

**BAPTISM COVENANT FOR GODPARENT(S)**    (Signed Covenant must be provided prior to baptism)

A godparent is a person who is happy being Catholic and freely acknowledges it to others; a person who is aware of God’s mercy and endeavors to live Catholic biblical values to the best to their ability. A godparent is someone to whom the godchild can discuss matters of faith, pray with and will uphold the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church in ALL areas of life. A godparent must be willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic Faith. Non-baptized persons may not officially act as a sponsor or a witness to a Baptism of a child in the Catholic Faith.

**Qualifications:**

Canon 873 – There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Canon 874 – To be admitted to the role of godparent, a person must:

1. be designated by the parents or the one who takes their place, and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing the role;
2. must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not the father or mother of the one to be baptized;
6. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness and together with a Catholic godparent.

Godparents are required to attend a godparent preparation class. If a class was attended at another parish within the past three years, please present a letter of completion from the parish where the class was held attached to this signed covenant.

**Access to on-line internet sessions is as follows:** Go to website FORMED.ORG, and sign up as a parishioner. At the create new account page. enter St. Elizabeth, Port Neches, TX, then create your account with your name & e-mail address. Search, “BAPTISM.” SELECT “REBORN.”

GODPARENTS, VIEW EPISODES 3 and 5, titled Reborn-Episode 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace and Reborn-The Gift of Godparents

I understand the requirements of being a Baptism sponsor and I state that I received the

**Sacrament of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Catholic Church, City & State

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Catholic Church, City & State

(And if married) celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage at:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Catholic Church, City & State

My Godchild’s name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

**If the St. Elizabeth baptism class is not attended, I affirm that I have attended a preparation class within the past 5 years. Attach letter from the parish where class was attended to this signed Covenant.**

Sign and Date: \_\_\_\_\_