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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:30 a.m. – RCIA, Verot Room 6:30 p.m. – Cathedral Youth Group, Bosco House

MONDAY, JUNE 10

 ${\bf 6} \ {\bf p.m.}$ – Vespers, Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, Cathedral

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

9:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. – Legion of Mary, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory 6 p.m. – Respect Life meeting, Bracken Room 7 p.m. – RCIA, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 p.m. – Compass Ministry meeting, Bosco House 7 p.m. – Choir rehearsal (11 a.m. Choir), Rehearsal Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:45 a.m. – Altar Guild, Cathedral
9 a.m. – Small Group, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory
7 p.m. – Choir rehearsal (9 a.m. choir), Rehearsal Room
7 p.m. – Cathedral Schola rehearsal, St. Benedict the Moor Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 a.m. - Confessions, Cathedral

"ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE CHURCH ENTERS AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE. LET NO ONE SAY, "I AM A STRANGER HERE." LET EVERYONE SAY: "THIS IS MY HOME. I AM IN THE CHURCH. I AM IN CHARITY. HERE I AM LOVED."

-- Blessed Pope Paul VI



On the cover: Pentecost, Juan de Flandes, Flemish, c. 1514



<u>CATHEDRAL</u>

6/8	Saturday 5 p.m.	Joseph Beatty †		
6/9	Sunday 9 a.m.	Margie McDonald L		
6/10	Monday 7 a.m.	Ashley Nicole Wolcott Curley †		
6/11	Tuesday 7 a.m.	John Charles Diett †		
6/12	Wednesday 7 a.m.	Barb Schmotzer †		
6/13	Thursday 7 a.m.	Virginia Schrenker †		
6/14	Friday 7 a.m.	Wayne Sharpe +		
6/15	Saturday 7 a.m.	Sylvia Nazco †		
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6/9	Sunday 8 a.m.	The Guck Family †
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Monday, June 10

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 * Eph 2:19-22 * Lk 19:1-10 **Tuesday, June 11 SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE** Acts 11: 21b-26; 12:1-3 * Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 * Mt 5:13-16 **Wednesday, June 12** 2 Cor 3:4-11 * Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 * Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday, June 13 SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 * Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 * Mt 5:20-26 **Friday, June 14** 2 Cor 4:7-15 * Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 * Mt 5:27-32 **Saturday, June 15** 2 Cor 5:14-21 * Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 * Mt 5:33-37 **Sunday, June 16 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** Prv 8:22-31 * Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 * Rom 5:1-5 * Jn 16:12-15

Above: St. Anthony of Padua Holding Baby Jesus, Strozzi, c. 1625

Save the Date

Sunday, June 23 is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our parish's annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan now to join us!

*****Usher Training, June 18

The Diocese of St Augustine has contracted with Life Safety Solutions to assist schools and churches with security assessments and training. At this time, the Diocese has requested that we schedule Usher Training for all churches. We have scheduled this training for June 18 in the Cathedral from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. All ushers are requested to be present.

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, June 10

Monday, June 10 is the **Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral** and is observed with the rank of Solemnity. Since our church also holds the rank of "minor basilica," a plenary indulgence is available to the faithful who participate in the Sacred Liturgy celebrated in the Cathedral on this day. Mass will be at 7:00 a.m.; Solemn Vespers will be at 6:00 p.m.

A plenary indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which a faithful Christian duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. In addition to fully participating in the Sacred Liturgy, the following must also be accomplished: (1) Freedom from all attachment to sin (even venial sins); (2) Sacramental Confession (usually within 20 days of the celebration); (3) Reception of Holy Communion and (4) Prayers for the Intentions of the Holy Father (the Apostles' or Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, "Hail, Mary," and "Glory be").



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral, Monday through Friday following 7 a.m. Mass, until 3 p.m. Help is needed at Adoration the follow-

ing times: Monday 11-12, Tuesday 8-9, 12-1 and Wednesday 8-9 and 12-1. Also, we could use people on the sub list.

Please call Susan Partel, 829-5508 or 669-9351, or email susanpartel@yahoo.com, to commit to an hour.



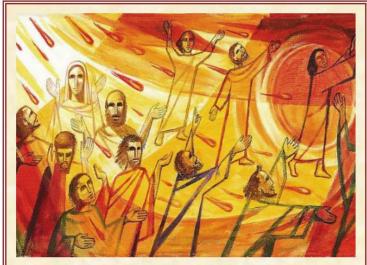
Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays before 7 a.m. Mass at

the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine



We need at least one new Usher for both the 11 a.m. Mass and the 5 p.m. Mass on Sundays. If you attend any of the other Masses, we could use your help there as well. Please consider this as a ministry for yourself or your entire family. Contact Deacon Chuck at the Rectory at (904) 824-2806 or email ckanaszka@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions to the Cathedral bulletin is noon on Monday, six days prior to bulletin distribution. Bulletin editor: Shannon McKay, ssmekasavant@aol.com



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Lord, send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth! [See Psalm 104:30]

These words have been central to the Church's celebrations of Pentecost for centuries. God's faithful cry out that the Holy Spirit will renew everything on "the face of the earth" – all people in the gift of Salvation; the Church in her mission to proclaim Jesus as Lord; each of us so that we may live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism.

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as well as acknowledges that the Spirit of God is given so that the victory of Christ will empower our ministries – our service – to all, especially the poor and the marginalized. Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit that all who are baptized will proclaim, in word and deed, the Life that renews us, the Life that sets us free – the life of the God's own Spirit!

Love, Father Tom

Mission Statement of the Cathedral Parish St. Augustine, Florida

WE ARE CHRIST'S EYES, EARS, MOUTH, HANDS, AND FEET-SENT OUT TO DO JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED, TO MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION-AWAKENING FAITH AMONG THE HOPELESS, AND PROMOTING LIFE EVEN WITHIN THE CULTURE OF DEATH.

Altar Flowers are donated this week by Cynthia Sharpe

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND WAYNE SHARPE



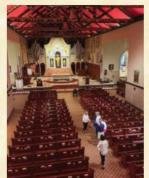
✤Monthly tours of St. Benedict the Moor Church to begin on June 22

If you have guests in town or just want to learn more yourself about our mission chuch, St. Benedict the Moor, join us on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours will start at the top of the hour and last about 40 minutes. St. Benedict the Moor Church is located at 86 Martin Luther King Avenue in the Lincolnville neighborhood of downtown St. Augustine. If you are interested in helping, we will be offering tours on the third Saturday of each month. Please come by and enjoy our history. For more information, contact Jess May at (904) 228-0051 or email stbensbluesfest@gmail.com.

*Docent volunteer opportunities at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine

Docents are a vital part of the Cathedral's mission to inform visiting guests of the history of the Parish. Docents have group meetings once a quarter for fellowship and to stay informed on volunteer opportunities.

If you are interested in joining our docent ministry, please email Brigid Massey at cathexperience@gmail.com.



*Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine Behind the Scenes Tours

If you have ever wondered what is behind the scenes at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, the symbolism and history of America's Oldest Parish, now is your chance to take "A Walk through History." Take a guided tour of the public and not so public locations within the church. Tour stops include the choir baptistery, chapel and more.

loft, sacristy, confessional, baptistery, chapel and more.

Tour times: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m.; Monday-Thursday at 3 p.m.; First Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Call (904) 829-0620 to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 20 people. Adults \$12.00; Military \$10.00; Children 6-12 yrs. \$10.00. Children under 6 are free. Tours are approximately 1 hour long and involve climbing stairs.

Murder Mystery Theater at St. Anastasia Catholic Church to support homeless, July 13

Support care for the homeless of our community in a fun way by planning to attend a "*Murder Mystery Theater*" on Saturday, July 13 at Saint Anastasia Catholic Church. **Home Again St. Johns** sponsors this evening of intrigue that will include an open bar, dinner, and the murder mystery, *Death of a Gangster*. It all begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Saint Jude Celebration Hall. You're invited to dress like the cat's meow and be "part" of this mafia wedding.

Tickets are \$100 and reservations may be made by contacting Ellen Walden at ellenwalden@live.com. (Early bird special is \$175 for two tickets when purchased before June 25.

St. Augustine Music Festival, June 20-22 and 27-29

The 13th Annual St. Augustine Music Festival will take place over the last two weekends (Thursday to Saturday) in June 2019: June 20 to 22 and 27 to 29, at the Cathedral Basilica. There will be six concerts in all, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. The concerts are free and will feature selections from a wide variety of composers. Please visit the Festival website, staugustinemusicfestival.org, for complete program information.



Cathedral Parish Parking: TRUE OR FALSE?

The Cathedral Parish owns the "Bank of America lot."

PARTIALLY TRUE. The Parish and Diocese purchased the easternmost 2/3 of the lot (approximately 38 spaces). Bank of America owns the westernmost 1/3 of the lot. During bank hours, the westernmost 1/3 of the lot is exclusively for parking while banking.

June 15: Come Celebrate Love Retreat

Speakers: Fathers Peter Akin-Otiko, Amar Nagothu, and Don and Lorrie Gramer. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Jacksonville. Cost: \$25/couple, includes materials and meals. To register, visit https://holyspiritchurchjax.org/marriage-ministry or call Holy Spirit Parish at (904) 641-7244.

✤June 24-28: Diocese of St. Augustine Summer School of Theology at Marywood Wisdom Center

Inspired by the best of the Catholic biblical and theological tradition and drawing out practical implications for ministry and the life of faith today, this year's Summer School of Theology (SST) explores hope and what giving reasons for it—or making sense of it—could look like in the world today.

Counterintuitively, this year's Summer School of Theology will begin at the end with what may seem ominous, a Catholic perspective on the end times, but which, in truth, is about hope; it urges hope. Building on this foundation, the SST continues by exploring biblical resources for hope. It then explores the Eucharist, including Eucharistic adoration, as nourishment for hope along the way. It presents Mary as a model for hope. It concludes by looking at creation, a theme that has roots in the Bible, that is central to the though of great Catholic theologians and mystics through the ages, and that invites renewed commitment today.

Dates and times: June 24-28, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. daily. Cost: from June 3-June 17, \$225; daily rate, \$45. Contact Erin McGeever, (904) 262-3200 or emcgeever@dosfl.com for registration information.



Diocese Welcomes New Seminarians

The Diocese of St. Augustine is pleased to introduce Steve Henderson and Elver Vences, who were accepted as seminarians for our diocese on May 30. Steve is a parishioner at San Juan del Rio and Elver is a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier. Both will begin seminary formation in August 2019 at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and St. John Vianney College Seminary respectively. Please welcome and pray for our newest seminarians!



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***PRAYING FOR LIFE**

The Lenten reflections and prayers of "40 Days For Life" are over. And when we listen to the news, we may begin to feel powerless. But the words of our Risen Lord give us hope. For when we pray in His name, our prayers will be answered. (cf John 14 v14). So, as resurrection people, our prayers to end the culture of death pervading our nation must continue. One way to do this is to pray daily the Memorare, asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, as follows:

"Remember, most Blessed Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to You for protection, implored Your help, or sought Your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence we turn unto You. Oh Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petition, but in Your mercy hear and answer us, that the Holy Spirit of Truth will guide all who promote the right of a mother to kill her baby, especially those Catholics who hold prominent positions in public life, that they may acknowledge their fault, and accept God's infinite mercy, offered from the cross to all who know not what they do."

✤ From the USCCB: U.S. Bishops to Meet June 11-14 in Baltimore

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for the 2019 Spring General Assembly in Baltimore, June 11-14.

During the assembly, the bishops will discuss and vote on bishop accountability measures to respond to the abuse crisis and will also hear reports from the National Advisory Council and an annual progress report by the National Review Board.

A live stream and satellite feed is expected to run Tuesday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday, June 13, 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Public sessions of the general assembly discussions and votes will be available via live stream at http://www.usccb.org/live. News updates, vote totals, texts of addresses and presentations and other materials will be posted to this page: www.usccb.org/meetings as soon as possible during the general assembly.

Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media can use the hashtag #USCCB19 and follow on Twitter (https://twitter.com/ usccb) as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/usccb) and Instagram (https://instagram.com/usccb).

OFFERTORY FOR JUNE 2, 2019

CATHEDRAL	\$12,081.00		
St. Benedict the Moor			
Ascension	\$507.00		
Faith Direct			
Weekly Total	\$22,537.17		
Weekly Amount Needed			
Weekly +/	\$(-)1,885.91		
YTD actual thru 4/30/19**	\$1,020,693.30		
YTD needed thru 4/30/19	\$1,066,499.90		
YTD +/	\$(-)45,806.60		
*Weekly total does not include any offertory given via website, mail, etc. **YTD total includes all offertory, e.g. collection baskets. Faith Direct website, mail, etc. YTD based on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.			

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Saint Barnabas, Apostle (Feast Day June 11)

From the General Audience of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, January 31, 2007

Continuing our journey among the protagonists who were the first to spread Christianity, today let us turn our attention to some of Saint Paul's other collaborators. We must recognize that the Apostle is an eloquent example of a man open to collaboration: he did not want to do everything in the Church on his own but

availed himself of many and very different colleagues. ... Let us focus today on Barnabas, one of these people who played a particularly significant role in the initial evangelization.

Barnabas means "son of encouragement" (Acts 4: 36) or "son of consolation". He was a Levite Jew, a native of Cyprus, and this was his nickname. Having settled in Jerusalem, he was one of the first to embrace Christianity after the Lord's Resurrection. With immense generosity, he sold a field which belonged to him, and gave the money to the Apostles for the Church's needs (Acts 4: 37).

It was he who vouched for the sincerity of Saul's conversion before the Jerusalem community that still feared its former persecutor (cf. Acts 9: 27).

Sent to Antioch in Syria, he went to meet Paul in Tarsus, where he had withdrawn, and spent a whole year with him there, dedicated to the evangelization of that important city in whose Church Barnabas was known as a prophet and teacher (cf. Acts 13: 1).

At the time of the first conversions of the Gentiles, therefore, Barnabas realized that Saul's hour had come. As Paul had retired to his native town of Tarsus, he went there to look for him. Thus, at that important moment, Barnabas, as it were, restored Paul to the Church; in this sense he gave back to her the Apostle to the Gentiles.

The Church of Antioch sent Barnabas on a mission with Paul, which became known as the Apostle's first missionary journey. In fact, it was Barnabas' missionary voyage since it was he who was really in charge of it and Paul had joined him as a collaborator, visiting the regions of Cyprus and Central and Southern Anatolia in present-day Turkey, with the cities of Attalia, Perga, Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe (cf. Acts 13-14).

Together with Paul, he then went to the so-called Council of Jerusalem where after a profound examination of the question, the Apostles with the Elders decided to discontinue the practice of circumcision so that it was no longer a feature of the Christian identity (cf. Acts 15: 1-35). It was only in this way that, in the end, they officially made possible the Church of the Gentiles, a Church without circumcision; we are children of Abraham simply through faith in Christ.

The two, Paul and Barnabas, disagreed at the beginning of the second missionary journey because Barnabas was determined to take with them as a companion John called Mark, whereas Paul was against it, since the young man had deserted them during their previous journey (cf. Acts 13: 13; 15: 36-40).

Hence there are also disputes, disagreements and controversies among saints. And I find this very comforting, because we see that the saints have not "fallen from Heaven". They are people like us, who also have complicated problems.

Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversion, for repentance, for willingness to start again and, especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness.

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If at any time you wish to **add** a name to, or **remove** a name from, the prayer lists, please email Shannon McKay, bulletin editor, **ssmckasavant@aol.com**, to let me know. Or, you may call the Rectory, **824-2806**, and convey your message to one of our staff; the information will be passed on to me. Many thanks! *SMcK*

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Michael and Patrick Leahy, Marilyn Beach, Joe Romanelli, Darlene Kanaszka, Greg Marquis, Allison Bolesta, Marsha Hemmy, Allison Bennett, Daniel Harford, Fr. Jeff Johnston, Larry Rupinta, Paul Karolchyk, Betty Lefleur, John Bozzone, Robert Lampert, Mary Kaczmarek, Sue Booths, Mary Ellen Rick, Brigid Ann Kelly, Audrey Redmond, Fr. Ken Schaeser, Myra Rothenberg, Terry Spearman, Charles Burke, Alicia Anne Ernst, Robert Moore Murray, Mel Kulhanek, Connie Higgins, Danny Birkhauser, Debbie Baker, Pauline DeSaulniers, Rebecca DeCamp, Victoria Smith, Jack Patrick Pean, Sue Garlanger, Edward Gillie M.D., John Santorelli, Joe Lyons, Irma Gonzalez and Family, Kory Kammerman, Yolanka Tracy, Lane Carter, Andy Carden, Ted Fontaine, Karon Williamson, Baby Pearl, Laubacker Family, Sophia Christine, Bob Gardy, Joe Merritt, Pat DiMuzio, Nick D'Amico, Nancy McAlister, Bridget Merkle, Margaret Schlotzhauer, Kevin McCarthy Sr., Susan Buron, Dan Burkhardt, Callen Spearman, Mary Grace Gardy, Diana Kanaszka Long, Joshua Solana, Sean Spicer, Delaney Nalepka, Cynthia Stephens, John Fazio, Elizabeth Fazio, Kevin Hollington, Anita Pierce, Shawn Hinkle, Maria Pineda, Sam DiMuzio, Ann Algreen, Allyson Turner, Nancy Totino, Kristen Beebe, Margaret McCutcheon, Mary Tinto, Guy Tinto, Kathleen Green, John McBryde, JoAnne Esposito, Julie Dopp Koziel, Jill Burger, Judy Mills

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Major Terrence Gorman, Stone Duro, 1st Lt. Connor Bryne, Eric Silvia, Lane Carter, Andrew Greenway, Michael Grimes, Delaney Luna, Edward Luna, William E. Beach, Alex Carames, Will Soffera, Daniel Soffera, Lt. Col. Dr. Eric J. Colon, Kathryn Emery, CPT Derrick Hoxie IV, LCDR Sean Morrison, Pamela Kassandra DeVoto, Patrick Connaway, Nick Brooky, Benedetto M. Santorelli, Jr.

You are not alone...

There is no need to feel alone when real help is available during an unplanned pregnancy. **Caring Choices** at **(866) 901-9641** offers help through counseling, support, education, and resources. This is one decision not to face alone!

Struggling with emotional or spiritual pain following an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a post-abortion healing ministry that will lovingly help to transform your pain to hope and reconciliation. For more info call (**904**) **221-3232**.



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND MEMORIALS

Anyone celebrating a special day, or wishing to honor someone's memory, is invited to do so by covering the cost of altar flowers, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel sanctuary lamp, and/or the Divine Mercy Icon Lamp. Deadline will be noon on Monday for the following week. Please contact the Rectory office at (904) 824-2806 for further information.



Saint Barnabas, continued

So it was that Paul, who had been somewhat harsh and bitter with regard to Mark, in the end found himself with him once again. In Saint Paul's last Letters, to Philemon and in his Second Letter to Timothy, Mark actually appears as one of his "fellow workers".

Consequently, it is not the fact that we have never erred but our capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness which makes us saints. And we can all learn this way of holiness. In any case, Barnabas, together with John Mark, returned to Cyprus (Acts 15: 39) in about the year 49. From that moment we lose track of him. Tertullian attributes to him the Letter to the Hebrews. This is not improbable. Since he belonged to the tribe of Levi, Barnabas may have been interested in the topic of the priesthood; and the Letter to the Hebrews interprets Jesus' priesthood for us in an extraordinary way.



Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, Florida ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER 234 ST. GEORGE STREET

∞ Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Christian Meditation hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph

Christian Meditation, deeply rooted in Christian tradition, aims "to allow God's mysterious presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are..." Cost: Donations accepted. Call (904) 824-1752 to register or at www.ssjfl.org.

Mass Schedule at the Cathedral

Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule at our Mission Church, St. Benedict the Moor 86 Martin Luther King Avenue Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions at the Cathedral

Every Saturday: following the 7 a.m. Mass, and from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Roman Catholic Norms for Those Who Serve as a Godparent or Sponsor

The role of those who serve as godparents and sponsors in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation is vitally important in the life of the Catholic Church. Those who are chosen for these roles are to show the person for whom they serve as godparent/sponsor a strong commitment to living the Catholic faith. And so, the Church has set up a minimum set of norms for godparent/sponsors:

- •The godparent/sponsor must be designated by the one being baptized or confirmed;
- In the case of infants being baptized, it is the parents who designate the godparents;
- Parents may never serve as godparents/sponsors for their children;
- •The godparent/sponsor must be a practicing Roman Catholic, be at least 16 years old and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist);
- •They must be actively and regularly practicing the faith; if they are married, the Church must be able to recognize the marriage as sacramental.

In the United States, if the godparent/sponsor is not known to the pastor, a letter or affidavit is usually obtained from the person's parish stating that the person is a Catholic in good standing and may serve as a godparent/sponsor.

In the case of Baptism, a person may have two godparents; however, one must be male and the other female. A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a godparent, but they are listed as a "Christian witness" and the other godparent must fulfill the above norms.

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