

Dear New Parents:

The birth of a child is a major event in the life of any family. On behalf of St. Francis Church in Bakersfield, we extend to you and your child our warmest welcome. Baptism is a welcoming of your child into Christ and into the Church. You are the primary teachers of your child. Your child will learn about life, love, God, and religion from you. By your example and life, your child will learn about your values and beliefs.

A decision to have a child baptized is serious. This decision means that you are choosing to accept responsibility for your child's early faith development. Baptism is a beginning of one's life in the Family of God and is surely a most important step. To assist you we have established the following program.

1. You must be a registered parishioner in order to Baptize at our parish. If you are registered or attend another parish, you are required to obtain a letter of good standing from your Pastor and return to us before you can begin the process to Baptize your child.
2. Pick up Registration form - Fill it out and return it to the Church office along with the child's birth certificate and the \$35.00 fee. This registers you and the godparents to attend the mandatory Baptism Class. You must register before you attend the class.
3. Select Godparents – Godparents must be Catholics 18 years of age or older who have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. If the Godparents are not married, but are a couple, they must be living in separate households. Godparents must attend the pre-baptismal class; if they are out of town, they must take a class in their parish and bring a certificate or letter from their Pastor. Non-Catholics may not be godparents but may be an official witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent who fulfills the above requirements.
4. Setting the Baptism Date – In order to set a date you must have turned in the registration form, birth certificate, \$35.00 fee and the class must have been attended by both the parents and the godparents/witnesses. You will not be allowed to schedule a date until all is complete.

If you have any questions, please call Bianca Bravo at the Church Office at [661-327-4734](tel:661-327-4734) or email [Bbravo@stfran.org](mailto:Bbravo@stfran.org)

We look forward to being of service to you. We pray for God's blessing for you and your new baby.  
Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Craig F. Harrison  
Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Baptism Registration Form

Children 0 - 6 years

Child and Parent Information:

For office use ONLY  
Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Constituent #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Marriage: Married by Church  Married by Courts  Single Parent

Godfather/Witness  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Marital Status:      Sacraments Completed:  
 Married by Church     Baptism  
 Married by Courts     First Communion  
 Single                 Confirmation

Godmother/Witness  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Marital Status:      Sacraments Completed:  
 Married by Church     Baptism  
 Married by Courts     First Communion  
 Single                 Confirmation

Godparent/Witness  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Marital Status:      Sacraments Completed:  
 Married by Church     Baptism  
 Married by Courts     First Communion  
 Single                 Confirmation

Godparent/Witness  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Marital Status:      Sacraments Completed:  
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\*I have read and understand the Baptism guidelines and agree that any false information given, may result in the Baptism being null and void.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_