



REQUIREMENTS FOR WEDDINGS

- ❖ Complete the Prenuptial Investigation (AKA PNI) at least six months before the wedding.
- ❖ Bring updated copies of the baptism and confirmation certificate of the wedding couple {it expires after six months}.
- ❖ Contact the parishes where you were baptized and confirmed and request new certificates (in some Latin American regions you have to specify that the request are for certificates with the intention of, or the purpose of marriage (“proposito de matrimonio”).
- ❖ Choose two witnesses/sponsors for your wedding.
- ❖ Choose the marriage date in coordination and approval of the Priest. The couple can have their wedding on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. or at 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ Bring your document or Letter of your Pre-Marital Retreat (AKA PRECANA).
- ❖ No wedding date is set without the PNI (Pre-Nuptial Investigation) completed.
- ❖ Punctuality on the day of the ceremony is very important! It must be at least 15 minutes before the scheduled wedding time!
- ❖ Be a registered member of the parish:

If you are not yet registered parish members (parents’ registration is not enough). For registration, fill out the Parish Registration Card at the parish office

The couple must be registered and active members (have at least three months of Mass attendance, verified by their envelopes). Which means that they should attend mass every Sunday.

❖ **Pre-Marriage Formation or Retreat (AKA PRECANA):**

For registration and more information, call Mr. Fernando Espinoza at 405-609-7217. The training takes place in the San Jose room (Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) and has a cost of \$40.00 per couple for the expenses of the materials and lunch provided that day. They are given a letter for having completed training or a pre-marriage retreat that will help them obtain a discount on the cost of the marriage license. This letter or certificate is presented to the court when the couple requests their marriage license (one week before the wedding, the license is valid for only ten (10) days) to receive the \$45 discount on the regular \$50 cost. In the U.S., church Marriages are accepted as civil law marriages, unlike in Mexico, where civil and church marriages are done separately. The court will be notified that the marriage occurred at Sacred Heart church. Go to 320 Robert S. Kerr Ave. Oklahoma City, OK, to obtain your marriage license.



❖ **Planning the Wedding:**

All music before, during, and after the ceremony should be appropriate for the church.

1. Schedule an appointment with the Father and the Sacred Heart Parish Wedding Preparation team.
2. The choice of the choirs is at your discretion, we offer the contact of the choir coordinators so that you agree with them.

3. Information about the choirs:

- ▶ Juan Piñón: 7:00 pm Saturday 405-209-4920
- ▶ Juan Alba: 7:30 am Sunday 405-409-9029
- ▶ Socorro Duran: 10:40 am and 1:00 pm Sunday 405-618-3056
- ▶ Carlos Lucio: 2:30 pm Sunday 405-615-7907
- ▶ Luda Martínez: 5:00 pm Sunday: or 405--505-887-4610
- ▶ Oliva Velásquez: Sunday 7:00 pm 405-505-9889
- ▶ Rodrigo Garcia 405-613-2085
- ▶ Ceremony Coordinator: Teresita Piñón: 405-514-458

❖ **Punctuality:** They must be in the church at least 15 minutes before the wedding. The day of the ceremony and the General Rehearsal.

❖ **Rehearsal:** Must start on time. In common agreement with the wedding preparation team

❖ **Bible Readings:** Choose the Bible readings for your wedding and the people to read them, these people should be people who read well in public.

❖ **Decorations and Traditions:**

1. **Flowers:** nothing artificial, just natural flowers and plants. Arrangements must be modest, excessive, or exaggerated arrangements are not allowed, nor arches with flowers, nor chairs in the aisle because they obstruct the view of the congregation.

2. **Candles:** Wax or paraffin candles are not allowed because they drip, especially when the air conditioning or heating is on.

3. **It is strictly forbidden to throw in the church:** rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, or soap bubbles, and inside and outside of the church.

4. **Floor mat:** Not allowed.

5. **Choose** which of these optional rites you want to do at your weddings: Arras, lazos, flowers for the Virgin, medal, prayer book, Rosary, etc.



Photographers: Photographers must be very discreet so as not to distract the congregation or the celebrant, and keep away from the altar or in the side aisles or at the entrance of the Church. They should not use cameras or video recorders with strong light or flash.

Service Fees*:

	Active AND Registered Parishioners	Non-active parishioners or parishioners from other parishes
Use of the church	\$450	\$650
Deposit**	\$100	\$200
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$550</u>	<u>\$750</u>

*Subject to change.

**To reserve your wedding date, you will have to make a deposit, or it will not be refunded if you decide to cancel the Mass. The balance is due no later than 30 days before the wedding date.



GODPARENTS AND GODMOTHERS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The groomsmen and godmothers play an important role in the wedding. So, if you have doubts about how many can make up the wedding procession, here we can give you a guide so that you know how to make up this special group.

Godparents in the civil ceremony?

If you have a civil wedding, we will have to tell you that in this type of wedding, there are no godparents, only witnesses.

Now, if you marry at the church, yes there are. There is a certain number of groomsmen and godmothers for a wedding. The rules for the procession are very strict, only these Godparents are allowed:

The essential godparents

1. **Godparents/Sponsors.** It is about a couple who must also be married by the Church and be a guide for them and a model of the union. They can be parents of the wedding couple, uncles, or friends.

If you are going to follow Central America traditions:

2. **Ring groomsmen.** It can be a couple that you respect and that is also stable, although it can also be a single person or two people.
3. **"Padrinos de arras."** Just like the godparents of rings, they can be either one person or two people. single or a married couple.
4. **"Padrinos de lazo."** They can be sisters, brothers, cousins, or friends. Each member of the couple who is going to get married chooses one. In this case, it is not necessary for them to be married either.

Other Traditions/Practices

On the other hand, there is another type of godparent, for example, the godparents of the Bible, Rosary, cushions, and bouquet, these godparents do not participate in the Procession.

Ladies and Chamberlains of Honor

Bridesmaids and bridesmaids accompany the wedding couple. The limit within our Church is 6 Ladies and 6 Chamberlains.

Other friends and relatives do not participate in the procession.