



## Godparent Guidelines

Godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized person. Therefore, parents should choose a godparent not just based on blood relationship or friendship. Rather, a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of the faith who will accept the responsibility of being a part of a godchild's life for the rest of his/her life, and who will help the godchild attain salvation.

When a child or an adult is to be baptized, he or she must have at least one godparent. It is customary for children to have two godparents. When there are two, one must be male and the other female.

At least one godparent **MUST**:

1. Be Catholic
2. Have been baptized, confirmed, and received First Communion
3. Be at least 18 years old
4. Be an active, registered member of a Roman Catholic parish
5. If Catholic, provide a letter from their pastor affirming they are a parishioner in good standing.