

# St. Therese Church

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## GODPARENT FOR INFANT BAPTISM

In accordance with the Laws of the Roman Catholic Church (Canons 872, 874, 892, and 893), in order to serve as a godparent, a person must:

- Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents, or by the one who takes their place or—in their absence—by the Pastor or the Minister, and is to have the qualifications and intentions of performing this role;
- Be 16 years of age or older;
- Be a Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken;
- If married, e.g., be married in the Church or have the marriage blessed by the Church;
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; and
- Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

In the case of infant baptism, the role of the godparent(s), together with the parents, is to present the child for Baptism and to help him or her live a Christian life in the Catholic Church, faithfully fulfilling the duties inherent in Baptism.

Being a godparent is NOT just an "honor" given to a friend or relative. Accepting this role implies a genuine appreciation of the Roman Catholic Faith, a practice of the same manifested in the weekly assistance at Mass and the regular reception of the Sacraments, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being baptized. If the chosen godparent is married, he or she must have been married in the Catholic Church or had the marriage recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church. Again, one should not be asked to be a godparent simply because he or she is a relative or friend.

I declare that I/we am/are a registered member(s) of the Parish stated below, and I/we fulfill the requirements of Canon Law to be a sponsor(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Godparent's Signature  
(Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Godparent's Signature  
(Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

## To Be Completed by the Godparent's Pastor or Associate Pastor

I certify that the above signatory(ies) is/are a member(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, is/are a practicing Catholic(s), and is/are eligible to act as a godparent(s) for the Sacrament of Baptism for the child, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor or Associate Pastor

(CHURCH SEAL)

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