

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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Marriage Requirements

Dear Couple:

Welcome to Prince of Peace! We feel blessed about your decision of having your sacramental marriage at our Church. Please, feel confident that you will have our support and help.

There are some guidelines to be strictly followed in order to make your sacramental marriage a holy moment in your lives.

➤ Required Document

- ✓ Baptismal certificates with less than a year from the issued date.
- ✓ If this is a Convalidation of a civil marriage you will need the marriage license.
- ✓ If any of the two have a prior civil marriage they need a copy of the marriage license and the document of dissolution from the court.
- ✓ If any of the two have a prior religious marriage they need an original letter sent by the tribunal acknowledging the annulment of the marriage.

➤ The two of you are the main focus of the sacrament. Nothing is to distract or take away the attention from both of you. Everyone else is secondary and is not essential, for example: pictures, videos, etc.

➤ The “wedding party” (bridesmaids and groomsmen) should have an attitude of reverence during the celebration of the sacrament.

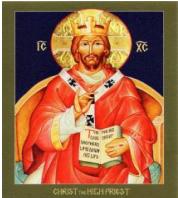
- ✓ There should be no less than three and no more than five couples. The ring bearer and the flower girl should be at least six years old.
- ✓ The first row of seats will be reserved for the wedding party.

➤ Church Decoration

- ✓ We suggest two floral arrangements because of the limitation of the size of the Altar; they cannot block the vision of the altar, the pulpit, the priest or the wedding couple.
- ✓ The floral arrangements will be placed on the floor in front of the Altar Candles.
- ✓ The use of: rugs, ribbons or cords that obstruct the way for those who will come to the front to take Holy Communion are prohibited.
- ✓ The use of: rose petals, rice confetti, soap bubbles, etc...., in the church or in the parking are not allowed due to insurance regulations.
 - Our suggestion is to use those things at the reception hall.

➤ Photos and video-tape

- ✓ We are aware that the photos are important to you. Please, ask the photographer you have hired to meet with the priest or deacon before the wedding. We will indicate to them the assigned areas to take pictures. They should not under any circumstances be in the sanctuary area.
- ✓ They should be professional, discrete and respectful of the sanctity of the celebration.
- ✓ No other persons will be allowed to take pictures or videos.
- ✓ If the celebration begins on time, the priest will allow 15 to 20 minutes to take pictures at the end of the celebration.



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➤ Music

- ✓ The parish organist will be in charge of the music for the ceremony. The couple must get in touch with the organist to coordinate the music. The payment should be arranged directly with the organist.

➤ Other guidelines:

- ✓ Customs: mantilla, rosary, arras, etc. must be consulted first with the priest or deacon.
- ✓ Reverence in the church: the church is a sacred place. We ask the respect and decorum necessary in the sacred church when choosing attire as well as in the way people behave, a manner of silence and prayer must be kept during the rehearsal and during the wedding ceremony.
“Chewing Gum” is not allowed in the church.
- ✓ Punctuality is expected from the wedding party. If the wedding ceremony has yet to commence 15 minutes past the scheduled time, there will be no mass. Any other delay will cause the elimination of other elements such as the music and photos at the end.

➤ First offering as a married couple:

- ✓ Active offering parishioners whom have been registered for a minimum of six months, are required a first offering of \$400.00 and a non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 to reserve the date. The rest of the offering should be brought at least 15 days before the wedding date.
- ✓ Non-Registered Persons, are required a first offering is \$600.00 and a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 to reserve the date. The rest of the offering should be brought at least 15 days before the wedding date.
- ✓ Please, make the check payable to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. We also accept major credit cards and direct payment via bank account.
- ✓ For financial difficulties, please, talk to the priest or deacon.
 - No sacrament is denied at Prince of Peace for lack of economic resources.

Congratulations and Blessings!

Fr. Giovanni Peña
Administrator

Please sign and return to the Parish Secretary.

Groom (Printed name)

Groom's Signature

Date

Bride (Printed name)

Bride's Signature

Date