

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life. (CCC 1661)

**Lifelong Union:** The bond of marriage is meant to be permanent: "What God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mark 10:9).

**Love and Fidelity:** Spouses vow to love, honor, and remain faithful to each other for life.

**Openness to Life:** Married couples are called to be open to the gift of children and to raise them in the faith.

**Grace from God:** Through the sacrament, God gives couples grace to live out their vocation with love, patience, and sacrifice., even in difficult times.

**Reflects Christ's love for the Church:** Marriage symbolizes the union between Christ and His Church. Just as Christ is faithful to His Church, spouses are called to be faithful to one another

#### TO BE A VALID CATHOLIC MARRIAGE:

**Free consent:** Both individuals must freely and knowingly choose to marry.

**Intention of permanence, fidelity, and openness to children.**

**Canonical Form:** A valid marriage according to canonical form is one that is celebrated in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church. This implies that the ceremony must be performed before a priest or deacon delegated and two witnesses, and that the contracting parties must freely express their matrimonial consent. At least one of the contracting parties must have been BAPTIZED in the Catholic faith for the sacrament to be valid.

## WEDDING DAYS AND TIMES

Weddings in the Church:

Saturdays

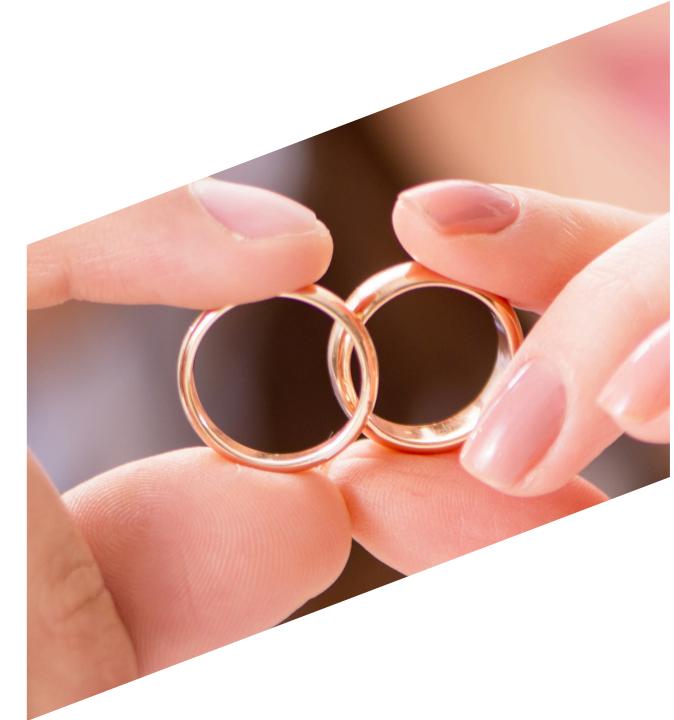
11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Weddings in the Chapel:

Saturdays

12:30 p.m.

The wedding date can be reserved during the wedding preparation period.



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# THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



## MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA



### Couples can:

- Prepare for and celebrate their wedding at this church: St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Prepare for marriage at St. Cyril, then celebrate their wedding at another Catholic church, inside or outside of the U.S.A.
- Prepare at another Catholic Church and celebrate their wedding at St. Cyril of Alexandria

### WHERE TO START:

- Stop by the office during business hours to pick up the packet with detailed wedding information.
- Complete the registration form attached to the packet and bring it back to the office with \$50.00.
- A member of the wedding team will contact you to schedule an appointment to explain the details of the preparation process.

**The marriage process takes  
6 to 9 months to complete.**

### REQUIREMENTS:

- **Attend 1 to 3 meetings with one of the marriage formation team members.**
- **Attend a premarital retreat.**
- **Submit original baptism certificates with a recent date.**
- **Submit First Communion and Confirmation certificates, if applicable. (Neither First Communion nor Confirmation are required to be married in a church.)**
- **Submit a copy of a civil marriage license (if the couple has already been married civilly).**
- **If you have been married in a civil, Protestant, common law, Jewish, non-Christian, or Catholic faith previously, please inform the coordinator. An annulment form may be required.**
- **Depending on the situation, additional documents may be required. Couples will be informed during the first interview.**

### FEES:

Wedding Preparation  
Ceremony at St. Cyril:  
\$50.00 (non-refundable)  
\$750.00 Church  
\$550.00 Chapel

Wedding Preparation at a  
Different Parish  
Ceremony at St. Cyril:  
\$600.00 Church  
\$400.00 Chapel

Wedding Preparation (only) at  
St. Cyril for a Ceremony to be  
held at a different parish:  
\$350.00

Additional Fees Not Included:  
Music  
Donation for the Celebrant

**ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body. - Genesis 2:24