

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2203 W. MARKET STREET

GREENSBORO, NC 27403

Application for the Sacrament of Baptism for Children

Month Requested for Baptism: _____

Registered and Active Member of O.L.G. Parish? Yes No

Child's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Please Check: Male Female

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Child's Ethnicity: _____

City and State of Birth: _____

Child's Father's Full Name: _____

Child's Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Church of Parents' Marriage: _____

In (City and State): _____

Was Marriage Blessed by Catholic Church? Yes No

Godfather's Name: _____

Fully Initiated and Practicing Catholic? Yes No

Godmother's Name: _____

Fully Initiated and Practicing Catholic? Yes No

Proxy Name(s): _____

The Following is for Parish Staff Use Only

Baptismal Preparation Date Given: _____ By Whom: _____

Officiating Priest or Deacon: _____

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BAPTISMAL GUIDELINES

The Sacrament of Baptism welcomes the newly baptized into the faith life of the Church. Baptism is a communal celebration and brings together a group of children who are to receive this Sacrament.

Baptismal Preparation:

Attendance at a Baptismal Preparation Class is required prior to the celebration. Our Lady of Grace offers Baptismal Preparation Classes on the first Sunday of every month at 12:30 PM in the Parish Life Center. Please register for the Baptismal Preparation Class by contacting the Church Office. Both parents are asked to attend. Godparents are not required to attend the class for Baptisms taking place within the Diocese of Charlotte. However, they are welcome to attend if interested.

You will be given the application for baptism form/godparent form at the baptism prep class. Please complete the [Application for Baptism](#) and contact Michelle Hilburn (274-6520 ext. 317) in the church office to schedule a date.

If you have attended a Baptismal Preparation Class within the past three years you do not need to attend again. You may come to the church office to pick up baptism/godparent forms.

Scheduling:

Please note the Family must be Active and Registered Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Baptisms usually take place monthly on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 AM. However, due to our church schedule, not all Saturdays are available. Please confirm the date with the church office before settling on a date.

(Please understand, a date cannot be scheduled and confirmed until all necessary preparation and paper work is completed in full and received by the Church Office.)

Godparents:

The Church requires that a family choose a Godparent whose primary role is to support the parents in bringing up the child in the faith. Most families choose two Godparents. Godparents must be one Godfather (male) and one Godmother (female). The Church prefers that both Godparents be practicing Catholics however if they are not both Catholic, at least one of the *Godparents* **must** be a practicing Catholic and able to obtain a *Sponsor Form/Letter/Certificate of Eligibility* from their parish while the other serves as a Christian Witness.

(We do have available a Godparent/Sponsor Form that the Godparent may take to their own parish church and have it signed and stamped with the church seal. We also accept a Sponsor Letter/Form/Certificate issued directly by the Godparent's church.)

Baptismal Donation:

Many families ask if a donation is to be given to the priest or deacon who celebrates the Baptism. A donation is appreciated and may be made prior to the Baptismal Date in the Church Office or given directly to the priest or deacon.

(The suggested offering for the church is \$50.)

To schedule a baptism for your child or for any question about Baptisms Celebrated in English, please contact:

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