

## WEDDING DAY

- ◆ It is NOT permitted to throw rice, flower petals, confetti, bubbles etc. or have balloons inside or outside the gathering area of the church.
- ◆ Please DO NOT block the access from pew to pew in the middle aisle with decorations such as ribbons, garlands, etc. Access to the pews must be free and open in the mid aisle.
- ◆ Please make arrangements with your decorator or florist to pick up all decorations and make sure to leave everything clean for the next ceremony.
- ◆ Feel free to discuss any concerns on any aspects of the wedding or any problem or need that may occur.
- ◆ The office is here to help you and make sure that the ceremony goes as smooth as possible
- ◆ Please be considerate of your scheduled time. Due to other events in the parish, the wedding ceremony will start on time, therefore be there at least fifteen minutes before your scheduled time.

## MUSIC



*Music for your ceremony is not provided by the parish you must hire a musician if you would like music during the ceremony. The parish office may provide some names that you may contact to hire.*



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## THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Information,  
Ratification & Marriage

The parish community of St. Pius X wishes to congratulate you in your decision to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in our Catholic faith. The parish office and priest will help you during your marriage preparation.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

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- ◆ It is required that each couple planning to get married in the Diocese of San Diego have a minimal period of ninth months for preparation. The necessary time of preparation is different for each couple. *If there have been previous marriages, it will require additional time.* A wedding date cannot be established until you have met with a Priest.
- ◆ The Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated **ONLY** in the Church where the congregation gathers to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It is necessary to give a monetary deposit at the time when the wedding date is reserved. The wedding deposit is non refundable.  
**The remaining balance is due one month prior to the wedding date.**

### Documents Required:

- ❑ You are responsible to contact the church of your baptism within six months to your wedding date and request that a new certificate be issued to you for the process of marriage in the church. (Original is kept in file)
- ❑ First Communion and Confirmation Certificates. If bride or groom are missing the Sacraments of 1st Communion and/or Confirmation and if Catholic, they must attend the RCIA Program to prepare and receive their sacraments before the wedding date, depending on the circumstances.
- ❑ The priest may require a statement under oath from a parent or a close relative of the bride and groom stating that the couple is free to enter into a Catholic Marriage. The priest or deacon will provide the form.
- ❑ The couple must obtain a Civil marriage license from the State of California. The Civil License must be turned in to the celebrant or the parish office within 30 days of the wedding date.

**Remember that witnesses to the Sacrament of Marriage have to be married in the Catholic Faith and must live together.** A copy of their Church Marriage Certificate must be provided along with all needed documentation.

During the nine month period of preparation for marriage, the couple must attend the Pre-Cana Retreat and one of the two other option programs that the Diocese offers.

Register and attend the programs as soon as possible. The couple must bring certificates from the Pre-Cana retreat and from the other program to the parish office.

The Diocese also offers a program for couples who wish to learn more about natural family planning.

At St. Pius X formal weddings are on Saturdays at 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm



## REHEARSAL

- ◆ The rehearsal takes place a day before your ceremony, you must call the office to set up an appointment.
- ◆ Everybody in the wedding party, must attend including the parents of the bride and groom.
- ◆ If you plan to have your wedding video recorded/photograph, you must notify the celebrant as soon as possible. If possible ask the videographer/photographer to be present at the rehearsal to avoid any confusions during the ceremony. Certain restrictions apply to avoid distractions during the ceremony.

## DRESS CODE FOR WEDDING OR CEREMONY OR ANY OTHER CEREMONY IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH.



**Due to the solemnity of the Sacrament of Matrimony, it is required that you dress appropriately for the ceremony. The bride and all her bridesmaids must have their shoulders and cleavage covered (*please do not wear strapless dresses or spaghetti straps*). Bride and Bridesmaids that come dressed inappropriately may not be in the wedding party.**



## DECORATIONS/FLOWERS

The couple can hire the flower shop of their choice. Decorations, flowers or baskets must be provided by the florist or by the couple (bride & groom). No decorations of any kind are allowed on the altar, but can be placed around the sanctuary. **Flowers that are brought to the church have to be removed immediately after the ceremony.**

**No pins, tape, glue, nails, staples or wire on the pews or anywhere that may damage the property**

