

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRENHAM, TEXAS
BAPTISM

All the paperwork listed below must be turned in to the office at least one week before Baptism.

PARENTS

1. At least one parent must be Catholic, they must attend Mass regularly and be willing to raise the child Catholic.
2. If the parent(s) are registered in another parish, a letter from the Pastor is required, stating that you have permission to have your child baptized here, at St. Mary's.
3. Parents need to attend a baptism preparation class. Those who attend class in a different parish must provide a certificate or letter from the Pastor stating the date and place where the class was taken.
4. A copy of the child's birth certificate from the county is required.
5. At our Parish, your Baptism Class must have been taken within the last 12 months.
6. A \$25 donation is requested to cover materials and classes.

GODPARENTS

Being a Godparent is a religious responsibility.

1. Godparent(s) must be at least 16 years old; practicing Catholic(s) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. A copy of each Sacrament certificate or a current Baptism certificate with sacraments listed on the back is required.
2. If married, must have been married in the Catholic Church and the Sacrament certificate from the church is required. If you have children you must be raising them in the Catholic faith.
3. Catholics either married outside the Church or living together are not qualified to be Godparents.
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6. A non-Catholic may serve as a witness along with a qualified Catholic Godparent. This witness must be a baptized Christian and must complete and sign the Baptism Godparent Covenant.
7. Only one Godparent is required, however, if there are two, one must be male, the other female.
8. Each Godparent must fill out and sign the Baptism Godparent Covenant.

Baptism preparation class is held the third Tuesday of each month in both English and Spanish. The class will explain the gifts of the Sacrament of Baptism and the obligations assumed by the parents and Godparents. English classes are held at The Cornerstone Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. and Spanish classes are held at the Education Building AV room at 7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the first Saturday of each month. English Baptisms are at 10:00 a.m. and Spanish Baptisms are at 11:00 a.m.

To begin the process or if you have any questions please call the parish office at 836-4441, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Celebrant's Signature _____

Baptism Date _____

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Baptism Application

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Birth City/State: _____

Parents' Names: _____
(Father) (Mother's Full Name Including Maiden)

Address: _____
(Number) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Parent's Phones: _____
(Home) (Father's Cell#) (Mother's Cell #)

Father's Religion: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Godfather's Name: _____ Religion: _____ Parish: _____

Godmother's Name: _____ Religion: _____ Parish: _____

Below for office use

_____ Parent registered in parish

_____ Parents not registered but attending St. Mary's

_____ Members of another parish – Name of Parish: _____ City/State: _____

_____ Letter from other Parish/Pastor giving permission for baptism to take place here

_____ Letter/Certificate of Baptism Class if not here

_____ Child's birth certificate

_____ Family in PDS

_____ Added child and Sacrament info to PDS

_____ Added to Sacrament Ledger

_____ Created and mailed Certificate to family.

_____ \$25 donation paid.

_____ If Godparents are not members of St. Mary's, they need a letter from their Pastor about their suitability to be a Godparent.

_____ Each Godparent must fill out and sign the attached Baptism Godparent Covenant.

_____ Sacrament Certificates from all Godparents

BAPTISM CLASS ATTENDED BY:

DATE

PLACE

Instructor Initial

Mother

Father

Godmother

Godfather

BAPTISM GODPARENT COVENANT

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I understand the requirements of being a Baptism Godparent and state that I received the Sacrament of Baptism at:

_____ Church in
_____ (City and State)

I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at:

_____ Catholic Church in
_____ (City and State)

(And if married) I celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at:

_____ Catholic Church in
_____ (City and State)

My Godchild's name is: _____

Name of parish and city where the Sacrament of Baptism is to take place:

Parish _____ City _____

I am active and fully initiated in the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith daily.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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