



St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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INFANT BAPTISM PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

We are happy that you are having your child baptized at St. Benedict Parish! This sacrament is for children under the age of seven. Please take time to fill out the baptismal registration form and return it to the parish office. Also, please have your chosen godparents fill out and sign the required godparent form.

Parents who are not yet registered at St. Benedict are encouraged to do so. At least one parent is expected to be practicing their Catholic faith. By choosing to have your child baptized you are making a commitment to raise the child in the practice of the faith.

Requirements for godparents are set by Canon Law and the policies of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Godparents must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Be actively living their Catholic faith so they can model Christian life to the child
- If married, they should be married in the Catholic Church
- Be willing to help parents in the faith formation of the child

In addition, the following norms must be observed for godparents:

- One godparent is sufficient, but if there are two godparents, one male and one female is preferred.
- The godparents must be practicing Catholics and registered members of a parish.

Prior to the baptism, parents need to:

- Fill out the baptismal registration form
- Provide a copy of the child's state-issued birth certificate
- Have each godparent complete a godparent form
- Attend a baptism preparation class and ask the godparents to do the same. If individuals have attended the class previously (within the last three years) this requirement is met. Classes are taught regularly. You can register on our website: parish.stbens.net/baptism.

NOTE: There is a \$35 registration fee for baptism class. There is no fee for the baptism itself, but donations to the parish are welcome; donation to the priest / deacon are at your discretion.

We are excited to celebrate this important first sacrament with you! Please contact us if you have questions or concerns, or to schedule a time for your child's baptism.

In Christ,

Fr. Dean Mbuzi

Priest Administrator



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BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Today's Date _____

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Catholic? yes / no

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Father's Full Name _____ Catholic? yes / no

Address _____

Mother's Email _____

Father's Email _____

Godparent #1 Full Name _____

Godparent #2 Full Name _____

To Be Completed by Parish Staff

DATE OF BAPTISM:

LOCATION:

NAME OF PRIEST / DEACON:

RECEIVED:

- Baptism Registration Form
- Birth Certificate
- Godparent #1 Form
- Godparent #2 Form
- Baptism Preparation Complete