

Marriage

Holy Matrimony is a Sacrament in the Catholic Church and is governed by canon law and diocesan policies. These laws and policies determine who, when, how and where Catholics can marry. You or your prospective spouse must be a registered, practicing Catholic and be free to enter into a marriage to be married in a Catholic Church.

Your wedding day is one of the most important events in your life. The information provided here is to assist you in your planning and to provide you with a better understanding of what is required on the day of for a Catholic wedding. Your knowledge will help prevent disappointment and misunderstanding. Please contact one of the priests at 210-478-5000 to get all the information and details needed to prepare before the wedding ceremony. Prepare properly by calling early.

Church Details

Photography: Pictures are important. They will help the couple remember this important event. Flash photography and videotaping are permitted during and after the ceremony. But people must be respectful of the occasion. Those who are taking pictures are to remain out of the sanctuary and in designated areas. The photographs must be completed within 30 minutes of the end of the ceremony to accommodate other ceremonies that follow.

Ready Rooms: There is a comfortable bride's room available for the bride and her bridal party. The bride is urged to spend the last one and one-half hours here with her friends getting ready. The Cry Room is available for the groom and his groomsmen one-hour before the ceremony. **(There is an exception: The Cry Room is not available for Saturday evening weddings due to the evening Mass.)** Just before the ceremony, all items are to be cleared from both the Brides and Cry Room so that the next wedding party may occupy these rooms.

Decorations: You will find the Church space is very beautiful already. If you want to add to the environment, one or two modest plants or flower arrangements will be easiest for you. Decorations may be put in place 35 minutes prior to the ceremony. Candelabras with drip-less candles are permitted but need to have some protection placed on the carpet just in case. An aisle runner is permitted, but it is not recommended. **Seasonal decorations already present in the Church may not be removed.** Pew decorations are permitted, but please, **no tape, tacks or pins that would damage the pews.**

Unity Candle: Both the candle stand and a gift unity candle are provided by the Church if used in the ceremony.

Cultural Customs: There are customs such as the unity candle, lasso, arras, rosary and Bible, flower gifts and others that are not part of the ritual but may be important faith customs of yours. We will be happy to talk to you to see how you want to include these in the ceremony.

Regulations: Due to insurance concerns, **NO rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals and liquid bubbles are allowed at any of the facilities of the parish be that the Church, Hall, McDonald Center or any facility on parish grounds.**