

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – PRAHA, TEXAS

BAPTISM GUIDELINES

1. PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

- Pre-baptism class should be attended by the parents and both Godparents before the Baptism. It is recommended that parents find a sitter for children.
- Parents and godparents who are Catholics, but not registered parishioners at St. Mary's are required to submit a letter from their home parish/pastor indicating that they have permission to have the child baptized outside the parish and that they have attended pre-baptism class.

2. GODPARENTS

- Each child may have a godfather (*patrinus*) and a godmother (*matrina*), the word "godparents" is used in the rite to describe both. At least one of them should be Catholic.
- To be permitted to take on the function of a godparent a person must:
 1. Must have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function.
 2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
 3. At least one of the godparents must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.
 4. Must not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

3. REGISTRATION

1. Parents must complete the registration form.
2. Parents must submit with the registration form the Birth Certificate of the child.
3. If the priest to perform the Baptism is someone other than the pastor at St. Mary's:
 - a. If the priest is within the Diocese of Victoria, he should contact the pastor of St. Mary's.
 - b. If the priest resides outside the Diocese of Victoria, he must receive the appropriate permission from the Chancery and send a copy of the letter to our office.

Registered Parishioners:

1. Registration fee of \$25, payable at the time of registration.

Non-Registered Parishioners:

1. Registration fee of \$75, payable at the time of registration.

4. BAPTISM PHOTOS

No photos are allowed to be taken during the Baptism ceremony. The priest will be available for photos later. Do please inform family and friends.

All paperwork should be returned to:

St. Mary's Church – Praha

821 FM 1295

Flatonia, Texas 78941-5016

When all of the necessary documentation has been completed, the baptism date will be confirmed.

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BAPTISM REGISTRATION

FULL NAME OF PERSON TO BE BAPTIZED: _____
First Middle Last

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

FATHER'S RELIGION: _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____
First Middle Last

MOTHER'S RELIGION: _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

GODFATHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

GODMOTHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

PROPOSED DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A PRE-BAPTISM CLASS BEFORE? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES:

1. Name & City of Parish _____

2. Date: _____

3. Submit a letter from your pastor if the classes were not at St. Mary's, Praha.

Submit the following:

4. The completed registration form.
5. Birth Certificate of the child.
6. Registration fee.