



**The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**  
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**Congratulations!** We at Christ the King Parish rejoice in the love you have found for each other and in the Lord. We hope that the following basic information will make the planning for your wedding as stress-free as possible. As you move forward, you'll need to contact the Parish Office at 508/586-1575.

A few things to keep in mind:

- **Previous Marriages:** Should either party have a previous union of any kind (civil, another faith tradition, etc.) it must be addressed *before any plans* can go forward for a subsequent marriage. Please contact the parish priest or Deacon as soon as possible to rectify the situation.
- **Wedding Bookings:** To book a wedding, it is necessary for both parties to meet with the parish priest no later than six months before the hoped-for wedding date. Please contact the parish priest or Deacon to set up and appointment.
  - **Phone Inquiries:** It is a diocesan policy that no weddings can be booked over the phone, nor can even a tentative date be suggested.
- **Wedding Times:** The normal times set aside in the parish calendar for weddings are Saturdays at 11:30am, 1:30pm or 5:15pm. (Regrettably, no Sunday weddings are possible due to the mass schedule, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm and 6:00pm.)
- **Marriage Preparation:** At the initial meeting with the parish Priest or Deacon, you will be given the necessary marriage preparation information.
- **Wedding Liturgy:** The wedding liturgy can be *either* a Ceremony or a Nuptial Mass. (Nuptial Masses are usually for those who regularly attend weekend mass at their parish.) The determination of a Ceremony or a Nuptial Mass will be decided with the parish Priest or Deacon at the initial meeting.
  - **Wedding Liturgy Questions:** Many questions arise surrounding the Wedding Liturgy, such as “Can a family member sing at the wedding?” or “What about small children in the procession?” and other similar questions. Please feel free to download this PDF file, [Marriage Preparation – Supplement](#). It will answer many common questions that we have compiled over the years and help with your planning.

Thank you and again, congratulations!