MARRIAGE INFORMATION

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The Sacrament of Matrimony

'The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.'

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 1601

Requirements for Marriage

The Celebration of the Sacraments provides opportunities for reflection and renewal.

We ask that you please contact us at least a year in advance of your date. For all couples who are planning to get married here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church or those who are planning to do their marriage preparation here and get married at a different parish, the first step is the mandatory Marriage Orientation. It is offered on the third Thursday of March and September each year.

There are three class components:

- <u>A weekend Marriage Retreat</u> (Saturday/Sunday) through the Archdiocese. It is offered throughout the year.
- Natural Family Planning Classes. They are held on Sunday mornings, once a month, for three months here at our Parish.
- <u>Christ-Centered Marriage Preparation Classes</u>. They are held on the first three Monday nights of May and November here at our Parish.

After completion of the retreat and classes, there is also required documentation.

- Baptized Catholics will need to submit a current Baptism certificate, not dated older that six (6) months or a one (1) year from the current date.
- Marriage candidates will also need to submit copies of any previous:
 - Marriages
 - Annulments
 - Divorces, or
 - the death of a spouse

Scheduling

To check on the status of a date, you can call the office at 210-688-9033 Monday through Friday.

To secure your date and time on our calendar, you can put down a deposit to hold it. The cost categories are as follows:

COST

1. Contributing Parishioners:

There is no cost to parishioners who have contributions of \$600.00 or more in the last calendar year. A \$50.00 deposit is required and payable at the time the reservation is made. This deposit will be refunded after the wedding. If you cancel less than six months before the wedding the deposit will be forfeited.

2. Parishioners who do not fall into category #1 and Non-Parishioners
A \$500.00 fee is required to cover the cost of utilities and janitorial
expenses. A minimum \$50.00 deposit is required and payable at the time the
reservation is made. If you cancel less than six months before the wedding
\$250.00 will be refunded.

For any other questions, please call the office at 210-688-9033 or send an email to saclaret@saclaret.com.