



Wedding Contract

The Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred and solemn ceremony. Before any wedding ceremony is scheduled at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, both the prospective bride and groom must agree to the following conditions. Both parties must initial each paragraph and sign the contract before returning it with the required initial nonrefundable deposit of \$350.00. A parishioner is a person who is registered and a contributing member of St. Hyacinth for at least one year prior to scheduling a wedding date. Failure of any person to comply with these requirements may result in the cancellation of service.

1. Marriage License: The license must be presented to the priest or deacon at the time of the final meeting to coordinate the wedding, which will be at least one week (7 Days) prior to the wedding. If it is not provided at that time the ceremony will not take place.
2. All required fees must be paid at least 60 days prior to the rehearsal.
3. St. Hyacinth has a zero tolerance for alcohol on the premises unless you have a signed contract for the Parish Hall and have followed the guidelines on the Alcohol Addendum.
4. There are many events scheduled at St. Hyacinth. To avoid schedule conflicts, rehearsals and wedding ceremonies must begin and end on time.
5. Rehearsals are ONLY for those involved directly in the wedding (e.g. bride, groom, attendants, lectors, parents). All others are asked not to attend the rehearsal so that this time of preparation may be done with speed and clarity.
6. *Flash photography is not allowed at any time during the ceremony* either by professional photographers or friends and family. Pictures may be taken before the ceremony and after depending on the time of day. Video recording must be done from fixed locations during the ceremony. (Please refer to the Wedding Guidelines booklet)
7. All music must be prepared well before the ceremony. Pamella Pitman will assist in choosing appropriate music. Outside musicians must be approved through Ms. Pitman. Music should be selected at least 6 weeks prior to wedding date.

8. Programs/Worship Aids prepared for use at the ceremony must be approved in advance by your Sacramental Coordinator, who will be assigned to you once your special date has been determined.

9. The Bride's Room/Nursery is large enough to accommodate the bride and a reasonable amount of attendants. Please keep all articles including makeup bags, hair dryers, etc. in the bride's room. **We recommend the groomsmen arrive at the church already dressed since we do not have adequate space to provide a large room for them.**

10. The Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred ceremony. The nature of the ceremony requires that the dresses worn by the bride and her attendants be of modest nature. Hence, please use good judgment when choosing your attire. If at the time of the ceremony the presider or parish Sacramental Coordinator judges that any dress is inappropriate, they have the right to cancel the ceremony. (If there are questions regarding the appropriateness of the bride's or attendant's dresses, please contact the office.)

11. The deposit is nonrefundable once the wedding has been scheduled. Fees to musicians (Organist/Keyboard & Cantor) are included in the \$700 Wedding Fee. A *free will offering* for the priest or deacon who officiates can be given directly to the presider.

12. The wedding party is responsible to ensure the facility is left in the same condition as when the ceremony began. All trash (flower boxes, etc.) must be removed. The condition of both the Bride's room and the Groom's room must be returned to normal. If any furniture is moved it must be returned to its location. No property of the church (kneelers, stands, etc.) is to be moved without permission.

13. No food or beverage other than water is allowed in the church prior to, during or after the ceremony.

14. All procedures outlined in the wedding guideline booklet must be followed without exception.

We hereby agree to the terms stated above.

(Printed name of the Bride)

(Printed name of the Groom)

(Signature of the Bride)

(Signature of the Groom)

(Date Signed)

(Date Signed)