

As parents, you are asking to have your child Baptized, and you therefore understand the responsibility that you are accepting to bring up your child in the Catholic Faith.

You will have the opportunity to teach your child to know and to love God, his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

You are also the first teachers of the faith for your child.

As members of the family of God, we want to welcome your child(ren) into this community.



BAPTISM

The BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE
in our Family of Faith



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Welcome to you and your family to the First Step leading to full membership in the church.

Baptism is the beginning of a life of faith.

This faith is a “seed” needing to be nurtured by the parents.

In the ceremony itself, the parents are asked if they are ready to show a good example and raise their child in the faith.

The priest reminds the parents that they are “the first and foremost” teachers of the faith.

The **Baptism Seminar** offers an opportunity for parents to contemplate the meaning of baptism, re-affirm their own faith and share concerns and faith with other parents. The seminar assists parents to realize the church’s concern for them in their responsibility to raise their child(ren) as Catholic Christians.

Baptism is for children **under the age of 7.**

Over the age of 7 the process changes to RCIA Adapted for Children.

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A date for baptism is given once the requirements are all met.

These include:

- ❖ Filling out a registration form with both parent’s witnessed signatures (on our website under Sacraments and then Baptism)
- ❖ A copy of the Child’s Birth Certificate with parent’s names included
- ❖ Information on your own Baptism as Parents (date/church/place)
- ❖ A signed Testimonial from the parents that the **Main Sponsor (Godparent)** has received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- ❖ If choosing an **Additional Godparent**, a signed Testimonial of at least their Baptism in a Recognized Faith.
- ❖ If choosing more than 1 Godparent, 1 must be male and the other female (Canon Law 874) and over 16 years of age.
- ❖ Attend a **Baptism Seminar** on our website. Register and then download the Seminar.
- ❖ All documentation can be sent to charmaine.marcinek@rdcrs.ca or drop off at the church during office hours