

BAPTISM IS

More Than You Realize

Have you ever wondered what happens when a person is baptized
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

Children of the Father

You become a child of God through baptism. Adam and Eve are our first parents. When Adam and Eve sinned it corrupted their hearts, their minds, and even their flesh. In baptism, we go from being children of Adam and Eve to becoming children of God. St. John the Evangelist wrote, "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

(John 1:12-13)

Into the Likeness of Jesus Christ

You are saved from sin through baptism by the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. Jesus does this not by giving us the gift for our own use but by drawing us into himself, to become a part of his body. It is the grace of baptism that continues to transform us throughout our lives to change our hearts and become more like the one who saved us.

Filled with the Holy Spirit

You become a temple of the Holy Spirit through baptism. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and that event was the catalyst for him to fulfill his calling as Messiah. When a person is baptized, the Holy Spirit fills them with the same spirit and gifts that dwell within Jesus. This includes the grace to grow in virtue and in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In addition to these gifts the sacrament also provides distinctive missions, anointings and graces that will assist the baptized in living a life of fullness and greatness, bringing glory to God.



PREPARATION STEPS FOR INFANT BAPTISM

1 Call Mayra Carbajal at the church office at 575-523-0167

We will have a brief conversation to determine your family's unique needs and how best to proceed. This step is essential to ensure we are all on the same page from the start.

2 Complete the Baptism Information Form *

This information is used to add your child's name to your chosen date. Nothing is scheduled until we receive this form.

When a baptized Catholic is later confirmed and celebrates either holy matrimony or holy orders, anywhere in the world, the record of that celebration is recorded at the parish where he/she was baptized.

3 Submit a Copy of Your Child's Birth Certificate *

This helps us ensure everything is recorded accurately. Only a copy is needed, not an official birth certificate.

4 Gather and Submit the Godparent Documents *

Godparents stand as representatives of the Catholic Church during the celebration of baptism and also provide the parents with support in raising their children in the Catholic faith. Therefore, godparents must meet the requirements stipulated by the Catholic Church (see below). You may have one or two (one male and one female) godparents.

Godparents must be over 16, confirmed, in a valid sacramental marriage or living a chaste single life, and be actively practicing the faith.

5 Attend a Baptism Preparation Class

When a baby is baptized, he/she is baptized based on the desire and faith of the parent(s). In a Baptism preparation class, the parents and godparents gain a deeper meaning of the purpose of the sacrament and the effects of it. This understanding can then empower them to fulfill the promises that are proclaimed during the baptism celebration. ***Both the parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation class.***

6 Celebration of Baptism!

Congratulations to you and your little one! Today begins the life-long journey of receiving and being transformed by the radical love of God through Jesus Christ. Welcome to the family!

- * All forms can be completed, scanned and emailed to Mayra Carbajal at mcarbajal@hcclc.org; mailed to the church office at 1327 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, NM 88005; or dropped off at the church office Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 4:00 pm. (If mailed, please scan or print a copy first in case it gets lost in the mail.)

Pictures of forms are acceptable, as long as they are clear and legible. If using your cell phone, make sure the image is completely flat and place phone right over it. Please send the picture in the largest file size possible (don't minimize, as it gets blurry when we print it in full size.)

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church

Baptismal Registration Form

Please legibly fill out all information

Child's Information:

Child's Name as it Appears on Birth Certificate	Emergency? Yes or No
Date of Birth	City & State of Birth

Parent Information:

Mother

Mother's Name	Maiden Name (if applicable)	
Religion	Parish	Date of Baptism Class

Father

Father's Name		
Religion	Parish	Date of Baptism Class

Parent's Marital Status (circle one):

Single Divorced Living Together Married: __ Catholic or __ Civil

Contact Information

Address	City, State	Zip Code
Mother's Cell	Father's Cell	Email Address

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Baptismal Registration Form (continued)

Please legibly fill out all information

Godparent Information:

Godmother

Name	Phone Number	Email Address
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Parish	Date & Parish of Baptism Class
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Godfather

Name	Phone Number	Email Address
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Parish	Date & Parish of Baptism Class
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Parish Office Use Only

Date of Baptism	Officiant	Baptism Register Page & Entry
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Sacrament Copies Received from:

<i>Godparent 1:</i>	Baptism	Confirmation	Marriage (if applicable)
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<i>Godparent 2:</i>	Baptism	Confirmation	Marriage (if applicable)
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Baptism Document Checklist

Responsible Party	Document Needed		✓	
Parents/Child	1.	Registered at Holy Cross		
	-OR-			
	1.	Permission Letter		
	2.	Baptismal Registration Form		
	3.	Child's Birth Certificate		
	4.	Pre-Baptismal Class Certificate for Parent 1		
5.	Pre-Baptismal Class Certificate for Parent 2			
Godparent 1	1.	Pre-Baptismal Class Certificate		
	2.	Baptismal Certificate		
	3.	Confirmation Certificate		
	4.	Copy of Church Marriage Certificate <i>(if applicable)</i>		
	5.	Registered at Holy Cross		
	-OR-			
	1.	Permission Letter		
Godparent 2 (If Applicable)	1.	Pre-Baptismal Class Certificate		
	2.	Baptismal Certificate		
	3.	Confirmation Certificate		
	4.	Church Marriage Certificate <i>(if applicable)</i>		
	5.	Registered at Holy Cross		
	-OR-			
	1.	Permission Letter		
Fees	1.	Baptism at Holy Cross		
		\$50.00		
	2.	Pre-Baptismal Classes		
	\$50.00 per person			