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SETTING THE WEDDING DATE & TIME

Wedding liturgies are celebrated at St. Timothy's on Saturdays at 10:00am, 12:00 noon, and 2:00pm. On occasion it is possible to have weddings celebrated another day of the week; please consult with the priest or deacon who is assisting you to determine availability. Rehearsals are held on Thursday or Friday evenings, at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. These are scheduled and conducted by the parish wedding coordinators.

Please contact the Wedding Director, Stephanie Perez (949) 347-9618, as soon as you've confirmed your wedding date to arrange for a rehearsal time, and to answer any wedding day questions.

The wedding may take place during Mass or without a Mass. If one of the parties is non-baptized, the wedding will be celebrated without a Mass. If one of the parties is a baptized Christian (though not Catholic), the couple must discuss with the priest as to whether it would be appropriate to have the wedding with a Mass or without. In any case, the marriage is valid and legal, with or without a wedding Mass.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Since marriage celebrates the unbreakable commitment between a man and a woman who are free to make this mature decision in the community of believers, certain documents are required to establish your sacramental status within the Church, your freedom from any previous unions, as well as sworn statements attesting to your clear understanding of the nature and responsibilities of Christian marriage. The following are the required documents:

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

Catholics must present a *new copy* (obtained within the last six months) of their baptismal record. This can be obtained by simply contacting the parish where the baptism took place and asking for a new document.

A baptized, non-Catholic Christian is requested to present a copy of their record of baptism, but it does not need to be new. A copy of a family record will suffice if none is available.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Catholics are to present copies of the certificates that were given at the time of reception of these sacraments. Copies of the originals are acceptable. The sacrament of marriage is *not* denied because of lack of Communion or Confirmation.

FREEDOM TO MARRY FORMS

Each party is to have 2 notarized “freedom to marry” forms. The priest will explain this document.

CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Pre-marriage preparation programs and classes are sponsored by the Diocese of Orange. Upon completion of the program you will be given a certificate, which must be presented to the priest or deacon.

LITURGICAL PREPARATION TOGETHER FOR LIFE

At one of your meetings with the priest or deacon, he will give you a booklet titled *Together for Life*. This will help you plan your wedding celebration.

CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSE

This is obtained from the County Court and is valid for 90 days from the date of issue. This license, along with the return envelope, civil marriage certificate must be given to St. Timothy’s 30 days prior to the wedding.

South County Branch Office
Laguna Hills Civic Center
24031 El Toto Road, Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
714-834-2500
Office Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm

County Clerk Recorder’s Office
211 West Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701
714-834-2500
Office Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm
Monday through Friday

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage is cherished by the Church and the Church provides preparation for it. While reflection and in-depth sharing of your future together has already begun, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Orange offers further opportunities for you to reflect on your life journey with each other. This is the time for specific, focused marriage preparation. With the assistance of trained married couples you will be encouraged to explore your love, commitment and expectation as well as the understanding of the Church in regard to marriage. This is the time for reflection to appreciate the truly sacred and life-giving character of marriage.

FOCCUS

The “Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study” pre marriage inventory is to be completed as one of the first steps in marriage preparation. Couples are to contact Ray Weaver, MA, LMFT at (714) 371-6050 who will explain the inventory and how to set up an online session to complete and then will meet with you in his office to go over the results. The cost of this is \$150.00 and the payment is made to Ray Weaver. Ray will then share the results with the priest or deacon with whom you are meeting for marriage preparation.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Participation in one of the pre-marriage preparation programs sponsored by the Diocese of Orange is a requirement. The two principal programs are:

***CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER OR *DEANERY MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

The priest or deacon with whom you are arranging your wedding will advise you as to the structure, costs and format of each program. Upon completion of the program you will be given a **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION** which must be presented to the priest or deacon. It is advisable that your choice of preparation program should be completed two to three months prior to your wedding date.

Each priest or deacon will also enter into further additional personal preparation with you. This may take the form of periodic discussion-meetings with the two of you, perhaps a formalized questionnaire, etc. In some instances the priest or deacon working with you may discern a need for outside counseling from a professional marriage therapist/counselor. This would, for example, be the case if either party in the proposed marriage is under 21, if there is a pregnancy involved, if the couple has not known each other for a substantive amount of time (1 year or more) or some other issue which is critical in the eyes of the priest or deacon working with you. Your understanding and acceptance of this further preparation will be a keen indicator of your overall maturity and willingness to embrace the sacrament of marriage.

Information regarding the Catholic Engaged Encounter can be found by calling Linh and Luan Dang, (714) 881-1085, or email: CEEweekend@gmail.com or you may register online at www.eeweekend.org

DONATIONS & FEES

CHURCH

There is no charge for the Sacrament of Marriage, yet it is customary to offer a donation to the Parish for the use of the church and the maintenance of the parish facilities. The offerings made to the church on the occasion of a wedding should be in proportion to the cost of the entire wedding and reception.

- The customary minimum donation for registered parishioners of St. Timothy's Catholic Community is \$400.00.
- The customary minimum donation for non registered couples who live in the Diocese of Orange is \$500.00.
- The customary minimum donation for those who live outside the Diocese of Orange is \$600.00.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required to reserve the date and time for the church. The remainder of the donation may either be delivered to the parish office or given to the wedding coordinator 30 days prior to the wedding date.

An additional minimum donation of \$50.00 is to be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Parish for outreach services to those in need.

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Our wedding coordinators offer their time and energy to make certain that all runs smoothly at the rehearsal and during the wedding celebration. They will assist the couple prior to the wedding with final ceremony plans, answer questions and familiarize the couple with the church protocol. Your wedding coordinator will schedule a meeting to plan the details for your ceremony, arrange and run the rehearsal and will be present the day of the wedding, preparing the church in advance, and coordinating all the activities of the day with the florist, photographer, musicians, clergy and all the participants in the wedding. For these services, our wedding coordination fee is \$275.00, payable to the coordinators directly and is due thirty days in advance of the wedding.

Please note, all weddings must have a church coordinator present. If you have hired an independent wedding coordinator, please have him or her contact the assigned church coordinator as soon as possible so they may partner together and clearly establish their areas of responsibility.

The Wedding Director is Stephanie Perez (949) 347-9618; StephaniePerez@cox.net

ALTAR SERVERS

It is customary to give the altar servers a donation of \$10.00 each and this fee may be given to the Wedding Coordinators at the rehearsal, or in advance, for distribution the day of the wedding.

PRIEST AND/OR DEACON

There is no donation expected for the services of the Priest or Deacon for presiding at your wedding.

MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

As you begin the process of arranging for the musical component of your upcoming wedding celebration, please read carefully the following information. This provides an overview to the planning process in preparation for your meeting with our wedding music coordinator and alerts you to the guidelines for music in the Diocese of Orange.

Music is one of the most important elements of the wedding liturgy because it draws your guests into the celebration and sets the tone. The music that you select for your wedding must be religious and liturgical in nature so that a spirit of prayer and celebration strengthen the assembly's expression of faith. We do not permit the use of secular music within the context of the liturgy because it expresses private feelings of individuals. Liturgical music by its nature, expresses the public, religious faith of the celebrating community. To assist you in making these selections you will have the opportunity to walk through your planning with our wedding music coordinator.

MUSICIANS

St. Timothy Catholic Church has very qualified and professional musicians available to provide music for your wedding. They work together regularly, are familiar with Catholic liturgy and are accustomed to the equipment and environs of the church. Because of these factors, outside musicians will not be permitted.

Fees for all musicians will be collected no later than three weeks prior to your wedding. The fee schedule is as follows:

- Wedding Music Coordinator's Fee: \$35.00
- Cantor: \$150.00
- Piano accompanist: \$175.00
- Additional musicians (vocal ensemble, strings, brass, harp, flute, etc.): TBD - rates vary

APPOINTMENT

After a date and time for your wedding have been secured at St. Timothy Catholic Church, please contact our wedding music coordinator to begin the planning process. It is the couple's responsibility to call for an appointment. Music planning must be completed two months prior to the wedding date.

Our Wedding Music Coordinator is:

Lauren McCaul

Contact information: Cell (949) 697.8297, fax (714) 546.2036

Email: laurenmccaul@hotmail.com

In this wedding folder you will find a copy of our suggested wedding song list and CD. Please take time to review these materials and make tentative selections before your music planning appointment. You are not restricted to these selections however, all selections must be sacred in nature, appropriate for the liturgy and approved by the wedding music coordinator. No taped or CD music will be permitted.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEDDING MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

SEATING OF THE MOTHERS/PRIEST AND ATTENDANTS PROCESSION

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| 1. Air on the G String | Bach |
| 2. Canon in D | Pachelbel |
| 3. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring | Bach |
| 4. Prelude in C | Bach |

BRIDE'S PROCESSION

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| 5. Bridal March | Wagner |
| 6. Trumpet Voluntary | Clarke |
| 7. Trumpet Tune | Purcell |
| 8. Alleluia from <i>Exsultate, Jubilate</i> | Mozart |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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| 9. I Have Loved You (Psalm 24) | Joncas |
| 10. The Earth is Full of the Goodness of God (Psalm 33) | Haugen |
| 11. Taste and See (Psalm 34) | Haas |
| 12. My Soul is Thirsting (Psalm 63) | Angrisano |
| 13. Forever Will I Sing (Psalm 89) | Bolduc |
| 14. Blest Are Those Who Love You (Psalm 128) | Haugen |
| 15. O Blessed Are Those (Psalm 128) | Inwood |
| 16. Our God is Compassion (Psalm 145) | Haas |
| 17. Let All Praise the Name (Psalm 148) | Haas |

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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| 18. Celtic Alleluia | Walker |
| 19. Alleluia – Mass of a Joyful Heart | Angrisano |

* PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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| 20. Breathe | Barnett |
| 21. Here I Am | Booth |
| 22. Set Me as a Seal | Maher |
| 23. The Gift of Love | Hopson |
| 24. The Servant Song | Gillard |
| 25. Wherever You Go | Haas |

* COMMUNION

26. Gift of Finest Wheat	Kreutz
27. Here I Am To Worship	Hughes
28. How Beautiful	Paris
29. Make Us a Eucharistic People	Smith
30. One Bread, One Body	Foley
31. The Fragrance of Christ	Haas
32. The Supper of the Lord	Rosania
33. Ubi Caritas	Hurd
34. You Are My King (Amazing Love)	Foote
35. Your Love Is Extravagant	Evans

MARIAN SONGS

36. Ave Maria	Schubert
37. Ave Maria	Bach-Gounod
38. Holy is His Name	Talbot
39. Hail Mary: Gentle Woman	Landry

RECESSIONAL

40. Wedding March	Mendelssohn
41. Ode to Joy	Beethoven
42. La Rejouissance	Handel
43. Hornpipe from <i>Water Music</i>	Handel

This is a sample of music available to you. We will always try to accommodate any special requests and needs that are in line with our liturgical music guidelines.

To schedule an appointment please call Lauren McCaul, Wedding Music Coordinator at (949) 697-8297.

** For a wedding ceremony outside of Mass you do not need to choose from these categories.*

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Floral arrangements are commonly used to enhance the beauty of the church environment. Please review the Florist Guidelines (separate letter to the florist). The seasonal decorations of the church need to be respected and go untouched. The banners, cross, candles, furniture or art and environment pieces are not to be removed or changed. Please discuss with your Priest or Deacon what thematic elements may be present in the church at the time of your wedding so that you are not surprised. For example Advent will have a hanging Advent Wreath, Christmas will be decorated in whites and gold, and Lent will usually see a heavy use of purple in the church, Easter Season will be in whites and gold. Again, the overall art and environment of the church is not to be changed.

A special information sheet is included in this packet to be given to your florist. It is imperative that you review it with your florist in your planning meeting. This sheet will help to avoid any misunderstandings and ordering any unusable flowers or décor. Please know that we will adhere to the policies the day of the wedding.

For your safety, and those of your guests, the throwing of rice, rose petals, birdseed or confetti is not permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Photographs and video recordings are permitted during the wedding ceremony. Please note that NO flash photography or video cameras with spotlights are allowed during the liturgy. Two video cameras are allowed but must remain stationary throughout the ceremony. This packet includes an information sheet which must be given to your photographer and videographer. It outlines St. Timothy's photography and videography guidelines. Some Priests and Deacons have been known to stop the wedding ceremony if a photographer is interrupting or violating the sacredness of the wedding. Please review the guidelines with your photographer so that there are no misunderstandings.

No formal photography is allowed in the church. After the wedding ceremony family members and wedding party may take formal pictures on the patio and lawn.

If you are doing a program, this is a great place to advise your guests that no flash photography is allowed. We suggest:

“We request that our guests respect the dignity of the Church's liturgy and the sacredness of the sacrament by turning off cell phones and refraining from the use of flash photography during our wedding ceremony.”

DEAR FLORIST,

Marriage, in the Catholic Church, is a sacramental ceremony. You, as the florist for this couple's wedding, will contribute greatly to the spirit of the worshipping assembly by your artistic contribution. To facilitate your role in the wedding, and ensure there is no misunderstanding regarding St. Timothy's policies on flowers and decoration, this information sheet is being provided to you. Please read through the entire sheet at this time and contact the couple's wedding coordinator if there are any questions.

FLORIST GUIDELINES:

- Floral arrangements are only to be placed in the church sanctuary – no more than (2) two arrangements are allowed. The Wedding Coordinator can help you with appropriate placement behind the altar.
- We do not allow anything on top, in front or to the sides of the altar. Please remember that the flowers are intended to accent the wedding ceremony, not the other way around.
- Pedestals are available in white or terra cotta and are provided by the church if the florist is not providing; simply advise the Wedding Coordinator if needed.
- Delivery of flowers should be no more than one hour prior to the wedding ceremony.
- As weddings take place throughout the entire year, there may already be church decorations, flowers, banners or thematic sculptures in place. These are not to be removed, covered or tampered with. It would be wise to consult with the bridal couple regarding their selection of colors to ensure that there will not be an obvious clash with what will already be present in the church. I dropped the Palm Sunday line Floral pieces ought not conflict with the church environment but accent and support it.
- Candles are not allowed.
- No bows, garland nor flowers are allowed on pews or chairs.
- Floral arrangements are not allowed down the center aisle.
- The use of an aisle runner is not permitted.
- Throwing of rice, rose petals, birdseed or confetti is strictly prohibited.
- All flowers are to be removed immediately following the ceremony.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DEAR PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER,

A Catholic wedding is a sacred time in which the couple unites their love with the love of God. In order to maintain this sense of the sacred and to facilitate your role as the photographer or videographer for this wedding, we offer the following guidelines. To ensure there is no misunderstanding regarding St. Timothy's policies, please read thru the entire sheet at this time and contact the couple's wedding coordinator if there are any questions.

Please observe the basic "Line of Sight" rule throughout the wedding ceremony, which means, if the guests can see you, you're in the wrong place. To be specific, avoid the following areas:

- Any part of the sanctuary
- Inside the Blessed Sacramental Chapel
- In front of any seated guest
- The aisle between the front row of pews and the sanctuary.

Areas the photographer may use:

- In back of church
- Discretely in the side areas and aisles, (keeping in mind the previously stated "Line of Sight" rule) respecting the needs of musicians
- In the center aisle, behind the last row of people

NO flash photography or video spotlights are allowed during the ceremony.

Move only during the times of transition in the ceremony, that is, when the wedding party moves. Please remain stationary at all other times.

Under NO circumstances may you stop the wedding procession or recessional for photographs.

No formal photography is allowed in the church. After the wedding ceremony family members and wedding party may take formal pictures on the patio and lawn.

All questions should be referred to the Wedding Coordinator or Priest and you must defer to their directions.

Some priests and deacons have been known to stop the wedding ceremony if a photographer is interrupting or violating the sacredness of the wedding.

We ask that all who work here act in a responsible and respectful manner using good judgment in observing the sacredness of the event and the community gathered in prayer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CHECK LIST FOR BRIDE & GROOM

6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR IN ADVANCE OF WEDDING:

Meet with Priest or Deacon to schedule your wedding date. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of scheduling to be confirmed on the Church calendar.

AS SOON AS A WEDDING DATE IS ESTABLISHED:

- Arrange for FOCCUS pre marriage inventory
- Return to Priest/Deacon
 - Testimony of Freedom to Marry
 - Baptismal Certificate
 - Catholic – new copy issued within 6 months of your wedding;
 - Non-Catholic does not need to be a new copy
 - First Communion/Confirmation Certificates for Catholics
- Register for Engaged Encounter or Marriage Preparation Classes
 - For classes, register with the Diocese
- After completion of Engagement Encounter/Classes, schedule second meeting with Priest/Deacon.
- Contact the Wedding Director, to schedule your rehearsal date & time.
- Contact the Wedding Music Coordinator

AT LEAST THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING:

- Book Florist, Photographer & Videographer –
Ensure you provide these vendors with the St. Timothy's Wedding Guidelines
- Begin choosing liturgical options from Together for Life – Scripture Readings, vows, prayer of the faithful, etc.

NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE WEDDING:

- Finalize options from Together for Life and provide completed form to your Priest/Deacon and your Wedding Coordinator.
- Schedule final meeting with your Priest or Deacon to discuss the ceremony and completion of paper work
- Finalize wedding details, seating & processional with Wedding Coordinator
- Deliver Civil Marriage License with Envelope to Priest or Church Office

PAYMENTS DUE AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO WEDDING:

- Balance of Fees due to the Church
- Payment to wedding coordinators, altar servers, musicians & vocalists