

St. Joseph Church
43 Kapiolani Street Hilo, Hawaii
Phone: 808-935-1465

Requirements for Infant Baptism (For Children 7 Years And Under)

- If you are requesting baptism for your child, **at least one parent must be a practicing, baptized Catholic and be a registered parishioner at St. Joseph Church, Hilo.**
- **A donation to St. Joseph Church will be most welcome.** No one will be denied the services if they cannot pay.
- If you do not live in the Hilo area and are not registered currently with St. Joseph Church, you will need to go to the Catholic Church in the community you are living to inquire about baptism.
- You will need to select Godparents that meet the qualifications below. Both parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class. Once the parents or Godparents have attended a preparation class, it's valid for 3 years.
- If your Godparents do not live in Hilo, they may attend the baptismal preparation program at the Catholic Church they attend. They will need to get a letter verifying that they have completed the required preparation for a baptismal Godparent, which is offered at that Catholic Church.

Please fax to: **808-969-1665**, or mail to: **St. Joseph Church 43 Kapiolani Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720**

Godparents:

One (1) Godparent is **required** for Baptism. There can be **no more** than two (2) Godparents. The person(s) must fulfill **all** the qualifications listed below:

1. That he/she be baptized Catholic, and have received the sacraments of Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation.
2. That he/she be at least 18 years or older.
3. That he/she is a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church, and leads a life of faith in harmony with the duty as a Godparent that he/she is undertaking. (Canon law no. ⁸⁷⁴)
4. If two (2) Godparents are selected, one **must be** male and the other female. (Canon law no. ⁸⁷³)
5. That he/she is **not** one of the parents of the person being baptized.

A Christian, baptized in another faith tradition, may not serve as a Godparent, but may serve as a **Christian witness** along with the Catholic Godparent and should be recorded accordingly. (Canon law no. ^{874, §2}) If the individual named as a Christian Witness is planning to participate in the ritual within the mass, they will need to attend the baptismal preparation class.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

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PERSON TO BE BAPTIZED (Print EXACTLY as it appears on birth certificate)

NAME: _____ SEX: M _____ F _____
First Middle Last

BIRTHDATE: _____ BIRTHPLACE: _____
City State

PARENTS OF CHILD: (Print EXACTLY as it appears on birth certificate)

MOTHER: _____ (_____)
First Middle Last Maiden Name

FATHER: _____
First Middle Last

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ City State Zip Code

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

Married by: _____ Priest/Minister _____ Judge _____ Single

GODPARENTS: Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, 18 years old or over and sign a Godparent certification form.

GODFATHER LEGAL NAME: _____

GODMOTHER LEAGL NAME: _____

COMMENTS:

Only individuals with COMPLETED packets & COMPLETED classes will be eligible to reserve ceremony dates.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Certificate Printed: _____ Date Recorded in Register: _____

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GODPARENT CERTIFICATE FOR BAPTISM

GODPARENT'S COMMITMENT: *Please read before signing*

As a practicing Catholic, I appreciate that being a godparent is an important opportunity for me to witness my faith and to be a good example of Catholic life to my godchild. I have conscientiously considered what I have been asked to do. I promise with God's help to be the best sponsor I can be.

Therefore, I now affirm...

- That I am at least 18 years old
- That I have completed my own Christian initiation through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and if married, have been validly married in a Catholic Church.
- That I am a registered member of a Catholic parish.
- That I will continue to be a model of Catholic living for my godchild, through daily prayer, virtuous living and active participation in parish life and liturgy, particularly weekly Sunday Mass.
- That I will try to maintain a consistent and life-giving relationship of faith with my godchild by doing such things as celebrating significant moments such as the anniversary of the Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and graduation, and supporting my godchild in their own struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life.

If you are NOT a registered member of St. Joseph Church, please have the following completed.

Signature of Godparent

Print Legal Name of Godparent

PASTOR'S PERMISSION TO BE A GODPARENT

The person signed above is a member of this parish, has completed Baptism classes and to the best of my knowledge is capable of assuming the duties of sponsorship for the Sacrament and are sincere in the promises that are sincere in the promises that are stated above.

Signature of Pastor or Delegate

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Parish Name

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