



**PLEASE READ THIS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM**

Dear Parents,

1. Baptism is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. It is more than a rite of passage for a child or a washing away of original sin. It is a sharing in the life of the risen Christ. During the Rite of Baptism, parents promise to raise their child in the practice of the faith.
2. The Sacrament of Baptism at Guardian Angels Parish is celebrated for registered parish members who are currently practicing their faith. Baptisms are held at Guardian Angels Parish every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
3. If you are new to the parish, or have not been attending Sunday Mass; please attend weekly Sunday Mass for at least 3 months and then submit the attached baptismal form. It is important for the priest to know that you are indeed practising your faith regularly.
4. **Responsibilities of godparents?** Godparents take on two roles: that of support for the parents in the Roman Catholic upbringing of their child, and that of representing the Christian community into which the child is being initiated.

**Eligibility of godparents:**

- **Canon 873:** *There is to be only one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each.*
    - o In total, you may have a MAXIMUM OF ONLY TWO godparents (one male and one female) with no legal responsibility for the child.
    - o Only Catholics can be godparents and it is necessary to have at least one godparent.
  - **Canon 874 §1:** The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a godparent:
    - o *At least 16 years of age*
    - o *He/she has been **fully initiated in the Catholic Church** (received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation)*
    - o *In good standing with the Catholic Church (practicing Catholics): live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; not under canonical penalty*
    - o *Not the father or mother of the one to be baptized*
  - A non-Catholic Christian can be chosen as a "Christian Witness" in place of one Catholic godparent, provided he/she is **Canon 874 §2:** *A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community and is not to participate except together with a Catholic godparent and then only as a witness of the baptism.*
    - o Example of a non-Catholic ecclesial community recognized by the Catholic Church - Anglican, United, Presbyterian, etc.
    - o A Christian witness is a witness to the Baptism and **not** a godparent. It is not necessary to have a Christian Witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent.
5. We require the following copies of documents submitted via email to [gapparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gapparishoffice@gmail.com) with the completed Baptismal Registration Form. These documents are required to validate the information
    - a) Catholic Baptismal Certificate of at least one parent (or Catholic Marriage Certificate)
    - b) Copy of Birth Certificate of the child to be baptized
    - c) Copy of the godparents' Confirmation Certificate or **UPDATED** Catholic Baptismal Certificate with notation of Confirmation

If all requirements are met, you will be contacted for an interview. Interviews are held on Saturdays between 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM. During the interview, dates for baptism will be discussed including the couples blessing in the Church if the couple has not received the Sacrament of Matrimony.

On the day of baptism, parents are **required** to be in the church at least 15 minutes before the 12 noon Mass and stay in the front pews. Thank you.

In Christ,

Rev. Jan Gogolewski  
Pastor



**FOR PARISH USE ONLY**

Date received / by \_\_\_\_\_

Date reviewed / by \_\_\_\_\_

Registered with the parish?  Yes  No

Registration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BAPTISM:**

**MINISTER OF BAPTISM**

**DATE OF INTERVIEW** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME**  4:00PM  4:10PM  4:20PM  4:30PM

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED:**

- Baptismal Certificate of Parent(s) or Catholic Marriage Certificate
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Catholic Godparent's Confirmation Certificate or **UPDATED** Baptismal Certificate with Confirmation Information

- Initial entry into PT for printing of certificate
- Entered into Baptism Book **REF #**
- Reference # entered into PT

**NOTES:**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

**INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE.**

**CHILD'S INFORMATION – Full legal name**

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Month-Day-Year*): **Sex**  Male  Female

**City of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' INFORMATION**

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Prov** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel.#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status:**  Married  Common Law  Divorced/Separated  Single

*If married, is it in a valid marriage according to the law of the Roman Catholic Church?*  Yes  No

**Date of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Catholic Church** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

If not married in the Catholic Church, please specify denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Father's First Name

Father's Middle Name

Father's Last Name

I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child  Yes  No **Religion**  Roman Catholic  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's First Name

Mother's Middle Name

Mother's **MAIDEN** Name

I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child  Yes  No **Religion**  Roman Catholic  Other \_\_\_\_\_



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**GODPARENTS' INFORMATION**

<b>Godfather's First Name</b>	<b>Godfather's Middle Name</b>	<b>Godfather's Last Name</b>
Religion <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfills the requirements of Canon 874 §1	
<b>Godmother's First Name</b>	<b>Godmother's Middle Name</b>	<b>Godmother's Last Name</b>
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**CHRISTIAN WITNESS' INFORMATION (Optional)**

<b>Christian Witness' First Name</b>	<b>Christian Witness' Middle Name</b>	<b>Christian Witness' Last Name</b>
Denomination _____		

*I certify that the information provided in this registration form (page 1 & 2) is true and complete.  
 I understand that this form is the property of Guardian Angels Parish and the information contained in this form will remain confidential.*

Print Name of Parent(s)	Signature(s) of Parent(s)	Date (Month-Day-Year)
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