

Requirements for Baptism at Mary Queen Catholic Church¹

1. At least (1) one parent must be a practicing Catholic.
2. Both parents² must agree that the child is to be baptized and raised according to the Catholic faith.
3. The parents must be either (1) members of Mary Queen Catholic Church or (2) live within the geographical boundaries of Mary Queen Catholic Church.³
4. Parents must attend a preliminary interview with a member of the Mary Queen Catholic Church clergy to determine that requirements are met and to set dates for catechesis.
5. Parents must attend the catechetical session at the time and date determined by the interviewing clergy.

Criteria for Assuming the Role of Sponsor for Infant Baptism Within the Catholic Church

1. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
2. Must be a Practicing Catholic (means regular mass attendance and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation).
3. If married, must be married in the Church by a priest or deacon.
4. There must be no impediments to marriage (means if there was a previous marriage it must be annulled prior to being a sponsor).
5. If there are two sponsors they must be male and female.
6. At least one sponsor must meet criteria 1-4.
7. A non-Catholic Christian who has received the Sacrament of Baptism within his or her tradition may act in the place of the second sponsor as a Christian Witness.

¹ Requirements are according to the guidelines set by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in accordance with U.S Council of Catholic Bishops and the Code of Canon Law as of 1 October 2001.

² Except in case where sole custody has been granted to a single parent in which case a birth certificate must be provided prior to baptism.

³ Geographical boundaries are the city limits of Friendswood, Texas and are set by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Those living outside the boundaries must provide a Letter of Permission to Baptize from the parish in whose jurisdiction they reside. Note: A Letter of Permission does not force Mary Queen Catholic Church to baptize the child, the right to accept or refuse lies with the pastor.