



*So we have come to know
and to believe that God has for us.
God is love, and whoever
abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him.*

1 JOHN 4:16





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YOUR WEDDING



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YOUR MARRIAGE IS HOLY

The wedding you are now beginning to plan is, in the view of the Catholic Church, a **significant religious event**. This is true not only for you as the Bridal Couple, but also for the entire parish community. Your wedding will engage the assembled community in celebrating your love as it is consecrated and sealed in the Rites of the Church. Before God's altar, the priest/deacon and the Church, you will be pledging your love to each other in the bond of life-long fidelity. This is the beginning of your journey together through life in Matrimony.

Your wedding is a religious experience for both you and the Church. It is important from the very early stages of wedding preparation to focus as much attention on the details of the marriage ceremony in the Church as on other important aspects of your wedding day. The entire Parish Wedding Team is available to assist you in preparing for the wedding: **Priest, Wedding Coordinator, Minister of Music, Organist**. The wedding team is primarily concerned with helping you to view the wedding as a religious event and as a life-long commitment to one another. It will help you to create a ceremony that will be both joyful and dignified and that will speak clearly to the assembly of the religious nature of the wedding celebration.



THE ENGAGEMENT AND INITIAL PREPARATION

As soon as possible, after announcing the engagement, call the Parish 510-315-7001 {Pastor} or 510-344-8825 {Associate}) and arrange an appointment with one of the priests or deacons. Do this **BEFORE YOU SET A WEDDING DATE!** This must be done at least six months before the wedding. At this first interview, the priest will advise you that certain documents must be obtained for both bride and groom.

1. **A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE** (for Catholics, issued within the last year)
2. **A CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE** (for Catholics only).
3. **A PERSONAL PRE-MARRIAGE STATEMENT** (Form A).
4. **A WITNESS TESTIMONY** (Form B) usually given to one of the parents testifying to the freedom of the parties to be married. This document is to be filled out and signed by a Catholic Priest.
5. **DISPENSATION FORM** to be filled out for marriages between a Catholic and someone who is not a Catholic.
6. **IF CONVALIDATION** – a copy of the Marriage Certificate
It is also at this first interview with the priest or deacon that a **definite date** will be arranged and the program for Marriage Preparation will be discussed. Come prepared to ask the priest any questions you might have about the preparation.

PLACE OF WEDDING

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The times for weddings:

Saturdays: 12:00pm or 2:00pm

If on other days, please discuss with the Pastor.

During the Pandemic, capacity of the Church is around 250 guests.

Weddings may not take place in any other location than this.



PREPARATION PROGRAM:

You are to take part in both the Preparation Programs described below.

1. FOCCUS AND EVALUATION:

To be done possibly before The Evenings for the Engaged.

2. EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED: TBA

Pre-marriage Class:

Deacon Steve & Corri Budnick deacon.steve.budnik@gmail.com

Deacon Larry & Lily Aseo larryaseo@gmail.com

Oscar & Carmen Garcia – Spanish prax061268@gmail.com

[Mimi Streett](#)

Marriage and Family Life Coordinator
Department for Evangelization and Catechesis
510-267-8392



PLANNING THE WEDDING CEREMONY

Even though these months before the wedding are very busy for you and your families, it is important to reflect on what kind of wedding ceremony **YOU** want. It should be **YOUR** wedding (not some other one that you attended) and **YOU** have to plan it that way. You should meet with the Wedding Coordinator to plan your wedding ceremony - **at least 4 weeks before the wedding**. They will have insights to offer on the readings, vows, the nuptial blessing, the prayers, etc. **DO NOT** hand over the wedding to others to plan. It is **YOUR** wedding day. **YOU** are the ones who can personalize it so that the whole ceremony speaks of who you are and what your relationship means to each other.

Before you meet with your wedding coordinator, you have to have done your own work in the Marriage Ceremony book, which your priest will give you.

The Wedding Coordinators will help you plan your wedding within the guidelines established in the Parish. The priest performing your ceremony must personally approve any exceptions to those guidelines in writing. Please check with the Coordinator about questions you may have regarding the ceremony.

Please remember to contact the Wedding Coordinator 6 weeks before the wedding to arrange a meeting to finalize the wedding ceremony.



ARRANGING FOR THE MUSIC AT YOUR WEDDING

Because your wedding ceremony is going to be one of the most important religious events of your lives, it is important, also, that the music you choose is appropriate for a religious celebration in the Church. All couples marrying at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish should confer with a priest, deacon, or wedding coordinator for help to develop a music program for your wedding. A list of musicians follows and the fees for their services will be decided **by them**. They are to be paid directly. If a vocal soloist is wanted, arrangements with the organist/pianist must be coordinated.

If you are having a Nuptial Mass, please be sure to use one or two of our parish musicians. Other musicians can be used for weddings without a Mass.

Suggested Musician

Joe Albano – Vocalist	(510) 299-5391
Jorge Zepeda	(510) 593-6253
Salvador Suarez	(510) 896-5052
MARIACHI Mexicanisimo	(510)487-3991



DECORATIONS AND USE OF THE CHURCH

A Catholic Church is a sacred space, and so it must be treated with reverence and respect. Please observe the following policies in our church:

FLOWERS

Flowers are a very important factor in planning a beautiful wedding ceremony. But they are also expensive. Therefore, in an effort to economize without diminishing beauty, be sure to contact the **WEDDING COORDINATOR** to see if you can cooperate with the Parish Florist. The **WEDDING COORDINATOR** is also able to assist you in selecting other wedding items that can enhance the beauty of your wedding. Displays may be taken for the receptions.

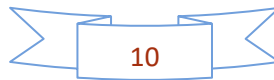
****Your wedding flowers for the ceremony may include up to four (4) arrangements – 2 will be placed next to Center Tabernacle; 1 will be placed under Our Lady of Guadalupe’s frame and 1 will be placed under the Crucifix. Only real, fresh flowers or live greenery may be used. Once used on the altar, flowers must remain there and cannot be used for the reception or other purpose. There is no Space for any additional candelabra or other floral arrangements.**

PEWS

Nothing is to be taped to the pews - neither flowers, nor ribbons, bows, etc. Pipe Cleaners (**not wire**) should be used in making bows. This will protect the pews from any scratches. **NO GLITTERS CAN BE USED AT ALL TIME.**

So-called **Candlelight Weddings** are **not allowed** in Church because of danger to the carpet and flooring.

No Runners are permitted in the Church.



FLOWER GIRL AND/OR RING BEARER

If you wish to have young children participate in your wedding ceremony as a flower girl or a ring bearer, the child(ren) must be **at least five years of age** and be well behaved. They will sit with relatives during the actual wedding ceremony. Only 2 or 3 flower girls and/or ring bearers will be allowed in the wedding procession.

The Unity Candle

The use of the Unity Candle is optional. You will need to supply the candles (one large and two smaller candles) and candle holders.

PHOTOGRAPHS

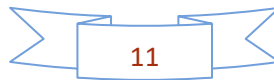
Photographers may take whatever pictures they wish as the wedding procession is taking place and as the Bride and Groom leave the sanctuary after the wedding ceremony. However, Non-Flash pictures may be taken during the wedding without excessive distracting movement.

Video Cameras are to be placed in a stationary position as directed by the wedding coordinators and/or the presider at the wedding and are not to be moved during the ceremony at all. No special lights are to be used.

The wedding party may return to the Church after the ceremony for some posed pictures - **(15 minutes only)**. **Please inform photographers of this information.**

COUNTING DOWN: THE WEDDING REHEARSAL

The wedding rehearsal will usually be conducted by the Wedding Coordinator. It is usually held on a Thursday evening, although it can be any night of the week. **PLEASE BE ON TIME** for your rehearsal as another program might be booked after you. **Rehearsals are usually held either 5:00pm or 6:00pm**



PLEASE BRING THE MARRIAGE LICENSE issued by the County to the wedding rehearsal, together with the special envelope provided. Be sure to discuss with the Wedding Coordinator any special plans you might have for your wedding. If you make no requests, he/she will presume you want to follow the usual procedures.

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

The groom's party should be in Church no later than **Thirty minutes** before the time of the wedding in order to usher guests to the seats. **The bridal party may use St. Leonard's Room.**

Please ask the Maid of Honor and Best Man to see the presider in order to sign the Marriage License right after the wedding ceremony. They are the official witnesses to the wedding.

Promptness

It is essential that the rehearsal and the wedding (one hour) start and end on time.

Please be mindful that our parish has other events which occur in the church and that the priests and musicians have other responsibilities. **Tardiness may put the celebration of your wedding at risk. Parties have to leave the church at designated time frame.**

Mass: 12:00 pm

(Church availability: earliest arrive at 11:30am and leaving by 1:20pm)

Mass: 2:00 pm

(Church availability: earliest arrive at 1:30am and leaving by 3:20pm)



Rice, confetti, birdseed, glitter, Flower petals etc. are not to be thrown in or outside the Church or on the premises.
It is very dangerous and can be of liability concerns.

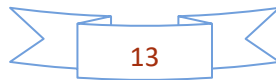
Clean up

Please arrange to have someone stay after the wedding to pick up anything left on or in the pews. We appreciate your care of this beautiful & sacred space. Courtesy demands that boxes, bows, ribbons, etc., be removed from the Church before the wedding party leaves for the reception. The Church is thus clean and ready for the next Celebration.

FEE POLICY FOR THE WEDDING CEREMONY

For Marriage Preparation for a wedding that will take place outside the parish boundaries the offering to the parish for the paperwork is \$150.00.

Stipend can be paid by check payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, cash, or Credit Card.



STIPEND

Marriage offering to the Parish when Paperwork done elsewhere	\$350.00
Marriage Offering to Parish – with preparation and marriage	\$650.00
Marriage paperwork here with Wedding elsewhere	\$150.00

**Musician & Florist are paid separately
Please make arrangement directly**

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEDDING PARTY
TO LEAVE THE CHURCH AND THE
PREMISES IN CLEAN AND ORDERLY CONDITION**

**A NOTE FOR VERY YOUNG COUPLES GETTING MARRIED
AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH**

In addition to the above regulations and procedures, there is a special marriage preparation program in effect in the Diocese of Oakland for anyone who has not reached his/her 20th birthday by the date of the wedding. Please speak with your priest if this requirement applies to you.

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Dn. Larry Aseo Lily Aseo	510-377-5572 510-673-0855

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES
ON CHURCH PROPERTY**

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