

SAINT JOHN XXIII ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEDDING GUIDELINES

WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR YOUR WEDDING.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. **FREEDOM TO MARRY :**

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FREE TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE, EVEN IF ONLY CIVIL COURT, YOU NEED TO PROVE YOUR FREEDOM TO MARRY AGAIN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: THIS MEANS THAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO US A COPY OF THE DECREE OF ANNULMENT, THE DECREE OF NULLITY, OR THE DEATH CERIFICATE IN CASE YOUR FORMER SPOUSE HAS DIED.

2. **WEDDING DATE :**

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI MANDATES THAT NO WEDDING DATE BE SET UNTIL THIS PROOF OF FREEDOM TO MARRY HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND THAT THE COUPLE HAS MET WITH THE PRIEST TO DETERMINE IF DATE IS AVAILABLE.

3. **THE ARCHDIOCESE MANDATES A SIX-MONTH PREPARATION PERIOD**

4. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

A RECENT COPY (DATED IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS) OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH CHURCH SEAL
OPEN MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA (a week or two before the wedding because it expires within two months.)

PRE-NUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE (A FORM) FILLED OUT WITH THE PRIEST/ DEACON OR THEIR DELEGATE
WITNESS FORMS (B FORM) TWO FORMS EACH FOR BRIDE AND GROOM

IN CASE OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

DEATH CERTIFICATE IF FORMER SPOUSE IS DECEASED

DECREE OF ANNULMENT (if prior marriage took place in Church)

DECREE OF NULLITY (if prior marriage was civil)

FOR THE DECLARATION OF NULLITY THESE ARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND PAYMENT:

A RECENT COPY (DATED IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS) OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH CHURCH SEAL

COURT DIVORCE DECREE

COPY OF CIVIL MARRIAGE

A CHECK ISSUED TO THE "**METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL**" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00

5. **FULLY ENGAGED INVENTORY:** IS A SELF DIAGNOSTIC INVENTORY DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES LEARN MORE ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP. ONCE THE RESULTS ARE PROCESSED, WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO SET UP AN APPONTMENT WITH THE PRIEST PREPARING YOU FOR MARRIAGE TO REVIEW RESULTS.

6. **PRE-MARITAL RETREAT:**

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING COURSE SCHEDULES PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE.

7. **CONFESSION PRIOR TO MARRIAGE:**

EACH OF THE COUPLE MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, ESPECIALLY IF THEY WERE MARRIED CIVILLY.

8. **DAYS AND TIMES:**

WEDDING DATES AND TIMES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE PASTOR BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY AND TIME OF THE PRIESTS. THE LATEST TIME FOR A SATURDAY WEDDING IS 2:30PM.

9. **FEES AND DONATIONS:**

STANDARD DONATION: CHURCH (DOES NOT INCLUDE MUSIC*) \$500

CHAPEL (ONLY AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY & DOES NOT INCLUDE MUSIC*) \$300

***MUSIC SELECTION & PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE MUSIC DIRECTOR.**

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS NECESSARY BEFORE A DATE MAY BE SECURED IN THE WEDDING BOOK. ALL FEES AND DONATIONS ARE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF THE REHEARSAL ALONG WITH THE MARRIAGE LICENSE. ALSO NOTE THAT FLOWERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE FEE.

NOTE: COUPLES WHO WILL MARRY IN ANOTHER CHURCH WILL BE CHARGED \$350.00 FEE FOR HANDLING THEIR PREPARATION. THERE MAY BE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ANY FORMS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI TRIBUNAL.