

## INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

You are blessed with the birth of your child; now you will be blessed even more with his/her definitive birth into the life of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. And because of this Mother Church rejoices with you.

The following is a checklist you need to undertake in order to ensure a dignified and conscientious celebration of your child's baptism:

1. Get in touch with the Parish Office at least 3 months ahead to set date of baptism<sup>1</sup> and catechetical preparation.
2. Copy of the **child's birth certificate**. This is to establish his/her identity which will be entered in Church record.
3. Copy of **godparents' baptismal certificate**. This is the proof that they are Catholics. They also need to have been confirmed.
4. Copy of the **godparents' marriage certificate** from the Catholic Church, if any one of them is married.
5. In the *extreme* difficulty of procuring #3 and/or #4, the godparents may obtain a **letter of good-standing to be godparent** from their Parish Priest. The reason for these conditions for godparents is that they stand out as models & guides in faith to their godchildren<sup>2</sup>. At least one (1) of the godparents should fulfill these requirements.
6. **Proof that both parents and godparents have attended catechetical preparation**. They may do this in other parishes. In St. Jude a baptismal preparation program is done in two (2) sessions of 1hr that will be indicated by the Office. Your child will be baptized in your faith and the catechesis is to help you go through the rudiments of the Gospel and be more aware of your responsibility in bringing up your child in the faith.
7. A **fee of \$60.00** is collected to contribute to the cost of chancery and church use. Sacraments are not paid.
8. Parents residing in Marina are encouraged to **register in the parish** if they have not yet been. Being baptized, your child becomes part of the Church, the Body of Christ. But this is not an abstract concept; it entails participation in a concrete community of the Church, which St. Jude Parish represents.
9. All the requirements should have been **submitted two weeks prior** to the event at the Office.
10. On the day of baptism the family ought to **be present half an hour before** the celebration to avoid any stress and to collect themselves in prayer. Failure to punctuality may be a motive of cancellation. Please, be dressed up in a way proper to a place of worship and prayer.

---

<sup>1</sup> Baptism in English is celebrated on the Third Saturday of each month at 11:00am and on other dates indicated by the Office. During Lent baptisms are postponed until Easter.

<sup>2</sup> Code of Canon Law 874 § 3.



303 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA 93933 - TEL 1 831 384 5434 - FAX 1 831 384 7011  
SJudasThaddaeus@gmail.com https://www.stjudemarina.org/

**Baptism Form**

**Módulo para el Bautismo**

To be submitted to the Office / para ser entregado a la oficina

Child's Name (s):  
*Nombre del niño* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surname  
*Apellidos* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth / *Fecha de nacimiento* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth / *Lugar de nacimiento*: \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT  
WRITE HERE  
**NO ESCRIBAN**

Birth cert

PARENTS

Preparation

Father's Full Name:  
*Nombre del padre* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion / *religión*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish / *parroquia* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Full Maiden Name:  
*Nombre de la madre* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion / *religión*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish / *parroquia* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address / *dirección* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone / *teléfono*: \_\_\_\_\_

GODPARENT

Baptismal Cert

Proof of Catholic marriage

Prep.  \_\_\_\_\_

-----  
Baptismal Cert

Proof of Catholic marriage

Prep.  \_\_\_\_\_

(Church Law requires that Godparents be confirmed Catholics and are of good moral standing. *El derecho canónico requiere que los padrinos sean católicos y moralmente idóneos.*)  
 Godparent's Name:  
*Nombre del padrino / madrina*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish / *parroquia* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone / *teléfono*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Godparent's Name:  
*Nombre del padrino / madrina*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish / *parroquia* : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone / *teléfono*: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_  
 FECHA DEL BAUTISMO \_\_\_\_\_

**(To be filled by the Priest / NO ESCRIBA, reservado para el celebrante)**  
 Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Celebrant of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_