



Holy Redeemer Parish
1887 Bancroft Drive
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Policies and Procedures for Marriage at Holy Redeemer

Preliminaries

Congratulations on Your Engagement!

First of all, congratulations on your engagement! This is a beautiful and joyful time in your lives, and we are honored that you are considering having your marriage recognized in the eyes of God and the Church.

A Journey Together

It can seem like a daunting process to be married in the Church, but rest assured, I will be with you every step of the way to assist you in completing all the necessary requirements. Together, we will ensure that your marriage is a lasting and meaningful commitment in faith.

What Do You Need?

Parish Boundaries

If you do not live within the parish boundaries (the Minnow Lake area), you will need a letter of delegation from the Catholic Church closest to your residence. Please contact the pastor or secretary of that parish, either in person or by phone, to request this letter during office hours.

If you live outside of the Holy Redeemer neighborhood, you may still choose to get married here. However, please note that if you live within the Holy Redeemer area, you are encouraged to register as a couple on our parish website at holyredeemersudbury.com. If you are already registered as adult parishioners, there is no need to register again. If you are not registered, please complete the online form.

Baptismal Certificates

Both of you will need to obtain a recent copy of your baptismal certificate (not the original). To do so, contact the church where you were baptized and request a copy for your upcoming wedding. If you were baptized at Holy Redeemer, we already have your information on file, so no certificate is necessary.

If either of you was baptized in a Protestant or Anglican church, a letter from that church will suffice. If one of you has not been baptized or is not Christian, we will need to apply for a dispensation from the chancery at a later stage.

Confirmation

While confirmation is strongly encouraged, it is not required to be married in the Catholic Church. If either of you would like to be confirmed before your wedding, please let me know, and we can discuss the possibility.

Marriage Preparation Timeline

The process for a Catholic marriage typically takes at least 6 months. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete all meetings, paperwork, and preparation. We cannot proceed with the wedding until all required documents are on file.

Costs and Fees

Marriage Fee

The cost for a wedding in all Catholic churches in the Diocese is set by the Chancery office and is \$275.00. This fee includes a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit, which is due at the time of your first meeting with the pastor. The full amount covers payments to the church and the priest. You may pay this fee in installments or in full, by cash or e-transfer.

Marriage Preparation Course Fee

In addition to the marriage fee, the marriage preparation course is an additional \$140.00. This fee is payable at the conclusion of your first meeting with the pastor. Shortly after that, you will be asked to select a mentor couple to help guide you through the preparation process.

Music and Musicians

Please note that the music fee is not included in the above fees. Each church-approved musician has their own rate, and they will meet with you to discuss appropriate music for the ceremony. Outside musicians or family members performing at the ceremony are not permitted. We have had unfortunate experiences in the past, which is why we no longer allow outside musicians or singers at the wedding ceremony. Family and friends are welcome to perform at your wedding reception instead.

Special Circumstances

Previous Marriages

If either of you has been previously married and your spouse has passed away, you will need to bring a copy of the death certificate, as well as the marriage license from that previous marriage to your first meeting with the pastor.

Divorce and Annulments

If either of you has been divorced, please contact the pastor before scheduling any meetings to determine if you are free to marry in the Catholic Church. In some cases, an annulment may be necessary before proceeding with the sacrament of marriage. If you have already received an annulment, please bring the nullity decree, the divorce decree, and a copy of the original marriage license to your first meeting.

Confirmation of Wedding Date

Prenuptial Inquiry

The wedding date is not confirmed until the prenuptial inquiry has been completed and both parties' eligibility for the sacrament of marriage has been assessed by the pastor. This assessment takes place during the first meeting, which typically lasts between 45 minutes to one hour.

Contact Information

If you would like to proceed with scheduling your wedding or have any further questions, please contact me by email at **holyredeemer.pastor@gmail.com** or by phone at **705-507-4288**. We will find a time that works for everyone's schedule.

If you choose to marry elsewhere, please know that we will keep you in our prayers and wish you a happy and fruitful life together.

Blessings,

Fr. Sam D'Angelo, CPPS
Pastor, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church