



“God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move forward toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the sacrament of Marriage. Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of ‘enjoying’ the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision, ‘forever’, because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility that believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you, and I pray for you. Have the courage ‘to swim against the tide’. And, have the courage to be happy.”

Pope Francis

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***Preparation for the
Sacrament of Marriage***



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NOTES

Congratulations on your Engagement!! We are looking forward to knowing you and helping you enter this holy, challenging, and exhilarating vocation of marriage. We are honored that you have chosen us, St. Catherine of Siena, to prepare for your marriage. There are a few things that you must do so that we can avoid any disappointments for your upcoming wedding with us.

STEPS

The process of wedding preparation takes at least **Six months**; use this time, for learning, and growing in your love for one another and in your Catholic faith.

- 1) St. Catherine of Siena requires you to bring in a copy of your **baptism certificate** prior to entering the Sacrament of Matrimony. **It cannot be older than 6 months prior to your wedding date.**
- 2) Once you have your baptismal certificate, you may call the office to make an appointment with the priest. You will have your first interview and you will be handed form A and Form B's to be filled out.
- 3) After that interview, you will need to complete the Fully Engaged Inventory with pencil and paper or online.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Our written parish wedding guidelines are offered as a means of assisting every couple in planning and celebrating a beautiful wedding ceremony. We wish that all our guests depart the church on your wedding day with the feeling that they have truly encountered the living presence of God in your Sacrament of Matrimony. All wedding liturgies provide a holy, spiritual, and personal experience for the bride, groom, and guests. We wish for them to feel welcome and longing to return to worship with us. To create this atmosphere and to maintain a sense of respect for the Eucharist, we show a sense of reverence, silence, and proper decorum within the church.

4) After we receive the results of your “test”; the Fully Engaged Inventory may include 4 or more meetings with the facilitators or priest.

5) You can go doing your retreats; while this process is going on.

6) Marriage License should be turned in within 45 days prior to wedding date.

TIMES FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES

Weddings may only be scheduled as follows:

Friday - 8:00 PM

***except the first Fridays of the month: 6:00 PM**

Saturday -11:00 AM; 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM

WEDDING FEES

Registered and active parish members: \$1100.00

Non-registered or inactive parish members: \$1300.00

Music is paid separately: \$250.00 Music and Singing

(Checks or Money Orders are made to Albert Coppo)

For Sacrament only: \$250.00

For Altar Servers: \$15.00 cash

MARRIAGE COURSE

Every couple must take a marriage encounter weekend retreat. You can sign up at www.Caminodelmatrimonio.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Every couple must take a natural planning course. You can sign up at WWW.learnnfponline.com. We need the certificate that you will be given at the end of the course.

REHEARSALS

Wedding Rehearsals are assigned on Thursday before the wedding date at 8:00 PM; unless the wedding coordinator tells you differently.

MUSIC

Please contact musician: **ALBERTO COPPO** and leave a message at 305-586-7721; regarding your music selection for your wedding. Mr. Coppo must approve **ALL** the music for your wedding.

PUNCTUALITY

PLEASE RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S VALUABLE TIME! Be on time for all appointments, talks, rehearsals,

FLOWERS AND RICE

Flower Girls are **NOT PERMITTED** to drop real flower petal as they proceed down the aisle. Throwing rice is **NOT PERMITTED AT ALL** under any circumstances neither in the vestibule nor outside the Church.

DECORATIONS IN THE CHURCH

The church building is very beautiful and truly requires no further decorations. However, if you choose, you may place two (2) simple flower arrangements on the sanctuary. If you have any other ideas for your wedding, you must first call and ask if the decorations are acceptable.