

# Mother of Christ Catholic Church

## BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

### REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM:

1. **You must Pre-Register in person at the Church Office PRIOR to attending the Pre-baptismal classes. Space is limited. Registrations are not done by phone.**
2. After the classes have been taken, please refer to the attached form for further information on the **REQUIREMENTS.**
3. Children who are 7 years old or older have to go through the Religious Education Program before Baptism.
4. If the father or the mother of the child does not live with the child, please bring in a notarized authorization letter in which he/she gives permission for the baptism to take place.

When you are filling out the registration form in the office, please write clearly and legibly, since the information for the Baptismal Certificate will be taken from this form. The Baptismal Certificate will be mailed approximately two weeks after the baptism.

**The Pre-Baptismal Classes are offered on the second and fourth Monday of every month in English and every Monday in Spanish. You must arrive by 7:45 p.m. to sign in. Classes start punctually at 8:00 p.m. and run to 10:00 p.m.** No one will be allowed in the classes once they start. If any one of the parents and/or godparents does not reside in Miami, that person can assist a pre-baptismal class in any parish in their area. After receiving the class, that person must bring in a letter or the certificate from that parish stating that he/she received the pre-baptismal class. **This must be done prior to reserving the baptism. If any one of them does not receive the class prior to separating the baptism date, the child cannot be baptized. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO THE PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSES \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIAL HERE)**

**INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GODPARENTS:** The child may only have two godparents. It should be a man and a woman or one of them. The godparents must be older than 16 years of age and must be **CONFIRMED**.

**INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARENTS:** The parents must present the following documents to reserve the date of baptism: **The original birth certificate** of the child, a **sponsor letter** if they reside outside the boundaries of Mother of Christ, the **baptism certificate of both Godparents**, & the **pre-baptismal course certificate** of both parents & godparents. **NO FAX, E-MAILS OR COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CEREMONY:** We offer Community and Family Only Baptisms (**PRIVATE**).

**COMMUNITY BAPTISMS:** Only eight children are baptized during community baptisms, and they are held in Spanish every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and in English on the last Sunday of the month at 3:30 p.m. These baptisms are celebrated in the main church. Even though the sacrament is free of charge, we would appreciate a donation to help pay for the maintenance of the parish.

**FAMILY ONLY BAPTISMS (PRIVATE):** Baptisms for one child are celebrated every Saturday and Sunday in the Chapel depending on availability. These baptisms can be either in English or Spanish. The hour and date of the baptism will be chosen in the office depending on the availability of the chapel and the needs of those interested. The baptism will be done by a deacon or priest assigned by our pastor. The donation for a private baptism is **\$175.00 if the parents reside within the parish boundaries** or **\$200.00 if the parents reside outside the parish boundaries**. This donation is given when the registration form is filled out. Priests or deacons do not require payment for celebrating the baptism, but if you wish to give a stipend to the celebrant you may do so at the time of the baptism. **The baptismal certificate will be sent approximately 2 weeks after the administration of the sacrament.**

**Punctuality is essential. The class and the ceremony always start on time. On the day of the baptism, please be here and ready 15 minutes before the time of the ceremony.**

**I received and understood the baptismal requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**Office Staff:** Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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