

St. Joseph Church, 8670 Byron Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33141

BAPTISM PROCEDURES

1. Children seven or older are candidates for our Religious Education Classes which includes Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Baby's name must include a Christian Name.
2. Parents are the only ones authorized to register for the child's baptism (birth certificate is needed).
3. Parents need to have an interview with one of our deacons or priest. If they live in our parish or if they attend here they must be registered.
4. Parents living in the same house with the children must be civilly married or in the process to do it.
5. We need permission from both parents if separated.
6. At least one of the godparents (only 2 required) must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation, and if married must be by the Church, the other one will only be a witness.
7. If parents live outside our church boundaries, a letter of permission is needed from their local church.
8. Parents and Godparents are obliged to assist in a Pre-baptism class in order to celebrate the sacrament.
9. Donation for the community baptism is \$75.00 or \$150.00 for non-parishioners, Baptism during Mass is \$200.00 (parishioners only).

The dress code for parents and godparents is SUNDAY BEST and MODEST.

Pre-baptism class _____

The following class _____

*"Happy are those whose wrongs are forgiven, whose sins are pardoned!
Happy is the person whose sins the Lord will NOT keep account of!"*

(Romans 4, vs. 7 & 8)