

## Marriage at Holy Rosary – Saint Richard Church

### **\*\* Preparation & Agreement \*\***

To ensure that the engaged couple has adequate time to prepare seriously, contact with the church must be made at least six months in advance of the couple's wedding date, and conclude no closer than eight weeks before the date. Nine months to one year is ideal. This preparation time is not just a "waiting period" for the ceremony, but rather an important, teachable moment in preparation for the lifetime journey on which the couple is about to embark.

### **WELCOME:**

We invite you to actively participate in a parish, become a member, attend Sunday Mass, and make the sacraments and the Christian faith a foundation of your future together. Experience reveals, and research confirms, that "the rate of satisfaction in marriage is higher for husbands and wives when both regularly maintain religious attendance and feel that God is the center of their marriage." †  
If you are Catholic and not yet Confirmed, then it is best to talk with your priest so you can start to get involved in a parish RCIA program (that you may begin but may not be completed until after your wedding date). The lack of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not impede marriage. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also recommended before your wedding. Your pastor will discuss options for receiving this sacrament. Remember that there is no sin that God is not eager to forgive. Participation in this sacrament can become a significant moment of grace in your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony fruitfully.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Meeting with the priest - Form A
- Recent Original Baptismal certificate with notations
- Freedom form (notarized) - Form B Marriage Preparation

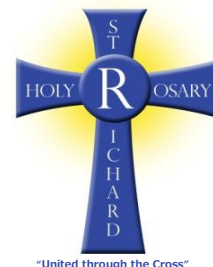
### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

- Fully engaged (Compatibility Inventory)
- "Camino del Matrimonio" (English or Spanish): Contact Dwayne Clein (305) 226-4664, email: [caminodelmatrimonio@gmail.com](mailto:caminodelmatrimonio@gmail.com) or,
- "Transformed in Love": Contact Susana Diaz (305) 762-1127

For additional information on marriage preparation, visit the [Archdiocese of Miami](#)

- "Natural Family Planning": one hour and 30 minutes online class. To register please visit [Natural Family Planning Course](#)

The Compatibility Inventory, the Pre-Marriage Retreat, and NFP must be completed within three months after the initial Wedding Application has been submitted to the Parish.



**MARRIAGE LICENSE:**

Couples wishing to get married in Florida may make an appointment to apply for a license online or in person, please keep in mind the license is valid for 60 days, so please make the proper arrangements.

**DO NOT MARRY CIVILLY BEFORE THE CHURCH WEDDING:**

Please DO NOT marry civilly before the church wedding. If you get married before the church wedding, you will have to wait one year before getting married in the church. If you have an immigration issue and must get married civilly, you must first speak to our Marriage and Family Coordinator.

**Holy Rosary – St. Richard Church reserves the right to cancel the reserved date and scheduled ceremony if the requirements are not completed in time.**

**NOT PERMITTED:**

Unity candles, rice, flower petals, sparklers, bubbles, confetti, pets, and/ or anything of the like are NOT permitted anywhere on Church property. Aisle runners are NOT permitted. Photographers are not allowed on the Sanctuary Altar.

**CHURCH DONATION (Flowers and Music are not included):**

Marriage Ceremony: \$1,000. Convalidation Ceremony (married couples) & Preparations\*\*: \$500  
Donation schedule: non-refundable 50% upon reservation/signed agreement and the remaining donation two weeks before the ceremony or before mailing the complete package. Thank you for your generous offer.

Make a check payable to HRSR Church or make a secure online donation at [GIVE ONLINE](#).

**MUSIC (NO OUTSIDE MUSIC IS ALLOWED):**

The Music fee is \$400; \$450 if an additional cantor is requested.

For music arrangements please contact our Music Minister **Marie Sleppy at (786) 208-2286**.

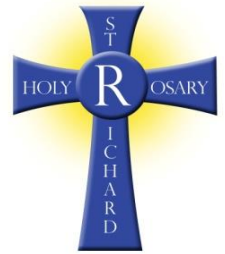
The payment should be dropped at the parish office two weeks before the ceremony. *Make check payable to Yane Marie Sleppy.*

**DAY, TIME, AND REHEARSAL:**

Our wedding ceremonies are scheduled on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. The Wedding Ceremony and rehearsal MUST begin promptly.

There is NO Mass for couples with a disparity of cult, (Catholic and non-Catholic), married couples, or couples without the sacrament of Holy Communion. Only a ceremony will be performed.

\*\*Please consult with your marrying Priest and Church regarding all your pre-cana requirements.



"United through the Cross"

**Rehearsals** are normally scheduled by our **Sacristan Sharon Bauer**, on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the week of the wedding depending on the activities of the Church, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. She will be contacting you and will be there to help you during your rehearsal and the actual wedding day. Since she is a volunteer for the church, we suggest a donation be paid by you at the time of your rehearsal. If you need to contact Sharon, please call **305-253-6726**.

### **READINGS:**

The church will provide options for The Readings during the Liturgy. Please coordinate with the Marriage and Family Coordinator. (Optional)

### **AREA FLORISTS: (suggestions)**

- Blooming Gardens (305) 256-2772 - Cutler Bay, FL
- Bud Stop Florist (305) 255-0330 - Palmetto Bay, FL
- Hirni's Garden Florist (305) 661-6266 - Pinecrest, FL

### **DRESS CODE:**

Your wedding day is a very special one and hopefully, will be remembered for many years to come with happy memories. Bride and Bridesmaids must remember, however; that the wedding is not just a time to party but an important Sacrament, and what is appropriate for the Church. Any dress that shows cleavage, a low cut, backless gown, or miniskirt even though beautiful and fashionable for certain affairs, may not be worn in Church. If a bride is wearing a strapless dress, the veil should cover the shoulders.

If a bride has questions regarding proper attire, should check with our Sacrament Coordinator before purchasing any dresses. These guidelines apply to readers, witnesses, and other people participating in the wedding ceremony. They too must wear appropriate attire for Church.

### **FLOWERS:**

The florist may place two bouquets on the back of the altar, one bouquet by the altar (table), one bouquet by the ambo, and one bouquet by the pulpit. No other decorations or additions are allowed on the altar.

For safety reasons and cleanliness, we do not allow standing arrangements with candles for the center aisles, trees, or potted plants. You may place flowers at the end of the pews. Please be sure not to use any material or gadgets that may harm or damage the pews. Only string, thin rope, or flower clips may be used to attach flower arrangements to the pews. Linking the pews together with ropes, ribbons, tulle, or anything else that prevents easy entry/exit to the pews is not allowed. No other decorations are permitted on the pews and if you bring anything else, we will not allow the florist to put it up. To secure the safety of your guests, we cannot permit any type of aisle runners, carpets, or paper rugs. Your safety and the safety of your guests are important to us.



**Note to Couple:** Please follow up with your preparer and celebrant so that there are no problems with your wedding.

## WEDDING CEREMONY OUTLINE

- Entrance Procession
- Welcome by the Presider
- Old Testament Reading
- Responsorial Psalm (Musical Arrangement)
- New Testament Reading
- Gospel & Homily
- Consent & Exchange of Vows
- Blessing and Exchange of Rings
- Eucharist (when applicable)
- Final Blessing
- Exit Procession

**I have read and clearly understand Holy Rosary - St. Richard Church guidelines.**

We know that our marriage date is tentative until we fulfill the entire necessary paperwork (i.e., sacramental records, letter of permission, etc.), attend “Transformed in Love” or “El Camino del Matrimonio”, as well as participating in the Compatibility Inventory, i.e., Fully Engaged.

The Pastor reserves at any time the right for any spiritual or canonical reason to postpone or cancel this wedding date. In such a case, we agree to release Holy Rosary - St Richard Church from all expenses, losses, or harm incurred by us.

Name of the Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of the Groom:* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name of the Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of the Bride:* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**\*\* For Internal Use Only \*\***

DATE OF MARRIAGE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH OF MARRIAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage: ( ) Convalidation: ( )

DEACON/PRIEST: \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

For any questions, contact the Marriage & Family Coordinator:

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