



CHURCH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is not only the first of the seven sacraments; it is also the basic sacrament. How? Unless a person is baptized, none of the other six sacraments can be received. Only a baptized person can be confirmed. Only a baptized person can receive absolution in the Sacrament of Confession. Only a baptized person can receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Only a baptized man can be validly ordained a priest.

Infant/Child Baptism Programme

The Infant/Child Baptism Ministry prepares the parents and godparents for the child's Baptism into the Catholic Church. The priest, helpers and the Catholic congregation present, representing the Church, welcome the children (to be baptised) into the Catholic community.

I. BRIEFING

There are two parts to the briefing session:

Part 1: Spiritual and Sharing

One of the priests is usually present to provide spiritual guidance and direction. The facilitators lead the discussion and share their thoughts about the roles and responsibilities of parents and godparents.

Part 2: Guidelines and Logistics

Here we attend to the practical concerns on the day of baptism, such as what time does baptism start? Where do we sit? What clothes should my child wear? etc.

II. Application Form for Infant Baptism (To be completed and handed over to the church)

Guidelines for the Completion of the Application Form for Infant Baptism

1. All names in the form should be given in full as recorded in their NRIC / Birth Certificate / Passport.
2. Please attach photocopy of the following documents to this form before submission:
 - Civil or Church Marriage Certificate.
 - Birth Certificate of child.
 - Godparent – An updated copy of Baptism Extract

3. The Baptism Name for the child should be a SAINT's name so that the child can emulate the Saint's life.

List of SAINT's name can be found at the following websites

www.catholicity.com/names/

www.babynames.org.uk/catholic-baby-names.htm

4. You are required to have at least one (1) Godparent for your child and the official limit on the Baptism Certificate is two (2) Godparents. Godparent/s **MUST** be a confirmed Catholic i.e have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The person/s **MUST** also be a Catholic and NOT JUST A Christian.

Please Note:

Both parents and all Godparents are required to attend the infant baptism briefing. The Briefing is usually conducted on the last Saturday of the EVEN month (Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec) and the Baptism ceremony, on first Sunday of every ODD month (Jan. Mar. May, July. Sep. Nov)

NO BAPTISM DURING LENT

(Dates maybe subject to changes due to the liturgical calendar)