

Most Holy Trinity Parish

Congratulations on your engagement! Through the Sacrament of Matrimony, God's love becomes present to you in your total commitment to each other.

What do we require?

1. **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE:** Issued within **six-months before** the wedding. Contact the church where you were baptized, give them your name, the (approximate) date of your Baptism, the father's name and mother's maiden name.
2. **CERTIFICATES OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** If you don't have them, the church where you were baptized should have your records. They will annotate them on the back of your baptismal certificate.
3. **WITNESSES:** One person per party. Parent, relative or long-time friend.
4. **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** There are courses sponsored by the Diocese of San Jose. You may find information [here](#).
5. **FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory:** A recommended process to help couples discuss issues like communication, problem-solving, religion, dual careers, parenting, intimacy, and finances.
6. **WEDDING LICENSE:** Secure a license through the County [here](#). Bring the wedding license to office at least one week before the wedding.
7. **FEE:** The church offering for registered parishioners is \$1,000.00, with an initial non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to reserve the date. For those who are not registered, the offering is \$1,500.00 with an initial non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.

You are considered registered if you have been in our records for at least six months. You should have been making donations with regularly (weekly, monthly) or have been actively involved with at least one of our ministries.

The wedding date will not be confirmed until the deposit is received. The balance should be paid at least one month before the wedding.

What about preparations for the wedding?

- **WEDDING DATE/TIME:** We don't schedule weddings on: Sundays, Solemnities, during the Paschal Triduum, All Souls Day, during the Lent and Thanksgiving weekends, and from the weekend before December 25th to the weekend after January 1st. Exceptions for weddings during Lent can be allowed by the Pastor.
- **REHEARSAL:** Please make arrangements with the priest.
- **MUSIC:** Contact the Director of Music, Sal Rojas, at least one month before your wedding (srojas@mht-church.org 408-234-9428).
- **OTHER CELEBRANT(S):** Please discuss this during your first interview.
- **FLOWERS:** Be mindful that there can be other weddings that day. Please remove your flowers afterward. No tape, tacks or staples on the pews.
- **PHOTOGRAPHS:** The photographer must meet with the priest before the ceremony.
- **RESTRICTIONS:** No throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, or flower petals as they can be hazardous to those walking.