Congratulations on planning to Baptize your child! This is the first of many Sacraments where God will reach out to your child to draw him/her closer to his heart.

Criteria to Baptize your child at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church:

1) At least one parent must be Catholic
2) You plan to raise your child Catholic
3) Attend Baptism Prep:
    a) One Baptism class for parents with their first child being baptized at MQP. The Baptism Coordinators will reach out to you to confirm the class date and time.
    b) For those attending class, one individual meeting with the Baptism Coordinators after an upcoming Mass to walk through the Baptism Rite.
    c) For those who have previously attended class at MQP, emailed Baptism Rite Document.

Details to complete:

4) Arrange the Baptism date with the Parish Office
5) At least one week prior to the Baptism provide the Parish Office:
    a) A copy of your child's hospital record or birth certificate
    b) $25 stipend payable to Mary Queen of Peace
    c) Names of the Godparent(s)

Selecting Godparents.

Catholic Godparent requirements set by the Catholic Church:

- Age: Godparents must be at least 16 years old
- Catholicism: Godparents must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacrament of confirmation
- Parish membership: Godparents must be registered members of a Catholic parish
- Marriage: If married, Godparents must be married in the Catholic Church or have their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church
- Relationship to the child: Godparents cannot be the parents or legal guardians of the child being baptized
- Faith: Godparents must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith, attending Mass on Sundays and holy days, and participating in their parish community
- Role: Godparents are responsible for helping the child's parents raise their child in the Catholic faith

While the church only requires one Godparent, it's traditional to have two. If two Godparents are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A non-Catholic Christian can be present as a "Christian Witness" if there is also a Catholic Godparent. There are only two Godparents, if you wish to have more, the additional people would be considered Christian witnesses.