesses.

Parents should complete this [Baptism Preparation Form](#) at least three months before anticipated date of birth to make arrangements for the seminar. To register for the Seminar, complete this [Baptism Seminar Registration Form](#) – the \$20 fee covers all seminar materials.

Parents & Godparents are required to attend a seminar.

Please contact Mary Kay Townley (mktownley@sjbcathedral.org) in the Cathedral office if there are any questions.

Godparents

For All Sponsors/Godparents before the Baptism:

1. Sponsors/Godparents must be practicing Catholics and in good standing with the Church, who have been confirmed and are at least sixteen (16) years of age.

The following is required:

1. Current-issue Baptism Certificate with notation of all sacraments
 2. Completed, signed [Baptism Sponsorship Certification Form](#) which includes signature from your pastor
 3. Baptism Seminar Certificate
2. Sponsors/Godparents are required to attend the Baptism Seminar.
 3. Only a Catholic can sponsor a person into the Catholic Church.
There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

As an exception to this rule and ancient practice, the second person may be a baptized, non-Catholic who would be recognized as a “Christian witness.” (Note: only the names of Godparents are included in the church’s official records.)

Christian witnesses need to provide the following:

- a. Proof of Baptism.
- b. Letter from his/her pastor stating they are in good standing and active in their church.
- c. Proof of attendance at a Baptism Seminar.

Please submit the paperwork no later than one month before your child's Baptism to Mary Kay Townley, mktownley@sjbcathedral.org.