

**TERMS TO RECEIVE
THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE IN THE PARISH**

1. PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS:



- 1.1. **Talk to the priest** six months ahead of time to separate the date of the wedding
- 1.2. Bride and Groom must be **at least 19 years of age**.
- 1.3. Bride and Groom are required to present their **Baptism Certificates** (dated no more than 6 months previously on the first appointment with priest).
- 1.4. International Weddings: a fee of \$80 to FedEx the papers to your country, and a donation of \$100 made out to Corpus Christi Catholic Church.
- 1.5. After the first appointment with the priest, the couple **must attend one of the following preparatory meetings**: https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=MFL_Events
 - a. "Transformed in Love" offered in the Archdiocese. For more information please call (305) 762-1127.
 - b. "Camino al Matrimonio" for couples now marrying civilly and in church. For more information call (305) 226-4664.
- 1.6. Bride and Groom are required to **complete the "Fully Engage" questionnaire**. The priest will explain how it is done, and will give you more information during the appointment.
- 1.7. FAMILY PLANIFICATION: <https://ccli.org/>
- 1.8. Bride and Groom are required to present a copy of their **Marriage Certificate** if already married civilly.
- 1.9. Bride and Groom are required to present a copy of their **divorce papers** if either has been divorced. There is an additional payment for this, through the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Miami.
- 1.10. The couple is required to present a **Marriage License** before the date of their wedding. This license is obtained from Miami-Dade County, Monday to Friday, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM in the County Office. This license is valid for 60 days. For more information, you may call at (305) 275-1155 and then press #5 to Marriage Licenses Department.

Central Marriage License Bureau	601 NW 1 st CT (19th Floor)	Room 1900
North Dade Justice Center	15555 Biscayne Blvd.	Room 100
Joseph Caleb Center Court	5400 NW 22 nd Avenue	Room 103
Miami Beach	1130 Washington Avenue	Room 200
South Dade Government Center	10710 SW 21 th Street	Room 1200
Coral Gables	3100 Ponce de Leon Blvd.	
Hialeah	11 East 6 th Street	Room 100

2. DAYS FOR WEDDINGS:



Weddings are celebrated on a weekday, except Sunday.

3. DATE OF WEDDING RESERVATION:



The date is reserved after the couple has spoken to the priest and have presented their Baptismal Certificates, and a deposit of \$100 (see attached sheet for the wedding donation).

4. REHEARSAL:



The person who is in charge will have a rehearsal with the couple the week of the wedding. (Please ask at parish office the telephone number of the person in charge of the rehearsal and also a copy of the wedding readings).

5. DECORATIONS:



- 5.1. Two (2) flower arrangements are permitted in the sanctuary
- 5.2. Ribbons, tulle, or laces are not permitted on the pews. Flower arches, or anything that's needs to be nailed, glued or taped to the floor or pews are NOT permitted.
- 5.3. Other decorations will be permitted due to other religious occasions by the church..

6. RICE, PETALS, ETC.:



It is not permitted to throw rice, seeds, and flower petals inside or outside of the Church

7. PHOTOGRAPHS - VIDEOS:



- 7.1. One (1) photographer and one (1) video camera operator are permitted. They will photograph and film from either side of the sanctuary during the celebration. They will speak to the priest before the ceremony to agree on what is appropriate.
- 7.2. The couple may continue to take picture photographs with family and friends after the ceremony for the duration of 30 minutes.
- 7.3. Payments for photos and videos is the responsibility of the couple.

8. MUSIC SERVICE IN THE LITURGY:



- 8.1. The marriage liturgy can be performed without music, but if the couple wish to accompany the ceremony musically, they **must hire the music director of the parish**. Contact him directly through the parish office, check his availability and fill out the attached form well in advance.
- 8.2. **Other Musicians:** In case the couple wish to hire another person or group for the musical service, they **must pay \$150 to the music director** so that he or someone delegated by him can supervise the proper use of the equipment and instruments of the parish during the ceremony. Payment must be made directly to the music director at the time of making the other payments established by the parish for the wedding.

9. TRANSMISSIONS ON THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL:



The transmission service is usually available with reservation in the Mother Church, in the Chapel "Ntra. Sra de la Merced "and in the Chapel" El Señor de los Milagros ". Transmissions will have an additional cost of **\$100**.