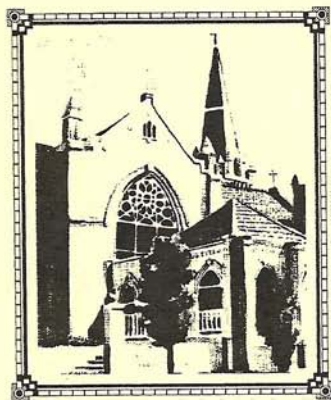


Our Marriage
at
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

414 W. 11th Street
Pueblo, CO



Any Catholic is permitted to use the Cathedral for his/her marriage. In the case of a non-parishioner, he/she must have the permission of his/her pastor to be married outside of their proper parish. The couple must also get their own priest/deacon to officiate at the ceremony; the rector of the Cathedral is not required to do this. A person who claims to be a member of the Cathedral must be a registered member for at least one year before asking to have his/her marriage performed here. The use of contribution envelopes is a proof of membership. In itself, attendance at Sunday Mass is not a proof of registered membership. Certainly, there are always exceptions.

Marriage is a sacred covenant. Celebrating a marriage at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart should enhance the sacredness of your marriage and should be a spiritual event for the couple, families and guests.

As soon as a couple has determined that they wish to be married at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, they should contact the parish office for an appointment. That process will take at least six months, or more, prior to the intended day for the ceremony. Do not make arrangements for halls, caterers, or musicians, until you have a confirmed date.

If you have been previously married, no wedding plans can be made until a resolution of the first marriage is complete.

In order to enhance spiritual significance of the Sacrament of Matrimony the following guidelines are to be observed:

I. REQUIREMENTS

The following must be completed before a marriage can be celebrated at the Cathedral.

- A.) Pre-Nuptial Investigation Form
- B.) Baptismal Records of the Catholic party or parties. These can be obtained from your Church of baptism.
- C.) For Non-Catholic or Non-Baptized parties, verification that they have been baptized, or never have been baptized.
- D.) Any other documents that may be necessary—such as dispensations and annulments—must be presented at the first meeting with the priest.
- E.) Verification of the couple's participation and completion of the Marriage Preparation Sessions or Engaged En-

Encounter as required by the Diocese of Pueblo.

F.) All necessary documentation to contract your marriage in the church must be completed no less than 90 days prior to the date of the intended marriage.

G.) A Colorado Marriage License must be presented to the priest witnessing your marriage.

H.) If someone other than the Rector of the Cathedral is presiding at your wedding, Church law requires appropriate permissions for same.

I.) Priests or deacons not associated with the Diocese of Pueblo need appropriate permission.

II. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A.) **Preparation:** If at all possible, during the preparation time, we prefer to work with the Bride & Groom only. Planning of the wedding is commonly done by a representative of the Cathedral and the couple getting married. Professional Wedding Planners cannot plan the liturgy.

B.) **Times:** Weddings are scheduled at the following times: 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 6:00 p.m. on Friday evenings (depending on the availability of building). Rehearsals times are at 5:00 p.m. on Friday or 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

C.) **Attendants:** The number of attendants should be reasonable. Children attendants should be of an age that they can understand directions and follow them. Toddlers should not be considered for an attending role.

- D.) **Flowers:** Arrangement for flowers is the responsibility of the engaged couple. The Cathedral is opulent and beautiful just as it is. We highly recommend limiting your flowers to two small bouquets or one large bouquet. The area must be kept free for the wedding couple. No flower petals or any other materials are to be thrown on the floor. During the liturgical seasons of the church, the environment stays in place.
- E.) **Floor Runners:** The custom of floor runners is not permitted for safety reasons. Also, no canopies, garden arches or similar items are allowed.
- F.) **Rice and Bird Seed:** Friends and relatives should be informed well in advance that throwing rice and bird seed is not permitted.
- G.) **Photographs/Pictures:** Photographs are allowed during the wedding ceremony—preferably by a professional photographer. Friends and relatives should be discreet in taking pictures during the ceremony. It's preferred that there be one designated photographer. Posed pictures are permitted before and afterwards. All pictures must be taken by 2:45 p.m., because of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- H.) Although a **Unity Candle** is not a necessary part of the liturgical rite, this secular custom may be incorporated into the sacred ceremony.
- I.) **Candelabras/Candles:** The church is an opulent space. Additional candles are not necessary and any additional décor should be cleared with Cathedral staff.
- J.) **Adornment of pews:** The aisles are so narrow that adornment of pews should be considered superfluous and even dangerous. Expensive decorations have been destroyed by unsuspecting guests. The exception would be the adornment of the first pew. At no time may candles or glass be used along the aisles.

K.) **Lasos/Lazos** may be part of the ceremony.

L.) **Dressing Area:** Unfortunately, we do not have a dressing area for the Bride and Groom and their attendants. The restroom in the church is located beneath the steps to the choir loft.

M.) **Alcohol and drinking** is never permitted on the Cathedral property. The Bride and Groom should inform their wedding party and guests that alcohol and drinking is not permitted.

III. LITURGICAL MUSIC

Music is an important part of the liturgical planning. Because your wedding is a sacred event—celebrating a Sacrament—sacred music is the norm.

Liturgical planning, including musical choices, will be Coordinated and finalized with the Director of Music & Liturgy.

IV. FEES

A.) Once you have completed the Pre-Nuptial Investigation Form and it has been determined that you are free to marry in the Catholic Church, you need to confirm the date and time of your wedding with the parish office. Priority of date selection is given to parishioners of the Cathedral—if there is a conflict.

B) The Cathedral provides and compensates from your Church Fee all liturgical ministers needed for any wedding. ***The Basic Fee for all services is \$390.00.** The Basic Fee covers the following:

Cathedral Parishioners

Presider	\$100.00
Organist	\$ 75.00
Cantor	\$ 75.00
Sacristan	\$ 25.00 for liturgy \$ 15.00 for rehearsal
Church Utilities	\$100.00
Total:	\$390.00

**These are our fees for our personnel.
Outside personnel may charge more.**

Non Parishioner Fees

Presider	\$100.00
Organist	\$ 75.00
Cantor	\$ 75.00
Sacristan	\$ 25.00 for liturgy \$ 15.00 for rehearsal
Church Fee	\$400.00
Total:	\$690.00

Fees approved by the Rector and the Parish Council.

C) Additional musicians may be added with the approval of the Cathedral Director of Music & Liturgy. The cost of additional musicians is paid by the couple and is not part of the basic fee for all services.

(D) You must meet with the Cathedral's Director of Music & Liturgy three months before the wedding in order to plan the liturgy.

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