



## St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

3600 Brinkman  
Houston, Texas 77018  
(713) 692-9123

Dear Parents,

Thank you for contacting St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community regarding the baptism of your child. We are happy to participate with you in planning for this celebration of grace, and to welcome your child into the life of Jesus Christ and of this faith community.

Parents are both the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith. As your parish, it is our role to assist you with the awesome responsibility to pass on the faith. To this end, our Baptism Preparation series brings together parents, parents-to-be, and godparents to explore the meaning and impact of Baptism, to discuss good Catholic parenting skills, and ways to incorporate our faith into family life.

The following guidelines for Baptism have been established for St. Rose of Lima Parish based on the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston:

- ❖ Parents **who do not reside within the parish boundaries, must be registered and participating** in the faith life of St. Rose of Lima for **at least three months prior to the date of the baptism.**  
To register in the parish, phone the parish office, (713) 692-9123.
- ❖ Former parishioners who are returning to St. Rose for the Baptism ceremony should provide the following information:
  1. A letter from their local pastor:
    - confirming they are registered and active members in their parish of residence
    - giving the pastor's permission for their child to be baptized at St. Rose.
  2. Written verification of attendance at preparation classes in parish of residence.
- ❖ Parents wishing to have their child baptized must register for and attend a baptism preparation series. Each series consists of two classes. Godparents are encouraged to attend a baptism preparation series, either at St. Rose or in their home parish.

**Classes** (in English) are generally held at 1p.m. on the first two Sundays of alternate months (January, March, May, July, September, November) in room C of the parish Administration Building. Please verify times and dates with the office. Holidays and other occurrences can cause the schedule to change.

The next series will be held:

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- ❖ **Baptisms** are generally held in the Church at 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. (There are no Baptisms during Lent.) Again, please verify times and dates.

Upcoming Baptisms will be celebrated on:

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*You must book the Baptism date in advance with Deacon John.  
"Walk-ins" cannot be accommodated.*

- ❖ At least one Godparent is required for the celebration of Baptism.  
At most two are permitted, in which case one must be male and the other female.

In order to be a Godparent a person must:

1. Be a Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and who is living a life of faith befitting the role of Godparent.  
(A non-Catholic Christian can, with a Catholic Godparent, be a Christian witness of the Baptism. An unbaptized person cannot act as a Godparent, nor as a Christian witness.)
  2. Be mature enough to undertake this responsibility – at least 16 years of age.
  3. (if married) Be married in the Catholic Church.
  4. Not be the mother or father of the one to be baptized.
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- ❖ Those couples who are not married in the Catholic Church are asked to contact one of the priests of the parish to discuss the possibility of having your marriage blessed by the Church. While your child will not be denied baptism if you have married outside the Church, it is highly desirable for you to once again be fully able to participate in the sacraments. One of our priests or deacons can assist you in discerning the necessary procedures surrounding a previous marriage, and/or in having your present marriage validated by the Church.
  - ❖ A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided to the parish office before Baptism to verify information for the baptismal records and certificate.

These guidelines are minimal requirements for Baptism. Should you have further questions, please phone the parish office. We look forward to working with each of you.

Sincerely,

Deacon John Murrell  
Baptism Coordinator



**INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last only)

Date Registered in Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CHILD** (include middle name) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY & STATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELIGION** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELIGION** \_\_\_\_\_

(maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF MARRIAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Church \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Catholic Church \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If not married in Catholic Church, has your marriage been con-validated (blessed) by the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/City \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(mother's work) \_\_\_\_\_ (father's work) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State** \_\_\_\_\_ **zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**GODFATHER (or Christian Witness)** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELIGION** \_\_\_\_\_  
(may only have one)

**GODMOTHER (or Christian Witness)** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELIGION** \_\_\_\_\_  
(may only have one)

***We have read the information letter with regard to Baptism at St. Rose of Lima. We wish to have our son/daughter baptized. We understand that Baptism is a commitment to walk the faith journey with our child. Our own faith makes us ready to commit to this journey for our child.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Parents)

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For office use only: Please do not write in this space.

**Date Form Returned to Parish** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish Registration Verified** \_\_\_\_\_

**Series Attended** (month/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ (class) **1 2** **Birth Certificate Received** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Must be scheduled in advance. "Walk-ins" cannot be accommodated.*

**BAPTIZED ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY** \_\_\_\_\_