

SAINT TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BAPTISM INFORMATION

The birth and baptism of a child is a major event in the life of a family. The decision to have a child baptized is very significant. This decision means that you and the godparent(s) are choosing to accept responsibility for your child's early faith development. Baptism is the beginning of one's life in the family of God and is surely a most important step.

On behalf of St. Timothy Catholic Church, we extend to you and your child our warmest welcome!

To assist you in the baptism process, we have established the following guidelines:

CHILD: The child must be under seven years of age.

PARENTS: At least one of the parents must be a baptized Catholic.

Single parents can also have their child baptized, as long as the parent is Catholic.

GODPARENTS: A child may have one or two godparents, a male and/or a female.

If only one Godparent:

- He/she must be at least 16 years of age.
- He/she must be a practicing Catholic.
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church or have had their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- **Must attend the pre-baptismal class.** This class is good for two years. If not able to attend the pre-baptismal class offered at St. Timothy Catholic Church, the godparent must present a certificate from their local Catholic church indicating that he/she attended a baptism class there.

If two Godparents:

- Both must be at least 16 years of age, one male and one female.
- If a godparent is married, they must be married in the Catholic Church or have had their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, and received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- **Both godparents must attend the pre-baptismal.** This class is good for two years. If not able to attend the pre-baptismal class offered at St. Timothy Catholic Church, the godparent(s) must present a certificate indicating that they have attended a baptism class at another Catholic parish.

Christian Witness. It is possible for one of the godparents to not be Catholic as long as they have been baptized in another Christian faith.

Once you have read the guidelines, please proceed to fill out the REGISTRATION FORM, and submit it to the Faith Formation Office at the address provided at the bottom of the form at your earliest convenience.

We highly recommend you do not commit to a baptismal date or to a specific godparent(s) until all the requirements have been fulfilled and verified by the St. Timothy Church Baptism director. For further details or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Children's Faith Formation Office at (949) 495-4126.

Today's Date: _____

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name of child as you wish for it to appear on the Baptismal certificate. Please print: *(First, Middle, Last)*

Date of Birth: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Father's Name: (First, Middle, Last): _____ Religion: _____

Mother' Full **Maiden** Name: _____ Religion: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Were parents married in the Catholic Church: Yes No

If not married in the Church, was their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church: Yes No

Are parents registered in St. Timothy Parish: Yes No

If not, what parish are you registered in? _____

If not registered at St. Timothy, why are you asking for Baptism at St. Timothy's Church: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you wish to baptize your child at St. Timothy's Church, but you are not a member of the parish, please **submit a letter from your current parish** granting you permission to baptize your child at St. Timothy Church.*
- *If a parent of the baby to be baptized is not Catholic, the non-Catholic parent is asked to sign below, granting permission for the child to be baptized in the Catholic faith.*

 Name of Non-Catholic parent (Print name) Signature Date

I hereby authorize the making of photographs, motion pictures, website, video tapes, recording, or other memorializing of said event and my child's participation therein, and the publication and duplication or other use thereof. I hereby waive any right to compensation or any right that I otherwise might have to limit or to control making or use.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Presiding Clergy: _____	Confirmed Date of Baptism: _____
Entered in Register: _____	Parents attended Baptism Class: _____ (date)
Recorded in Church Register: _____	Godparents attended Baptism Class: _____ (date)
Certificate Mailed or Hand Delivered on: _____	Date Received: _____

Godparent A:

- Name of Child to be baptized: _____
- Name of proposed Godparent: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____
- Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Celebrated First Communion in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Celebrated Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Please check one:
Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____
- If married, married in the Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- If not married in the Church, was the marriage blessed in the Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Registered member of St. Timothy Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
 - If not, what parish are you registered in:

- If not baptized in the Catholic Church, but in another Christian faith, please specify the church you were baptized in as a Christian:

If your parish is other than St. Timothy Catholic Church, kindly take the bottom of this form to your current parish, have it completed and then return it to the St. Timothy Faith Formation Office at:

- 29102 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 (*Attention: Marya Wallace*)
- Fax to the Parish Office: (949) 249-4094
- or email to mwallace@st-timsrc.org

To be completed by the godparent's parish (if applicable): (Church Seal Required)

- I certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish.
(Godparent's full name)
- Parish Name: _____

Print Name (Pastor/Administrator)

Signature (Pastor/Administrator)

Date

Godparent B:

- Name of Child to be baptized: _____
- Name of proposed Godparent: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____
- Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Celebrated First Communion in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Celebrated Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Please check one:
 Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____
- If married, married in the Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- If not married in the Church, was the marriage blessed in the Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
- Registered member of St. Timothy Catholic Church: _____ Yes _____ No
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- I certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish.
 (*Godparent's full name*)
- Parish Name: _____

 Print Name (Pastor/Administrator)

 Signature (Pastor/Administrator)

 Date