

## When does the parish celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage?

The times set aside for celebrating the sacrament of marriage are

- Saturday: 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 3:00 p.m.
- During the week: Here there is a great deal of flexibility depending on the parish's use of the church. For example, a wedding on Friday can usually be done any time in the afternoon.

Because of other parish services, e.g., funerals, confession, vigil mass we cannot deviate from the above schedule on Saturday or Sunday.

## How soon ahead of the wedding should I contact the rectory?

Make the initial contact a year beforehand. This gives time to arrange for the initial meeting as well as the marriage preparation courses required by the diocese.

## What are the diocesan regulations for marriage preparation?

Participation in a parish or diocesan pre-cana course as well as the FOCCUS marriage inventory survey. A couple is able to fulfill this requirement in any parish or diocese that works with their schedule or living situation.

## Do I have to be a member of the parish to get married at Assumption?

It is best to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the parish where you are currently living and worshipping. However, in certain circumstances, e.g., you grew up in this parish, a wedding can take place at Assumption parish.

## How much does it cost?

The fee for the wedding is \$600. This includes the musicians.

## Can I use my own musicians?

You may use your own musicians, but the parish's musician must be present to make sure that the sound system, organ, etc. are in order, hence his/her fee remains.

## Can I choose the prayers and the readings?

The parish provides a Wedding Planning Guide to assist you in this process. It lists the format of a wedding ceremony and/or nuptial mass, the prayers, readings, and possible blessings. You can download this guide by clicking [Wedding Planning Guide](#).

## Can I bring in another Catholic priest or deacon?

Yes. We are glad to provide hospitality to other catholic clergy whom you might wish to officiate at your wedding.

## Can a non-Catholic clergy person participate?

Yes. In the case of the marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, another clergy person can participate in the marriage ceremony. He/she would be invited to read a scripture, offer a prayer, etc.

## Will the Church provide a priest or deacon to celebrate a wedding outside the church?

A Catholic clergyman is not permitted to perform a wedding of two Catholics outside the church building. Weddings at a catering hall or an outside wedding ceremony are not permitted in our diocese. The wedding of a Catholic and an unbaptized person, e.g., a Jewish person, can be celebrated elsewhere. However, due to parish schedules, it is unlikely that a Catholic priest or deacon would be present.