

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time”. -1 Peter 1:3-5

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of baptism Sat / Sun _____ Time: _____
Name of priest or deacon _____

Today's Date: _____

Type of Baptism: Communal: ___ Private: ___

Proposed Date of Baptism (please give 3 possible dates):

(Communal Baptism on Sundays, 3rd Saturday of the month, or Private Baptism on Saturdays)

The Sacrament of Baptism is to be celebrated in:

English: ___ Spanish: ___ Bilingual: ___

Information about the child

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M / F

Date of Birth: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

Has the child been previously baptized in a non-Catholic Church? _____ Is the child adopted? _____

Information about the parents

Father's name: _____ Religion: _____

If Catholic, check the Sacraments received: Baptism ___ Communion ___ Confirmation ___ Marriage ___

Father's address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: Cell: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____

Mother's name: _____ Religion: _____

If Catholic, check the Sacraments received: Baptism ___ Communion ___ Confirmation ___ Marriage ___

Mother's address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: Cell: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____

Are you a registered member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church? YES ____ NO ____

If not, do you live within the parish's territorial boundaries? (48th St to 104th St, 62nd Ave to 87th Ave. Limit with the US1) ZIP CODES 33143, 33155 or 33156) YES ____ NO ____

NOTE: If you live outside the boundaries of St. Thomas, you will need to request the parish closest to your home permission to allow us to baptize your child. (cf. Canons 857-859, Code of Canon Law)

Parish name (if not attending to St. Thomas the Apostle): _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS / GODPARENTS REQUESTING BAPTISM FOR AN INFANT/CHILD:

Parents/guardians must accept the responsibility of raising the infant/child in the practice of the Catholic Faith and nurture that faith at home and within a Catholic parish. Godparents and the local parish community will assist the parents/guardians with the teachings of the Church.

Parents and godparents must take a course for baptism. STA offers one time pre-baptismal class for parents and godparents the second Saturday of each month, 9-11 am. Please contact the Office of Religious Education to register for class before the date you are going to attend. Only registered persons can attend the pre-baptismal class.

Information about the baptismal godparents

Godparents requirements (The Code of Canon Law, c. 874):

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have received the sacrament of Confirmation (if single) or Catholic Marriage (if married). If he/she is not married but living as couple with someone, or married by civil law, he/she cannot be accepted as godparent.
- Cannot be the mother or father of the child.
- Must be practicing Catholic who lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken, and willing to live a life of faith as a witness of Christ to the candidate.
- A baptized non-Catholic is not eligible to serve as a baptismal godparent. However, he or she may serve as a Christian witness (alongside a Catholic godparent).
- Two godparents are needed, one of each sex. But it can be only one.
- If a godparent is not able to be present, he/she may request a proxy to stand in his/her place. A letter from the godparent granting permission is required.
- Non-Catholics cannot be godparents.

Godfather's name	
Proxy Name (If necessary)	
Godmother's name	
Proxy Name (If necessary)	

I / We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____
Infant or Child's name

have read and understand all the information about the Sacrament of Baptism according to the resources provided by St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, and will follow the norms, policies, and guidelines established by this parish and the Archdiocese of Miami.

Signature of Father or Guardian _____

Signature of Mother or Guardian _____