

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

1. Marriage preparation is, at a MINIMUM, six months.
 2. The first step of the preparation process is to schedule an appointment with the priest. The couple needs to attend this first appointment together and the date of the celebration can only be scheduled after this meeting. Fr. Refugio, ext. 112; Fr. Salomón, ext. 111; and Fr. Arturo, ext. 103
 3. All Catholic's who desire to get married, must have completed all of the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. They must request from the Church of their baptism an updated Baptismal Certificate with notations (dated no longer than 6 months before the first interview). If the Baptismal certificate does not have notations, then the Catholic parties must bring the documents certifying the reception of the other two Sacraments separately.
 4. The couple must attend a Pre-Marriage course or Pre-Marriage retreat and bring the certificate of completion/attendance.
 5. Bring the Marriage License with the envelope provided by the Court, or the original Marriage Certificate.
 6. The couple must have four witnesses, two witnesses for each party, who have known them the longest. Family is preferable.
 7. Either the Groom or the Bride must be a registered member of St. Joseph; otherwise, letters of permission from the pastors of their parishes will be required.
- If there have been any previous marriages (civil or ecclesial), additional time may be required beyond the 6 months mentioned above.
 - All paperwork and donation must be completed and submitted at least **one month prior** to the date of the wedding celebration.
 - Contact Edy Brown in the office to reserve the Sanctuary and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$50.00
 - The regular schedule for weddings is on Saturday at either 12:00 pm or 2:00 pm.
 - If you are getting married in a different Parish, bring the requirements needed in writing to the priest who is preparing you. (You need to pay \$100 for the wedding process.)
 - If one of the parties is not Catholic, the marriage can still be celebrated. The priest will walk you through the process.

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