

Information for Baptism Register

Name of Child:

Residence:

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Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Date of Baptism:

Father's Name:

Religion of Father:

Mother's Full Maiden Name:

Religion of Mother:

Were parents married by a Catholic Priest?

Godfather:

Religion of Godfather:

Godmother:

Religion of Godmother:

Is either godparent represented by a proxy:

Name of proxy:

Was the child privately baptized?

Date of private baptism:

Was the child adopted?

Comments:

Name of pastor or delegated priest of deacon performing baptism:

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First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation: Guidelines for the preparation and reception of these sacraments can be found in the **Faith Development** section of this website.

Marriage: Our parish family extends its congratulations as you prepare for your upcoming wedding. The marriage preparation program in the Diocese of Raleigh takes a minimum of six months. Please make arrangements with the pastor for your wedding and preparation program at least one year prior to your planned wedding date. All preparation programs and documentation must be completed and verification presented to the pastor prior to the setting of a wedding date by the couple. Couples who are not active and supporting members of our parish are required to complete all the preparation and paperwork in their own parish and have their pastor write a letter of delegation to the pastor of St. Jude Parish (i.e. the church communities of St. Jude the Apostle - Hampstead and St. Mary Gate of Heaven - Surf City) as soon as possible after the couple completes its preparation work. No dates may be set until all this information is delivered to the pastor of St. Jude Parish.

Two items to understand are the following: When you decide to celebrate your wedding at our parish, the pastor will only converse with you concerning the procedures and plans. Parents, grandparents, friends, whoever, other than the bride and groom will not be part of the planning and preparation process. Also, if you have a relative or close friend who is a priest or deacon that you would like to receive the vows at your wedding, it is important that you make this fact known to the pastor on your first interview.

Once this information has been received, the couple must meet with the pastor of St. Jude Parish in order to set a date and discuss the ceremony and preparations. In planning, please consult our diocesan web page (www.dioceseofraleigh.org) for information about the planning and preparation process.

When planning your wedding at either of the two churches that comprise the parish, please note the following:

1. No weddings are permitted during the season of Lent.
2. No weddings are celebrated on Sundays.
3. Weddings celebrated on Saturday must take place no later than 1:30 p.m. due to the weekend Reconciliation and Mass Schedule.
4. Weekday weddings (Tuesday thru Friday) are encouraged. This is a suggestion based on economics: it is much easier to engage a caterer during the week and to find a place for a reception. Usually this is at a lower cost during the tourist season.
5. Floral arrangements are limited to two (2) in the sanctuary. Potted palms are not allowed.
6. Due to liability issues, aisle runners are not allowed.
7. "Unity candles" are not part of the wedding ritual. We ask that they be used at the bride and groom's table at the wedding reception.
8. Pew decorations are not permitted, nor are other decorations that need to be fastened by tape, nail, pin or glue.
9. Wedding planners or coordinators are not permitted unless they are members of the wedding planning committee at St. Jude Parish.
10. Music is the venue of our parish music ministry. If you plan to have someone other than our church music ministers play or sing at your

wedding, our music ministers must be consulted to ensure that the selections are in conformity with Catholic worship.

11. Do you love your friends and guests who are sharing this day with you? If your answer is yes, we require the following:
 - a. Do not use confetti since it has a tendency to stain clothing that is damp in a hot and humid environment.
 - b. Do not use rice, birdseed, peas, etc. In our coastal environment the seagulls will go into a feeding frenzy possibly harming your guests. (Remember that, in such a case, you are liable for injuries.) Also, what goes in must come out. With seabirds this is a rather rapid process. Site and vesture cleaning bills could become quite interesting.