



Bride and Groom Preparation Only
Registered and Active or Domicile Parishioners

Wedding Guidelines

Preparing at Saint Mary Cathedral to marry outside of the parish

- **Wedding Guidelines** must be reviewed and signed by both bride and groom.

- Couple to **submit to weddings@smcaustin.org**

Process - All non-English documentation must be officially translated at the couple's expense.

- Complete/submit online Intake Form
- Submit
 - Baptism Certificate
 - Catholic: contact parish where you were baptized and request **a certificate with notations**
 - Non-Catholic: a current letter from the church where you were baptized
 - Submit a copy of your birth Certificate
 - Required Documentation
 - Priest or Deacon
 - if one member of the couple is not baptized or not baptized catholic
 - if either member has a **previous marriage that has not been annulled**
 - Submit a copy of
 - civil marriage license
 - final civil divorce decree
 - Catholic marriage preparation packet
 - if either member has a **previous marriage has been annulled**
 - Submit a copy of
 - copy of final annulment decision from diocese
 - copy of civil marriage license
 - copy of final civil divorce decree
 - Visit with clergy for PreNuptial Assessment (1-hour)
 - Clergy will issue approval to proceed; set date/time, receive payment in full
 - Bride-to-be and Groom-to-be will emailed information for online Inventory
 - Couple to complete an online Inventory
 - Couple to attain notarized signature of Affidavits/Freedom to Marry (2-each)
 - Couple to visit with clergy to review results of online Inventory and submit Affidavits
 - Couple will attend a marriage preparation retreat
 - Additional meetings with couple may be requested
- **Marriage packet/process** to be completed
 - 3-months before date of wedding if marrying within the United States.
 - 5-6-months before date of wedding if marrying outside the United States.
- **Marriage packet Completion**
 - Letter of Permission, Letter of Delegation, and additional diocesan documentation will be prepared and included in the marriage preparation packet
 - Marriage preparation packet will be mailed to the Diocese of Austin, Tribunal Office for processing
 - Austin Tribunal office will mail to the (Arch)Diocese of the parish where you will marry
 - The (Arch)Diocese will mail to the parish where you will marry.