

### Wedding Program

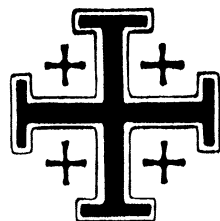
The couple may wish to prepare  
an outline of the ceremony  
for guests to follow  
It may be helpful to include a map  
to the reception.

For Photography Guidelines and Florist  
Guidelines, please refer to the separate  
agreements which must be signed  
and returned by the appropriate persons  
at least 30 days prior to the wedding.  
Thank you

*Lord God, Source of all love,  
the wise plan of your providence  
has brought us together.  
As we prepare ourselves for the  
Sacrament of Matrimony  
and pray for your grace,  
grant that, strengthened by  
your blessing, we may grow in  
our respect for each other and  
cherish one another with a  
sincere love.*

*We ask this through  
Christ our Lord,*

*Amen*



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### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY WEDDING GUIDELINES

#### PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The usual period of spiritual preparation for  
marriage is between 8 and 12 months.

The pastor of the church where the  
wedding takes place is permitted to reduce  
that time only slightly for very serious  
pastoral reasons.

The Diocese of San Diego offers a half day  
*Pre-Cana Conference* and the  
*Engaged Encounter Weekend* with an  
option of *Evenings for the Engaged*.  
Since these programs are in demand,  
reservations must be made as soon as  
possible.

The pastor will provide information.

#### THE WEDDING

##### PLACE

Catholics recognize marriage as a  
sacrament.

Since sacraments are symbols of the sacred,  
with rare exception we celebrate weddings  
only in our church (capacity 450)  
or our chapel (capacity 40).

##### DAY AND TIME

Saturdays, 10:00 am or 2:00 pm.

## **WEDDING LITURGY COORDINATOR**

The Wedding Liturgy Coordinator meets with the couple to prepare the wedding ceremony, conduct the wedding rehearsal and oversee the placement of flowers, decorations, etc.

## **DOCUMENTS**

Certificates of Baptism (for Catholics) issued/dated within six months prior to the wedding.  
Prenuptial Questionnaire: completed in the presence of the priest.

Marriage License: presented two weeks prior to the rehearsal. For information contact San Diego County Administrator, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway, San Diego (619) 237-0502 ([www.sdarcc.com](http://www.sdarcc.com)) or North County Branch Office, 334 Via Veracruz, San Marcos. Hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday, holidays excepted.  
Fee: \$50.00, cash only.

## **EXPENSES**

### **For registered parishioners:**

Offering to Nativity Parish: \$1,500 including \$550 non-refundable deposit

### **For non-parishioners:**

Offering to Nativity Parish \$2,500 including \$550 non-refundable deposit.

Professional fees for musicians:

Organist: \$200

Musician (s): \$200 each

Wedding Liturgy Coordinator: \$200

A personal offering for the priest is expected. The amount is at your discretion.

## **MUSIC**

The parish organist and music director is responsible for all music arrangements. Wedding music respects the musical traditions of this parish and the religious character of the ceremony as a sacred event. Secular wedding marches, folk, guitar or pre-recorded music are not allowed. Additional musicians, if desired, must be contracted through the parish music director at least 60 days prior to the rehearsal. Please do not engage any soloists or other musicians prior to this meeting. All musicians' fees are due at the rehearsal.

## **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Video-recording of the ceremony is permitted from a fixed point outside and to the right of the altar area. Please see the separate form for Photography Guidelines that must be signed 30 days in advance of the wedding. **All photos in the church must be completed within 30 minutes of the ceremony.**

## **FLOWERS, AND DECORATIONS**

Placement of all flowers must be approved in advance. **Flowers, ribbons or candles are not to be attached to the pews.** The church furnishes an arrangement for the weekend Masses, which you are welcome to use this arrangement. If you choose your own florist we request that you leave the altar flowers for the enjoyment of our parishioners. To leave the church in good order for the use of others, please do not use rice, confetti, flower petals, bubbles, or bird seed. Since aisle runners can cause accidents, they are not allowed.

## ***Wedding Policy:***

***At least one family must be members of our parish.***

***If you are not a registered and active parishioner at Church of the Nativity, then we encourage you to pursue marriage and preparation for marriage at the parish where you attend Mass and are active in the community.***

***In the Diocese of San Diego, couples should plan on a nine month (minimum) period for marriage preparation.***

