



Requirements for Infant Baptism:

Child to be Baptized:

- Must be under 7 years old on the day of Baptism.
- Has not been previously Baptized.
- Need to provide a copy of Birth Certificate issued by the State Department.

Parents of the child:

- At least one (1) parent must be a practicing Baptized Catholic.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph Church, Hilo.
- If you are not registered and live outside of the Hilo district/canonical boundary, you will need to go to the Catholic Church in the community you are living to inquire about baptism. Otherwise, you must provide a Permission Letter from the Parish clergy allowing baptism at St. Joseph Church.
- Need to attend a pre-baptismal preparation class provided by parish. A Certificate of Attendance will be issued. (Valid for 3 years).

Godparents Qualifications:

- At least 16 years of age. One Male and/or One Female.
- Living the Catholic faith who received Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. (Code of Canon Law, Canons 872-874).
- Parents of the child to be baptized cannot serve as godparents.
- Must attend the pre-baptismal preparation class provided by parish. If you are not from the parish, you may attend the pre-baptismal preparation class at the parish you are registered with. A Certificate of Attendance of class will be issued to you and must be presented to St. Joseph Church. (Valid for 3 years).
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. Those who are married outside the church or who are living together with their partner may not be godparents.

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Agreement:

We, the parents of (name of child) _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Promise to abide with the following norms set by St. Joseph Catholic Church:

1. To fulfill all the requirements as stated above.
2. Parents and Godparents will arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the time scheduled to begin ritual. (If for some valid reason they do not come on time – this might lead for re-scheduling for another day).
3. Proper decorum is required for all the people attending the celebration.
4. Failure to comply can mean discontinuing of the celebration of baptism.
5. A minimum donation of \$100 is recommended but not mandatory for the operation and maintenance of the Church. We will never deny someone a sacrament for their inability to pay. However, we kindly ask that you offer what you can afford or make a payment arrangement with our office if the recommended minimum donation cannot be met.

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

Date: _____

Office for Canonical Affairs – Diocese of Honolulu
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hilo



Person to be baptized (Print): _____

Location of Church of Baptism to be celebrated: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Qualifications:

Godparents/sponsors not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism and/or Confirmation but also assist the person in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents/sponsors be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (Code of Canon Law, Canons 872-874):

1. They should ordinarily be at least 16 years of age.
2. One Male and/or one Female.
3. They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.
4. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and participating in church regularly (i.e. Eucharist, confessions, parish life, etc.).
5. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. Those who are married outside the church or who are living together with their partner may not be godparents.
6. Parents of the person to be initiated may not serve as godparents/sponsors.

I hereby declare before God that I meet the qualifications. I also promise to assist the person being initiated in living the Christian life as a faithful Catholic.

Godfather/sponsor full name: (print clearly)

Name of YOUR Catholic Parish:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Godmother/sponsor full name: (print clearly)

Name of YOUR Catholic Parish:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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- Note:**
- Not Qualified: please speak to your pastor about receiving the sacraments and getting qualified.
 - Christian Witnesses for Baptism: If only one godparent is chosen for Baptism, someone validly baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community may serve as a Christian witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic godparent. This form is not required for Christian witnesses. Baptized Catholics who no longer practice their faith or who have joined another ecclesial community may not serve as Christian witnesses.
 - Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians may serve as godparents/sponsors like a Catholic. Please provide a copy of valid church registration or baptism from your home-base church.
 - Proxies: If the godparent/sponsor cannot be present for the ceremony, a proxy may stand in as a witness at the ceremony. This person must attend a baptismal preparation class.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAPTISMAL REGISTRATION – REVISED 7/2023

NAME OF CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED: (print exactly as it appears on child's birth certificate):

Name: _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Birthdate: _____ Current Age: _____

Birthplace: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parents Information (Print exactly as it appears on child's birth certificate):

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent email address required: _____

Primary telephone: (808) _____ Cell phone: (808) _____

Married: yes or no Married by: _____ Priest / Judge / Single

Godfather legal name: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Godmother legal name: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

Note: Only individuals with completed forms with accompanying documentation and Attendance of Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class will be eligible to reserve ceremony dates. Come in or Call St. Joseph Church at (808)935-1465, Office M-F (Hours 9a to 1pm).

Notes or Comments for Office Use Only:

Issued Baptismal forms to:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Child's Name: _____ **How old?** _____

Parent's Name: _____

Primary telephone: _____

Email: _____

Other Information:

Issued and received by: _____ **Date:** _____