

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION R.C. CHURCH AND OUR LADY OF THE LAKE R.C. CHURCH

Thank you for choosing Baptism for your child. Enclosed is some information you may find helpful.

Baptism Date: Baptisms are celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church and Our Lady of the Lake Church. The Baptism Date will be determined with the Pastor.

Please fill out the attached Baptism Request Form including attaching photocopies of Baptismal certificates of parents and Godparents and return it to the Parish Office. For any questions please contact the parish office at 905-476-0097.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the requirements for choosing Godparents?
  - Godparents should be chosen prayerfully and should be people who will provide examples of faith and support of spiritual growth for your child.
  - The Church requires at least one Godparent to be a practicing Catholic age 16 or older.
  - Catholic Godparents should be actively involved in their parish (e.g. be a Registered Parishioner at their church, attending Mass regularly, married according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, etc.)
  - A non-Catholic Christian can stand only as a Christian Witness for your child because they do not share the Roman Catholic faith with us.
  - A non-Baptized person cannot be a sponsor for Baptism since they themselves are not baptized. However, you can certainly invite a non-Christian to have a special place in your child's life.
2. Letter of Permission required from your Parish Priest, if you live outside this parish area.
3. Are there Baptism Preparation Classes?

Parents are required to attend 2 Catechism Meetings. First with Father and second with the Deacon. Meetings are set only after completed registration forms with certificates are provided to the parish.
4. Is there a fee for Baptisms?

According to the example of Our Lady and St. Joseph (Luke 2:22-24), parents always make a customary donation which goes to the Parish in gratitude for Blessings received. Please use enclosed Baptism Envelope on the date of Baptism.
5. What do we do on the day of Baptism?

On the day of the Baptism please arrive 15 minutes before the start time of the ceremony.
6. Can we take pictures on the day of the Baptism?

Yes, you may take pictures, but please do so discretely, not disrupting the ceremony.

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### The Sacraments & Baptism

#### Canon #840 – The Sacraments

The Sacraments of the New Testament were instituted by the Lord and entrusted to the Church. As actions of Christ and of the Church, they are signs and means by which faith is expressed and strengthened, worship is offered to God and our sanctification is brought about. Thus they contribute in the most effective manner to establishing, strengthening and manifesting ecclesiastical communion. Accordingly, in the celebration of the Sacraments both the sacred ministers and all other members of Christ's faithful must show great reverence and due care.

#### Canon #849 – Baptism

Baptism, the gateway to the Sacraments, is necessary for salvation, either by actual reception or at least by desire. By it people are freed from sins, are born again as children of God and, made like to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church. It is validly conferred only by a washing in real water with the proper form of words.

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church #1210

Christ instituted the Sacraments of the new law. There are seven: Baptism, Confirmation (or Chrismation), the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian Life. They give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.

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### BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

- Print clearly all required information using FULL LEGAL NAMES (name on Birth Certificate or Driver's Licence.)
- Parental Information: If a spouse was never baptised, please indicate NOT BAPTIZED in the Religion section.
- Parental Information: Mother's Maiden Name is required.
- Please note the information you provide will be used to produce the Baptism Certificate and kept in the Archdiocese Register. If incorrect information is provided by parents there will be a **\$15.00** administration fee to reissue Certificate.
- (To be a Registered Parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church or Our Lady of the Lake Church means you currently use Sunday Collection Envelopes assigned to you. Please request a box of envelopes from the Parish Office, if you are not registered.)

#### Name of Baptismal Candidate

First

Middle

Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year Town Province

I am a registered Parishioner: ☐ I am not Registered at the Parish but would like to be: ☐

#### PARENTAL INFORMATION:

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**IMPORTANT: ONE PARENT MUST BE A BAPTIZED ROMAN CATHOLIC (COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED). BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES ALSO REQUIRED FOR A NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN PARENT. FOR NON-BAPTIZED PARENT A COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENCE IS REQUIRED.**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage (Name of Church): \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent Information: (Use full legal names including middle names.)

Godfather: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: ONE GODPARENT MUST BE A BAPTIZED ROMAN CATHOLIC (COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.) FOR NON-CATHOLIC (CHRISTIAN WITNESS) (COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.) UNBAPTIZED CANNOT BE GODPARENTS.**

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

(REQUEST FORMS ARE KEPT FOR ONE YEAR. IF BAPTISM IS NOT COMPLETE WITHIN ONE YEAR, FORMS ARE DESTROYED.)