



ST. ROSE *of* LIMA

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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 of passing 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 visit their zoned parish to obtain 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.

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 the parish of residence.

Baptism Preparation Series

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.

The series (in English) are generally held at 1 p.m. on the first two Sundays of alternate months.

Please verify the times and dates with the parish office.

Parish Secretary: Diana Saldaña direct: 713-692-9123

Email: dsaldana@stroselima.org

*Holidays and other occurrences can cause the schedule to change.

The next series will be held in **Parish Admin Building (upstairs) Room C**

August 6th & 13th @ 1:00 p.m.

October 1st & 14th @ 1:00 p.m

Godparents

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.

Registration

At the time of the return of the completed registration forms please include:

1. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided to the parish office before Baptism to verify the information for the baptismal records and certificate.
*The **Vital Records** birth certificate (**original**) – **Keepsakes or other forms are not Vital Records.**
2. Completed Baptism registration form. Please include a phone number, address, and email, as this information is important for the following:
Phone number helps to contact you to discuss the baptism celebration date.
Home address is used to mail out Baptism Certificate.
Email is important as we only email to remind you of the Baptism celebration date and time.
3. A letter from your zoned parish if not zoned to St. Rose of Lima.
4. Baptism celebration – English or Spanish?
5. Preference of Priest or Deacon to preside at the Baptism Celebration?
6. The date you would like to baptize. (*Our priest will revise and contact you to discuss availability.*)

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

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

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.

Sincerely,

Deacon John Murrell
Baptism Coordinator
713-692-9123



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INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

ST. ROSE of LIMA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Family Name (Last Name)

Parish Name in which your family is actively registered with

Approximate date of registration

Child's Full Name (First, Middle, Last)

Date of Birth City & State of Birth

Father's Full Name Religion

Mother's Full Name Religion

Mother's Maiden Name

Date of Marriage City & State

Catholic Church Non-Catholic Church Other

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

NO YES Date Parish City/State

Home Address City/State Zip Code

Father's Mother's Phone# Phone#

Email

GODFATHER (or Christian Witness) Religion (May only have one)

GODMOTHER (or Christian Witness) Religion (May only have one)

Please read and sign below:

We have read the information letter regarding 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. The Baptism of my child must be scheduled in advance.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date form was submitted to Parish Parish Registration Verified Birth Cert

Series 1 2 Attended on:

Scheduled Baptism Date (walk-ins are not allowed)

Date of Baptism By

Date documented in Records Book & ParishSoft