



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Marriage Classes

***“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7***

You have been created by God but do you know and love God? What’s God’s plan for humanity and your marriage? Do you understand the meaning of the Sacrament of Matrimony? What’s the difference between a promise and a covenant? What does Theology of the Body and Natural Family Planning mean to your marriage? Why does God want married couples to procreate new life? Do you really understand and agree with God’s intention for a life-long marriage?

These and many more questions will be answered during the Catholic Marriage classes before you enter into a sacramental marriage. The Catholic Marriage classes will

- educate you on Catholic Teachings for Marriage
- help you to grow lovingly and spiritually toward God and each other
- prepare you for a “forever” Catholic marriage

Very exciting stuff, right?!! Catholic Marriage classes are mandatory for all couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church. They are also offered for married couples who were unable to receive this type of class prior to their wedding ceremony. The Pre-Cana Ministry will schedule Catholic Marriage classes in the winter and late fall of each year at St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church.

Cost

\$50 per couple

Agenda

Catholic Marriage classes will cover ten topics:

What’s Love Got to Do With It?

Our Father’s Plan for Marriage, Version 1.0

Theology of the Body

Critical Communication, Conflict Resolution and Forgiveness

Family Is Everything

Those Cute Little Critters

Figuring Out Finances

Christ First

Deeper Unity for a Thriving Marriage

‘Til Death Do Us Part...DO YOU MEAN IT?



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Schedule

Five 2.5-hour classes, with a break, will be offered on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The final schedule will be determined according to the need and availability of the couples. Snacks will be provided. Please bring your own water.

Catholic Marriages classes will be held in the **Verhagen building** across from the Church and are scheduled as follows:

2026 Catholic Marriage Classes ... \$50/couple

Saturdays: Jan 24 & 31, Feb 7...2:00-4:30

Wednesdays: Jan 28, Feb 4 & 11...5:00-7:30

Please contact Jim and Kathy at pre-cana@stritainthedesert.org to register for Catholic Marriage classes. Be prepared to provide your names, phone numbers and email address upon registration. All materials will be provided for each couple. All you're required to bring is a loving heart and an open mind to each class!

You are strongly encouraged to attend weekend Masses together.

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Matthew 19:6