



Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer
and St. Catherine of Siena

Baptism Preparation for Parents

Congratulations on the birth of your child and the gift of new life! Your desire to have your child baptized in the Catholic faith is a beautiful testament to the faith that you have received and the importance of offering one of the best gifts you can to your child, the Christian faith. We are happy to support you during this time of preparation for the sacrament of baptism.

FOR THE PARENTS

In preparation for the pre-baptism meeting with the priest, please watch the four videos below (*an hour total*) from the “Reborn” series on the FORMED.org platform and come ready to discuss them. To access FORMED, simply go to formed.org/signup and then search for “St Vincent Ferrer-Saint Catherine of Siena”. You should be able to setup an account and login in that way. The [Reborn](#) videos should be clearly laid out on the webpage:

- Episode 1 (A New Creation)
- Episode 2 (Entering the Mystery)
- Episode 3 (Nurturing the Life of Grace)
- The Mission to Love: 7 Keys to Catholic Parenting

FOR THE GODPARENTS

To help the godparents prepare for the baptism, please forward the other document “Baptism Prep for Godparents” to the godparents you have chosen. They too should prepare themselves for this beautiful and important responsibility. This will help them be ready for the sacrament, their role in it, and the ways that they can continue to support the spiritual growth of their godchild throughout the whole of his or her life.

Finally, please have each of the godparents get a letter of suitability from their local pastor (we have a sample letter that can be given to help facilitate this, which is in the same document.) These letters should be returned to the priest celebrating the baptism at least three weeks in advance.