

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
BAYOU BLACK, LOUISIANA**

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION: *Please WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBLY!*

Date information received: _____ Received by: _____

Parishioner: Territorial Registered Registration Form Completed Returned
Pastor's Permission: N/A Received Copy, Child's Birth Certificate

CHILD'S NAME: _____ Male Female
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Month Day Year City & State

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____
(Maiden Name)

Religion or Church Affiliation: _____ Religion or Church Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Married: Yes No Years of Marriage: _____ Catholic Church
 Judge or J.P. Other Church or Minister: _____

****If Parents are not married, please provide a copy of the child's Official Birth Certificate or notarized paternity papers. Copies of Baptismal Certificates of Godparent/s are required.***

Godfather: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Requirements: Baptized Catholic First Communion
 Confirmed Practicing
Age: _____ Relationship to the child: _____

Godmother: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Requirements: Baptized Catholic First Communion
 Confirmed Practicing
Age: _____ Relationship to the child: _____

Witness (*Applies ONLY to baptized non-Catholics*): _____

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR: Date: _____ By: _____

Attended: Father Mother N/A: _____
 Godfather Godmother

Remarks (any): _____

CHILD'S BAPTISM DATE: _____ Officiant: _____



BAPTISM PROTOCOL

at

St. Anthony of Padua
Catholic Church

Bayou Black, Louisiana
02 April 2016

1. The Parent/s of the child to be baptized will contact the Church Office to register themselves, their child and the proposed Godparent/s to attend a baptismal seminar. Copies of the child's Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificates of the proposed Godparent/s are required to register for the Baptismal Seminar. The requirement to attend a Baptismal Seminar for Parents and Godparents before a child is baptized is a Diocesan Policy observed in all the church parishes within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

See, Diocesan Policy on Baptismal Instructions

2. Preferably the parent/s attend the baptismal seminar before the child is born or within a month after the birth of the child. The requirement to attend a baptismal seminar is waived both for the parents and godparents if they have attended one in the last three (3) years.

Proofs: Marriage Certificate of Parents and Child's Birth Certificate

See, Baptismal Seminar Registration Form

3. Both parents must consent to have their child baptized. In cases where the parents are not married to each other or divorced, the consent of the non-custodial parent must also be obtained in writing or explicitly.
4. In cases of adoption: the baptism of a child is delayed until the whole adoption process is completed and the Court has issued its final decree. The adopting parents must provide the Certificate of Adoption to be used (confidentially) for recording purposes only.
5. In order for Grandparents and those who have been designated as "Legal Guardians" of a child/ren to have those in their custody to be baptized, they must possess the Court's decree giving them the right to decide and consent to the religious upbringing of the child.
6. Those who live in the territorial boundaries of this church parish have a right to have their child/ren baptized at this church. (*Proof: home address*)

7. Those who live outside the territorial boundaries of this church parish but are registered parishioners at this church parish can have their child baptized here. (*Proof: Check with Lorna or Linda*)
8. Those who belong to other church parish by domicile and/or registration must obtain their respective Pastor's permission first before they could have their child baptized at this church parish.
See, Certificate of Permission from appropriate Pastor (non-parishioner)
9. Parents or Godparents who cannot attend the scheduled Baptismal Seminar at this church parish can also attend any Baptismal Seminars held at their respective church parishes (if non-parishioners) or other churches accessible to them with the consent of the appropriate Pastors or Ministers. A Certificate of Attendance must be obtained from the place where the Parent/s or Godparent attended the seminar.
See, Certificate of Attendance to a Baptismal Seminar
10. Baptismal Seminars are held on the **FIRST** Saturday of each month at 3 PM, at the KC Meeting Room of Fr. Hayes Center. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass following this seminar.
11. Baptisms are celebrated on the **LAST** Sunday of each month after the 10:30 AM Mass in the church. Officiants are Father Vic and Deacon Brent who takes turn to celebrate it.
12. In case of necessity and under particular circumstances, Parent/s can request to have their child's baptism be celebrated on a different day and time. It is preferred that baptisms be held immediately following the communal celebration of Mass and if feasible, at the usual celebration of Mass during the Easter Season. Parents can make this arrangement through the church office and subject to consideration.
13. There is **NO fee** to have any child or person baptized at St. Anthony of Padua Church parish. However love-offering or donations to the church will not be refused.



REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISMAL SPONSORS

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Godparents and/or Baptismal Sponsor/s

- I. The Law of the Church, and reiterated by the Diocesan policy, only require one (1) godparent (canon 872 of the CIC) whose role is:
 - a. to assist as an adult in Christian initiation,
 - b. present one to be baptized at baptism,
 - c. to help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism
 - d. and to fulfill the obligations connected to it.

- II. Requirements to be a Godparent/Baptismal Sponsor: (Canon 874, §1)
 - a. **must** be designated by the one to be baptized or by the parents, or the recognized legal guardian,
 - b. **must** have completed the 16th year, unless the Bishop provide a different age by a decree.
 - c. **must** be a Roman Catholic,
 - d. **must** have received ALL the sacraments of Initiation, viz., baptism, confirmation and Eucharist,
 - e. **must** be a practicing Roman Catholic,
 - f. **must** live a life in harmony with the faith and role of a Godparent,
 - g. **must** not be under any canonical penalty (incurred or imposed): in short: in good standing with the Church,
 - h. **must** not be the father or mother of the person to be baptized.

- III. **If** two (2) Godparents are proposed, only one (1) male or one (1) female of each sex is allowed (Canon 873).

- IV. Together with a Catholic Godparent, a baptized non-Catholic is allowed to be a “Witness” to the celebration but not to act as a Godparent (Canon

874, §2); the name of the Witness is not included in the baptismal registry of the Church

- V. If a Godparent cannot be present at the actual celebration of the Sacrament, a proxy is allowed to take his/her place provided the proxy also meet all the requirements of a Godparent mentioned in No. II above.
- VI. All the baptismal information will be entered in the Registry of the church of baptism after the celebration. Once recorded, all entries cannot be changed, modified or altered. Regardless of what happens later on in the relationship between the parents, the baptized and their Godparent/s, their names in the Registry shall remain forever.

