

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY

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## WEDDING INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

We are honored that you have selected the Cathedral of Saint Mary for your wedding. Please read the following guidelines carefully.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FREE TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING AT SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL.** If either of you have been married before-even if only in Civil Court-it will be necessary to provide documentary evidence of nullity of the previous marriage.

**\*NO WEDDING DATE MAY BE SET UNTIL BOTH PARTIES ARE DETERMINED AS FREE TO MARRY.\***

DAYS AND TIMES FOR WEDDINGS:		USAGE FEES AND DONATIONS:	
Friday	6:30pm	Standard Donation	\$1,000.00
Saturday	1:00pm	Cathedral Organist	\$300.00
	3:00pm	Cathedral Vocalist	\$200.00
	6:30pm		
		<i>Only the Cathedral Musicians are allowed at the wedding ceremony.</i>	

**A \$200.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ALONG WITH BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS NECESSARY** before a date may be secured in the wedding book.

**All fees, donations and documents are required 30 days prior to the wedding or the date will be cancelled.** Payment may be made by check or cash. The deposit is considered a partial payment of the standard donation.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- **RECENT ORIGINAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES** with Church Seal (issued in the last six months) **THESE MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE INITIAL MEETING.**
- Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire (**A Form**)
- Freedom to Marry Witnesses (**B Forms**) (2 for bride and 2 for groom)
- Certificate of Attendance at Pre-Marriage Instruction Class
- Certificate of NFP Class completion
- Catholic Couple Check Up completion
- Marriage License from the State of Florida (*issued 60 days prior to the wedding date*)
- In case of **prior marriage**, one of the following is required:
  - Death Certificate (of former spouse)
  - Decree of Nullity

**All the above Documents must be received at the Cathedral 30 days prior to the Wedding Date.**

**SECURITY:** For additional security at the time of the wedding the couple must make their own arrangements with the City of Miami Police Department by contacting the Special Events Department.

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**WEDDING GUIDELINES AT THE CATHEDRAL**

**WEDDING PARTY:** Dress must be **respectful** and in accordance with the Church environment for all wedding party members. The number of bridesmaids allowed is limited.

**REHEARSAL:** The couple to be married and **all members** of their wedding party **are expected** to attend and **arrive on time** for the wedding rehearsal. The Cathedral Master of Ceremonies will **wait no longer than 15 minutes** for the rehearsal to begin-after that time the Church will be closed, and the ceremony will take place without a rehearsal.

**WEDDING DAY:** The ceremony must begin on time. It is **required** that the groom arrive **45 minutes prior** and bride **30 minutes prior** as well as **all members** of the wedding party. Due to the Cathedral's schedule, the Priest or Deacon will **wait no longer than 15 minutes** for a wedding to begin. **LATENESS MAY RESULT IN A SHORTER OR CANCELLED CEREMONY.**

**FLOWERS:** Only two bouquets are allowed in The Cathedral Sanctuary. No other floral arrangements, runners or carpets are permitted down the center aisle of The Cathedral. No ribbons, candles or small bouquets are permitted on the pews. No rice, birdseed, flower pedals, streamers, balloons, doves, butterflies, or bubbles are allowed in The Cathedral or the outside property. Please note that the flower arrangements are considered a **donation** to the Cathedral and are not to be removed from the sanctuary.

**CULTURAL TRADITIONS:** Rosary (Lazo); Veil (Mantilla); Arras; Flowers to the Virgin are permitted within reason

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** One hour before the weddings scheduled time the photographer and videographer must meet with The Cathedral Master of Ceremonies who will indicate where they can stand-center aisle for processional and recessional and left or right of the sanctuary during the ceremony. They cannot enter the sanctuary area at anytime.

Flash or video lights can only be used for the bridal party's entrance and exit and not during the ceremony. Flood lighting is not permitted nor is there access to electrical outlets. The video camera must remain in a fixed (tripod) position during the ceremony and must be battery operated.

The wedding party cannot be stopped at any time for posed photographs during the entrance and exit. The Cathedral will be available for 20 minutes immediately following the ceremony for group photographs, which should take place in a quiet and reverential manner. No fun poses are allowed at anytime nor can anyone be photographed sitting on the sanctuary steps or floor. Detailed instructions of the photographer/videographer are being provided to the couple with this form and which they agree to deliver to photographer/videographer when contracting their professional services.

**THE CATHEDRAL MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Will conduct the rehearsal and has the authority to make the final decision on what is allowed or not allowed for a Cathedral wedding ceremony. Should the couple have a Wedding Coordinator he/she is only responsible for the non-church related events.

I have read and agree to all of the above wedding guidelines.

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