

Wedding Cancellation

If your wedding is cancelled for any reason 60 days or more in advance of your wedding date, your deposit will be returned except for \$100.00. If your wedding is cancelled less than 60 days in advance you will forfeit your deposit.

It is the hope of the parish that these policies will assist you in preparing for marriage and celebrating your wedding. If you have questions, please contact the parish office. Send all correspondence to the mailing address below.

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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



Marriage & Wedding Policies

+ Diocesan Regulations for the Diocese of Boise

+ Parish Policies and Guidelines

Diocesan Regulations

All marriages must comply with the laws of the Roman Catholic Church

- + A minimum of four (4) months preparation is required for all couples planning to celebrate a Catholic wedding.
- + A firm date for a wedding cannot be set until the completion of the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry. During this period all required documentation and permissions are Determined, explained and completed so that the proper permissions and delegations may be obtained.
- + All couples are required to complete a marriage preparation process. The process may include a pre-marriage inventory test, mandatory marriage preparation program, and preparation for the wedding celebration. The couple is to prepare spiritually through prayer, scripture and participation in the Mass and sacraments. The Catholic member(s) need to be registered in a Catholic parish.
- + The normal place for a wedding celebration is the parish church of the bride or groom unless there are extenuating circumstances. Weddings may not take place outdoors. The Bishop must grant permission for a wedding to take place in a church other than a Catholic Church.
- + Visiting clergy must have diocesan approval before witnessing at any wedding in Idaho. Proper delegation and permission must be obtained.
- + Since marriage is a part of the Church's liturgy, the music should be the same kind as used on Sundays. Only sacred music may be used in a Catholic wedding.

Parish Policies

- Ceremony Time:** Most weddings take place on Saturday and are scheduled between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Weekday weddings are allowed. All Saturday weddings that include a full nuptial Mass must begin no later than 2:00 pm.
- Rehearsal:** The rehearsal generally takes place the evening before the wedding. This is scheduled with the parish office according to the church calendar.
- Visiting Clergy:** When initially arranging a wedding, the names, addresses, and phone numbers of any clergy who will assist with the wedding must be provided to the parish. All clergy must be approved by the diocese and be given specific permission/delegation by the Pastor in order to witness the wedding.
- Deposit:** A deposit of \$250.00 is required to secure your requested date.
- Invitations:** Invitations should not be ordered until a firm wedding date has been established with Our Lady of the Snows.

Alcohol, Food and Tobacco: These are not permitted in parish buildings or the parking lot at any time. Violation of this policy will result in the forfeiture of your deposit. Please be sure your wedding party is aware of this policy. (Exceptions may be made for receptions in the Parish Hall).

Furniture: No furniture except flower stands may be moved without permission from the pastor.

Candle and floral arrangements: The wedding party or florist is to consult with the parish about use and placement of these items. Unity candles are not to be used.

Dressing Area: A room is available on the lower level for the bride and her attendants. Restrooms are also located on the lower level.

Birdseed/Rice/Petals: Nothing can be dropped or thrown either in the church or on church grounds prior to, during, or following the wedding.

Clean-up: This is the responsibility of the wedding party. All things brought into the church, dressing area, kitchen, hall and parking lot need to be removed promptly at the end of the service. Please leave the parish facilities as you found them.

Important Information

Seating: The church will seat up to 250 in pews. Temporary seating can be set for a total of 315 guests. You must arrange with the parish for extra seating.

Receptions: The Parish Hall, patio garden (seasonally) and kitchen are available for receptions.

Pew Bows: Pew bows must be of a hanging style with no tape or tacks, and must not hinder entrance into the pew.

Piano/Organ: The parish has both of these as well as a sound system.

Other Ministers: Other ministers who are not Catholic are welcome to take an appropriate part in the wedding ceremony; however it is required that the Catholic clergy member preside over the exchange of vows.

Preparation Booklet: The couple will be given a booklet at their initial meeting with the parish representative to assist them in the preparation of their wedding ceremony.

Professional Assistance: Choose musicians, florists, photographers and professional wedding coordinators who have knowledge of and experience with Catholic weddings. A list of local professionals is available in the office and on our website.