



SS. Viator and Wenceslaus Parish

4170 W. Addison St. Chicago, IL 60641

BAPTISM GUIDE

A. Participate in the Baptism Preparation Class at least one month before the baptism date

1. Before reserving your baptism date, parents and godparents should attend the Baptism Preparation Class. These classes are offered: **Online classes are not accepted**
 - 1st Monday of the month at 6:00pm in English at St. Viator, 4170 W. Addison St. Chicago IL 60641
 - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Spanish at St. Viator, 4170 W. Addison St. Chicago IL 60641
2. To participate in the Baptism Preparation Class, you will need to contact the Parish Office:
 - In person
 - By phone: **773-286-4040**
 - By email: ssviatorwenceslaus@archchicago.org
3. Once the Baptism Preparation Class is completed, you will receive a certificate as proof of attendance which is valid for one year.
4. If the parents or godparents live in a different city, state or country, they can attend the Baptism Preparation Class at their local church and provide a proof of attendance.

B. After attending the Baptism Preparation Class you can reserve your baptism date.

1. At least one month before the baptism date, you will need to bring to the Parish Office:
 - Proof of attendance for Baptism Preparation Class for parents and godparents.
 - A copy of the official birth certificate of the child
 - A completed baptism registration form
 - The donation of \$80.00 per child.

C. A Baptism Registration Form can be obtained:

1. On the day of the Baptism Preparation Class
2. By requesting a form by email: ssviatorwenceslaus@archchicago.org
3. Or requesting a form in person at the Parish Office 4170 W. Addison St. Chicago IL 60641

D. Baptisms at SS. Viator and Wenceslaus Parish are celebrated on Saturdays at 11:00am as follows:

1. 1st Saturday of the month at St. Viator in English
2. 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Wenceslaus in Spanish
3. 3rd Saturday of the month at St. Viator in Spanish
4. 4th Saturday of the month at St. Wenceslaus in English
5. 5th Saturday (if applicable) FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.
(there are no baptisms during Lent)

E. On the Day of the Baptism

1. Parents and godparents should arrive at least 15 minutes before the baptism time.
2. Face masks are optional but highly recommended inside the church.
3. Make sure anyone with fever or other symptoms should remain at home.
4. Opportunities for photos inside the church will be limited.
5. Hand sanitizer is required as you enter the church.
6. Godparents should provide a white candle.

F. Requirements for Godparents

1. Based on the code of Canon Law (c.872—874) SS. Viator and Wenceslaus Church enlists the following requirements for those to be admitted as Godparents or Sponsors for a sacrament:
 - Can. 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.
 - Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.
 - Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:
 - be designated by the parents or the person who takes their place.
 - have completed the sixteenth year of age;
 - be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
 - not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared (eg. Civil marriage only or civil union)
 - not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
 - A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

G. Children aged 7 or older must attend one year of Religious Education formation before receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.