



BAPTISM REGISTRATION PACKET

Trinidad Area Catholic Community

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Dear Parents,

Enclosed are the forms and requirements for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (newborns-age 6) in accordance with the guidelines of the Diocese of Pueblo.

Please read everything carefully and provide us with all the necessary information. **Baptisms will not be scheduled until we have received ALL the documentation needed.** See the checklist on the following page to ensure you have included everything. Also included is a list of Frequently Asked Questions to assist you through the process.

One of the greatest joys of being a Catholic parent is having your children, as early as possible, receive the Sacrament of Baptism. St. Paul describes Baptism as “the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory” (Eph 1:14). We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him/her into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Please contact our Parish Office (719) 846-3369 if you have any questions.

CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

FOR PARENTS:

- Complete the online Baptism Preparation course through our parish-wide subscription to FORMED. See page 5 for instructions on accessing this class. *Note: If you are not capable of completing the class online, please let us know, and we will accommodate you. If you are not a parishioner of Holy Trinity, or you live outside of Holy Trinity's Parish Boundaries, you must complete the Baptism Preparation process in the Parish in which you reside.*
- Complete the Infant Baptism Request Form and return to the Parish Office, **along with the following:**
 - Copy of your child's Birth Certificate
 - If you are not a parishioner of Holy Trinity, or you live outside of Holy Trinity's Parish Boundaries,** a letter from your parish Pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at Holy Trinity
 - Completed and signed Godparent Certificates
 - Sacramental Certificates of Godparents proving Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage (if applicable).
 - \$25 Fee
- Once all documentation has been received and reviewed by the Parish Office, you will be contacted to arrange a Discernment Interview with the priest, at which time the Baptism will be scheduled.

FOR GODPARENTS*:

- Each Godparent must fill out and sign a Godparent Certificate.
- Each Godparent must also request their Sacramental Certificates proving Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage (if applicable). These must be recently issued Certificates (within the past 6 months) from the church(es) where the Sacraments took place.

***For an individual to stand as a Godparent, the following requirements MUST be met:**

- Be appointed by the parents or guardians
- Be at least 16 years old
- Be a fully initiated Catholic (having received Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation)
- If married, marriage is recognized as a valid Sacramental Marriage in the Catholic Church
- Be a practicing Catholic, leading a life in harmony with the faith (i.e. be a registered member of a parish, attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, regularly receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion)

NOTE: You may choose 1 or 2 Godparents. If you choose 2, one must be male and the other female. If you wish to honor a non-Catholic, Christian member of your family, they may stand as a Christian Witness alongside a qualifying Catholic Godparent.

It should be noted, the selection of Godparents is NOT a legal declaration of potential future guardianship.



INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

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Please Print Clearly

All information is confidential and recorded in the Church Registry

Child's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Place of Birth: _____
City State

Mother's Full Name: _____
First Middle Maiden

Religion of Mother: _____

Father's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Religion of Father: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Marital Status of Parents: Married Unmarried

Child Lives With: Both Parents Mother Father Other

Was the child adopted? Yes No

Was the child privately baptized? Yes No

Parish where Parents are Registered: _____

How often do you attend Mass (weekly/monthly/never/other): **Mother:** _____ **Father:** _____

How are you involved in Parish life? _____

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Step 1: Visit <http://signup.formed.org>

Step 2: Enter our Parish Zip Code or Name

Step 3: Enter your Name and Email

Step 4 (Optional): For mobile devices, go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and download the free FORMED app. Once downloaded, you may now login to access content through the app.

For Parents' Baptism Preparation Class:

- Search for “**Reborn.**”
- Parents must watch the 3 Episodes:
 1. ***A New Creation***
 2. ***Entering the Mystery***
 3. ***Nurturing the Life of Grace***

There are other videos in this program you are welcome to watch, but are not required for Baptism Prep. Also, check out all the other Catholic content available on FORMED!