

# ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

100 Bainbridge Ave, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 3Y1

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## IMPORTANT CONTENT PLEASE READ ALL PAGES INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

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Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations on the birth of your child! We are encouraged that you are now seeking baptism for your child and we, your parish community, wish to share in the joy of this celebration with you.

The baptism of your child is a very important opportunity for you, the parents, to reaffirm your Catholic faith. By asking for baptism, you are stating and affirming that you will actively participate in the spiritual life and Catholic faith development of your child.

To help you to be more fully aware of the great significance and importance of this joyful sacrament, the pastoral team here at Saint Peter's parish is more than happy to help you and your child in his/her initiation into this Catholic community and the Catholic Church as a whole.

Please read the following material **CAREFULLY**, as it contains vital information to help you prepare as best as possible to celebrate the baptism of your child.

We pray for God's richest and choicest blessings for you and your family.

Peace and joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Michael Corcione, ofm".

Rev. Michael Corcione, ofm  
Pastor

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE ...**

## **FOR THE PARENTS:**

As you prepare for the sacrament of baptism for your child, you are presented with a unique opportunity to reaffirm your own Christian faith. On the strength of your own faith, you are asking the rest of the Church to welcome your child as a new member of this faith community. In doing so, you are making a promise to God, the Catholic Church and your child that you will do your very best to help develop the spiritual potential of your child and guide him/her to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church.

**Sometimes, Catholic parents, who do not participate in the regular liturgical life of the Church, insist the sacraments are their “right”. This may be true. But as with all things, with those “rights” come certain duties and responsibilities. Infant baptism is a “privilege” for Catholic parents who not only love Jesus above all things but are also committed to living out that faith through, with and in the Church at large.**

Baptism is the door and the key to the rest of the sacraments. As such, baptism is also rite of initiation into our faith community and the beginning of a life-long commitment - - not just a one day celebration. In the long run, it is the parents’ sole responsibility to ensure that their child is given every opportunity to become a faithful follower of Jesus within their faith community. In short, if the strength and presence of God’s love is not nourished in the home, by the parents AND within the Church community, the significance of baptism is lost and the sacrament becomes just another “social event” with no real meaning.

Therefore, before we proceed with baptism, the Catholic community of St. Peter’s Parish requires some indication that you will take seriously the responsibilities found in infant baptism. We need assurance that the spiritual life that God gives to your child at baptism will be fully nourished and cared for, by you and this faith community of St. Peter’s Parish.



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## **PRACTICAL PREPERATION STEPS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** You must be a “practicing” member of our parish in order to have your child baptized here at St. Peter’s. Should you not belong to our parish community, or live out of the \*\*parish boundaries, we require a letter of permission from your local church giving consent to have your child baptized at our parish. **\*\*North of Rutherford Road, East of the Humber River/Kipling Avenue, South of Steeles Avenue, West of Highway 50**

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## Step one- Initial contact and Registration

The first step in preparing for your child's baptism is to **fill out registration form** found on our website [www.stpeterswoodbridge.com](http://www.stpeterswoodbridge.com). You are required to complete forms and **submit to office via email**. Once we receive all required documents and application we will then review and the **office will contact you** with the final booking of your child's Baptism. **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE FORMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE, REGISTRATION IS THROUGH EMAIL ONLY.**

## Step two- Choosing the Godparents

The role of the godparents is **to help the parents raise their child in the Catholic faith. The godparents help the child live out their faith, giving good example by what they say and do.** As you begin to prepare for your child's baptism, you are invited to reflect on the role and the selection of the godparents. Prior to inviting a relative or friend to assume the role of the godparents for your child, it is important that you understand what our church teaches with regards to the godparents.

- Godparents must be Catholics in good standing, enthusiastically living their faith and active participants in the life of the church. **Godparents represent the Church** (not family) as they promise, on the behalf of the Church at large, **to help the parents in raising the child in our Catholic faith.**
- You **MUST** have **at least** one godparent. If you chose to have two godparents, they **MUST** be one male and one female (you **CANNOT** have TWO godfathers or TWO godmothers – **NO EXCEPTIONS**).
- Godparents are to be over the age of 16 at the time of the baptism.
- Godparents may be single or married. If they are married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church. **You will be asked to provide the parish office with the name of the Church and the date their wedding took place (day, month, year).** Couples who **have not been married** in the Catholic Church will **NOT be able** to assume the role of godparents. If the godparent is divorced, they **must not be remarried.**
- A copy of an UPDATED Baptismal certificate **will be required** in order to confirm they are Catholic in good standing.

**PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE THE PARISH OFFICE WITH A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE YOU MAY HAVE AT HOME. AN UPDATED BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHURCH WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS BAPTIZED. THIS VERSION WILL ALSO CONTAIN THE DETAILS OF OTHER SACRAMENTS RECEIVED: CONFIRMATION and/or MARRIAGE.**

**If you have any questions or doubts about selecting the godparents, please do not hesitate to ask the priests/office BEFORE you ask the godparents. This may save you some trouble and help to avoid a possibly “embarrassing” situation.**

### Step three –OFFICE WILL CONTACT YOU

After you have read this package and completed and submitted the attached form, the parish office will contact you to finalize your application. **Once, application has been approved we will schedule a Baptismal date.**

### Step four – Attend the baptism instruction class

Baptism instruction class is **MANDATORY** for both parents and godparents. You **MUST** attend only one class BEFORE your child's scheduled baptism date. They are held monthly in our parish hall and last about an hour. Meetings are held on Mondays at 7pm in the parish hall on a monthly basis. **(DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE).**

### Step five – Attend the Baptism ceremony

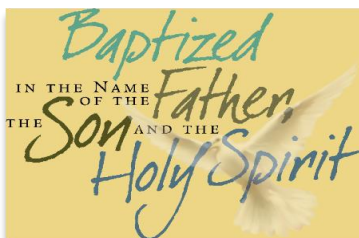
Baptisms here at Saint Peter's parish take place twice a month on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to attend the baptism ceremony as it is a joyful occasion for the whole Church.

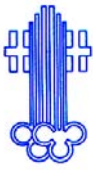
The ceremony itself is NOT a Mass. It usually lasts about an hour from start to finish. There is a limit of ten (10) children per baptism so the ceremony does not drag on too long. We ask that you inform family members and friends to be prompt and respectful at all times when in Church. **(LIMIT OF 5 BABIES DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS).**

Since photography can be distracting during the ceremony, we ask that picture taking and videos be done ONLY during the actual baptism itself around the baptismal font. At this time, all family and friends are invited to stand around the font and watch your child be baptized. This is when they may take pictures. **(MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MANDATORY).**

An offering envelope will be distributed to you at the baptism instruction class. Each envelope will have your family name on it so any donation you make may be recorded for your tax purposes at the end of the year. It is ONLY a donation and you may place it on the altar when you receive your child's baptism certificate at the end of the ceremony. **(DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM OFFERTORY ENVELOPE PICKED UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THE BAPTISM DATE).**

After the ceremony, you may remain in the church to take as many pictures as you like. The priests will also be available to take pictures with you, if you desire. If you have any questions or problems concerning your child's baptism or anything contained in this package, please do not hesitate to contact us at the parish office.





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Tel: 905 851-3600 Fax: 905 856-0171

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM

**Please complete this form and submit to parish office by email.**

**Make sure to include required documents before submitting to prevent delays in booking.**

*(ex: baptismal certificates)*

**Email: [office@stpeterswoodbridge.com](mailto:office@stpeterswoodbridge.com)**

*Once you complete and submit your registration it is important to understand that you will need to wait for the parish office to contact you to finalize and approve your registration.*

*Please **DO NOT** book any venues, until office has contacted you to officially book your Childs Baptism.*

**Registration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the question that best applies to you:

I currently live within the territorial boundaries of St. Peter's Parish.  
Are you a registered member  YES  NO

I currently DO NOT live within the territorial boundaries of St. Peter's Parish,  
but I am formally registered.

I currently DO NOT live within the territorial boundaries of St. Peter's Parish and will provide  
St. Peter's Parish with a *Letter of Permission* from my community parish.

I am currently NOT REGISTERED with a parish.

If you are currently NOT registered with a parish, please locate your nearest Church as we recommend you register as a family within your territorial boundaries. **Please note that you will be required to obtain a *Letter of Permission* from your local parish in order to have your child Baptized at our parish.**

Please state **reason** you are requesting to Baptize your child at St. Peter's Parish.

What are your connections with our Parish?

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**Please REMEMBER to obtain a *Letter of Permission* from your local parish.**

As it is the duty of BOTH parents to help raise your child in the Christian faith, both parents should participate in answering the following question:

**“ Why are we seeking Baptism for our Child? (please be assured that this is not a test but simply a way of helping you to seriously consider your decision to have your child baptized)**

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# CHILD'S INFORMATION:

Full legal name of Child as it appears on the official Birth Certificate.

Child's Surname: _____	Child's First and Middle Name: _____	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name (s)
Date of Birth: _____ (Day/Month/Year)		City of Birth: _____

## PARENT(S) INFORMATION:

Were you married in a Catholic Church?  Yes  No Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

### FATHER'S INFORMATION (Full Legal Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

I am a parent, or have legal custody of the child.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion:  Roman Catholic  Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  None

If Baptized Catholic please provide us with a copy of your Baptismal Certificate

Yes  No  Baptized at St. Peters Church (no need to provide a copy of certificate)

### Present Address Information:

Street City Postal Code

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTHER'S INFORMATION (Full Legal Name & Maiden Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Maiden Name

I am a parent, or have legal custody of the child.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion:  Roman Catholic  Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  None

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### Present Address Information: SAME AS ABOVE

Street City Postal Code

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility of Sponsor (s):**

(Canon Law 873) There is to be only one male or one female sponsor or one of each.

The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a sponsor (*Canon Law 874*)

- At least 16 years of Age
- He/She has been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Communion and Confirmation)
- In good Standing with the Catholic Church (e.g. has not married outside of the Catholic Church and a practicing member.)
- Was not divorced and remarried.
- not the father or mother of the one to be baptized

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**SPONSER(S) INFORMATION:**

**GODFATHER’s INFORMATION (Full Legal Name)**

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

**Single/Divorced (not remarried)**  
 **Married** If married, must be married in Catholic Church  
 Specify Place & Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that if intended Godparent is married outside of the Catholic Church, he/she is not eligible to be the official Godparent! – Canon Law

**Fulfills the requirements of Canon Law Listed above**

**Religion:**  Roman Catholic  Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  None

If Baptized Catholic please provide us with an updated copy of your Baptismal Certificate please obtain from the Church of Baptism

Yes  No  Baptized at St. Peters Church (*no need to provide a copy of certificate*)

**GODMOTHER’s INFORMATION (Full Legal Name)**

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Married** If married, must be married in Catholic Church  
 Specify Place & Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fulfills the requirements of Canon Law Listed above**

**Religion:**  Roman Catholic  Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  None

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**CHRISTIAN WITNESS INFORMATION:**

Eligibility of Christian Witness:

A Christian Witness must be a validly baptized Christian of a non-Catholic Church

A Christian Witness may only participate together with a catholic sponsor (*canon 874*)

**CHRISTIAN WITNESS INFORMATION: (IF APPLICABLE)**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Fulfills the requirements of Canon Law Listed above

**ATTENTION NON CATHOLIC parent, please consent below:**

I \_\_\_\_\_, **mother /father** (circle one)  
*Parents Name*

of \_\_\_\_\_ give my full permission to have my child Baptized  
*Child's Name*

**in the Roman Catholic Faith here at St. Peters Parish, in Woodbridge.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION: Please Complete Below**

I the undersigned, declare that the information on this registration is true and accurate.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ **mother/father** (circle one)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY-please leave blank**

**Date of Baptism**

**Baptismal Class**

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Fr. \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_