

# Blessed Junípero Serra Parish

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## Baptism Registration Form

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with  Both Parents  Mother  Father  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check Box)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Maiden

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Background  Roman Catholic  Other Christian  \_\_\_\_\_  
If Catholic, is Mother  Baptized  Confirmed  First Holy Communion

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Background  Roman Catholic  Other Christian  \_\_\_\_\_  
If Catholic, is Father  Baptized  Confirmed  First Holy Communion?

Are the Child's parents  Married or  Unmarried to each other?  
If married,  In the Catholic Church (either from the beginning or "blessed" later within the Church)  In another Church  Civilly?

*The Roman Catholic Church baptizes children whose parents want what the Church has to offer and who demonstrate the willingness to assure that the child will be educated in the knowledge and practice of the faith. This would include, but is not limited to, regular Mass attendance with the child and religious instruction from grade one through First Communion and Confirmation.*

*If you, the parent(s) of this child, are willing to fulfill these minimal requirements, or to support your Catholic spouse as he/she fulfills them, please sign and place today's date in the spaces below.*

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Father's signature/date

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Mother's signature/date

At this time, is there anything that the pastor or religious education personnel of this parish can do to help you on your own relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? For example: clearing up any problems with your marital status in the Church, helping you finish your sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, first holy communion).

## Sponsors

Only one godparent is required, but two may serve as sponsors as long as one is a woman and the other a man. Sponsors are expected to be able to lead by example, to support the child's faith development, and to assist the parents in their task as primary educators of their children in the faith. Therefore, sponsors must be:

- Fully initiated into the Catholic Church—baptism, confirmation and first communion
- Registered in a parish
- Practicing their faith—regular Mass attendance, Easter Duty, etc.
- Married in the Catholic Church if married

Prospective sponsors who are not members of Blessed Junipero Serra Parish, Lancaster, must approach their home parish and request a *Sponsor Certificate*. Prospective sponsors who are members of this parish simply need to sign the following statement.

*Baptismal sponsors, godparents, are expected to be the first helpers of the godchild's parents in rearing the child in the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. Example is the most powerful teaching tool. If you fulfill the requirements for sponsors listed above and are willing to be actively involved in sharing your faith with this child, please sign and date in the space provided below.*

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Godfather's signature/date

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Godmother's signature/date

Parents and godparents will be scheduled for the pre-baptismal instruction classes once the following documentation has been received:

- Child's birth certificate
- *Sponsor Certificate* for any sponsor not from our parish
- This form completed including the signatures of parents and godparents who belong to our parish
- Payment of \$55 fee (\$40 if the sponsors are husband and wife and only need one book)