

## Wedding Day Guidelines

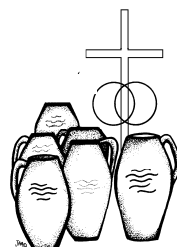
We request that you and your photographer, videographer and florist review our guidelines and policy agreement for your wedding day. The agreements must be signed and returned to us two months prior to your wedding. If there are any questions you may call our parish wedding coordinator.

We request that there be no aisle runners, rice, confetti, birdseed or flowers thrown in or around the church. We allow three large bouquets of flowers, one each on the far sides of the altar (not in front of the altar) and one at the ambo. This will be discussed with our parish wedding coordinator at your appointment. Pew bows are allowed but must be secured to the pews with rubber bands only, no adhesive, tacks, glue, tape, etc. All flower boxes, bows, etc. must be removed immediately following the ceremony. It is the responsibility of the couple's family to ensure the church is clean and ready for use by others.

The entire wedding party is requested to arrive at the church no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the wedding in their wedding garments. The wedding party usually greets the guests and the grooms' attendants usually function as ushers. If the bride does not wish to take part in this ministry she will be escorted to a designated area by our parish wedding coordinator.

The marriage license and wedding rings must be brought to the wedding rehearsal. This will relieve any problems of forgetfulness the day of your wedding. Your rings will be locked up securely.

*Jesus performed his first miraculous sign  
at the wedding feast of Cana.  
May He be a guest at your wedding and  
remain in your marriage always.*



## Customary Fees & Offerings

- Members of Resurrection Catholic Community \$850.00
- Members of another parish \$950.00
- Preparation only \$250.00
- Preparation done elsewhere \$750.00
- Chapel Ceremony & preparation \$500.00
- Chapel Ceremony, preparation done elsewhere \$400.00

The following is included in the \$850.00 and \$950.00 fees:

- Worship area & parish priest for your wedding and rehearsal.
- Consultations with the pastor, as needed
- Four marriage preparation sessions with our Deacon which includes music planning
- One parish accompanist and one parish cantor to provide music for your wedding celebration. (Other instrumentalists are available for additional cost).
- Parish Wedding Coordinator who will assist you with any questions and will be present at both the wedding and rehearsal
- Parish Acolyte, Parish Eucharistic Minister(s), Parish Lector(s), as needed

*Please Note:*

- A \$100.00 deposit is necessary to secure the wedding date. This fee will be applied towards the total fee.
- If there are financial difficulties with any of the fees please contact the pastor.
- If you make arrangements for a visiting priest/deacon to preside at your ceremony you will need to make a donation to him directly. This fee is not included in the church fee.

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# Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Celebrated at Resurrection Parish



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## *Congratulations!*

Congratulations on your decision to be married! Resurrection Parish Family and the entire Church rejoices with you and wish you God's blessings. This special event marks the beginning of your married life together. You have found each other, you have taken the time to know each other, to grow in love for each other, and now you are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. We hope the following information will assist you in your preparation for your wedding.

## *Marriage Preparation*

You will begin by meeting with the Pastor or Deacon at least six months before your proposed wedding date. You will also need to schedule at least two more consultations with the parish priest to discuss your faith journey, required documents, and the planning of your wedding ceremony.

## *Scheduling the Time of the Wedding*

The date and time for your wedding celebration can only be booked after consultation with the Pastor. One wedding each Saturday is scheduled between 11:00 AM at the earliest and 1:00 PM at the latest. Weddings are never scheduled on Sundays, or on Holy Days or Holidays. Weddings are not celebrated between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, according to the Church's liturgical guidelines.

## *Engaged Encounter*

You will be asked to participate in a weekend retreat, conducted by the Engaged Encounter Ministry of the Diocese of Monterey which runs Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Reservations should be made well in advance as the dates fill quickly. The weekend fee is not included in the church fee. You may register for the weekend online and check for available weekends at [www.mcee.org](http://www.mcee.org). We will also provide you with the registration form.

## *Deacon*

Resurrection Parish will provide you with a minimum of four marriage preparation sessions with our Deacon. These sessions will include a pre-marital testing program.

## *Musicians/Cantor*

Resurrection Parish will provide a cantor and accompanist for your wedding celebration. You will need to schedule an appointment with our Deacon, to choose appropriate music for your wedding in the Catholic Church. If you are considering using someone other than our parish musicians and/or cantor it must be discussed with our Deacon before you make any arrangements.

## *Parish Wedding Coordinator*

Resurrection Parish will also provide you with a parish wedding coordinator. You will need to schedule an appointment with our wedding coordinator at least one month prior to your wedding. The wedding coordinator will be present at your rehearsal and wedding to assist you with any of your needs. An Acolyte (a member of our parish who will serve at the altar during your wedding), Eucharistic Minister(s), Lector(s), will be scheduled by the parish wedding coordinator as needed.

## *Rehearsal*

A time for the wedding rehearsal will be set at your first meeting. Rehearsals are necessary. We ask that you make sure that all members of the wedding party, including parents, are present and that they arrive on time.



We know this may be a very hectic time and we want you to relax and enjoy every moment of your preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. To help you we have included an appointment check list. This will help you make appointments in a timely matter. If you have any questions please feel free to call us.

## *Appointment Check List*

<b>Pastor: (As needed)</b>	
Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
<b>Engaged Encounter</b>	
Date:	Time:
<b>Deacon:</b>	
Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
<b>Parish Wedding Coordinator:</b>	
Date:	Time:

Please call (831) 688-4300 to schedule your appointments.

