



Cathedral of Saint Joseph
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Checklist for Planning your Catholic Wedding

- Announce Engagement
- Meet with Priest or Deacon
- Reserve a Date on the parish calendar (Note: In the case where one or both were previously married, the decree(s) of annulment must be received before a wedding date for your new marriage can be set.
- Worship together
- Register for Marriage Preparation
- Contact church of your baptism to secure baptism certificate dated within six months of the proposed marriage
- Make guest list
- Make arrangements for reception, honeymoon, clothing and travel
- Invite any attendants and liturgical ministers
- Complete Marriage Preparation
- Meet with your priest/deacon again (number of meetings will vary)
- Select Scripture readings and other prayers for your wedding
- Investigate Natural Family Planning Methods
- Make arrangements with church musician(s)
- Secure marriage license from city or county where the marriage is to take place. There is a waiting period of three working days between application and receipt of license. Give to clergyman before the wedding
- Schedule rehearsal with the church
- Make time for personal prayer and reflection throughout this preparation time. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are valuable sources of grace and healing.
- Rehearsal and dinner
- Go to church and marry your beloved
- Celebrate
- Live