



ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH

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Wedding Arrangements & Guidelines



Contact Father at Mass

Come to Mass after any of our masses, introduce yourselves, and express your interest in being married in our Parish.



Booking your Wedding Date

The date will be set after you meet with Father and complete the initial paperwork with him.

We have two times for weddings: Saturdays at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Other dates can be arranged.



Required Documentation

Baptismal Certificate: Catholic individuals must provide a Baptismal certificate from the Parish where they received the Sacrament of Baptism. If you were baptized at St. Clement's Parish, please share the baptismal date so we can find the certificate in our archives.

* Non-Catholic Christians must provide proof of baptism.

Marriage License: It can be obtained from City Hall at least **four weeks** before the wedding. Please submit it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Pre-Marriage Preparation

Pre-Marriage Course: To register, visit our website [here](#)

Prepare-Enrich Questionnaire: A guided discussion tool to explore important marriage topics (e.g., finances, communication, faith, conflict resolution). The questionnaire is:

- Administered via email by the Diocese of Hamilton Family Life Office.
- Typically, it takes 45 minutes, with one or two one-hour follow-up sessions.
- Complete the provided form for submission to the Diocese.



Meeting with Father

To plan the ceremony, rehearsal and discuss the Prepare Enrich questionnaire results



Music & Musicians

Only sacred music is permitted; no secular music (e.g., opera, film scores, pop songs). Couples must meet with the Parish Music Director, Michael Taylor to discuss and develop an appropriate line-up of music for the ceremony:

- Phone: (905) 299-5013
- Email: mtaylor@hamiltondiocese.com
- Michael Taylor must approve all music selections and additional musicians.



Wedding Ceremony

The Catholic Marriage Rite allows for planning options.

Family and friends may proclaim Scripture readings.

Readings available [here](#)



Flowers & Decorations

Flowers are optional and the couple's responsibility. Delivery is to be arranged one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. Church access is only guaranteed **one hour** before the wedding.



Photographers/ Videographers

Please speak with the Priest before the ceremony. Flash and excessive movement should be minimized to avoid distractions.



Confetti & Rose Petals

Confetti, rice, and rose petals are not permitted inside or outside the Church.



Offerings & Fees

Church & Clergy Fees

- **Initial Parish Offering:** \$1200 (Tax receipt provided; due 6 months before the wedding)
- **Church use fee:** \$300 (Non - receiptable fee - Due before or at the rehearsal)
- **Priest:** At the couple's discretion

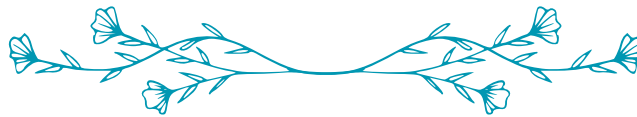
Music Fees

- Organist/Pianist: \$225 – \$300
- Cantor: \$75 – \$150 (Fee varies based on repertoire selection; contact Michael Taylor for details)



Important Reminders

Groom Party, please be on time for both the wedding and rehearsal. Bridal Party no later than 20 minutes before the ceremony. Ushers should arrive at least 30 minutes before the ceremony. If you have any additional inquiries, please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you!



A beautiful wedding is simple. Marriage is a sacred, lifelong commitment.

We´d like you to focus on the spiritual significance rather than extravagant decorations. Marriage is a sacrament, your union reflects Christ's love, strengthening both the Church and society.

"Above all, hold in high esteem the marvelous dignity and grace of the sacrament of marriage. Prepare for it earnestly. Believe in the spiritual power that this sacrament of Jesus Christ brings to strengthen the marital union and to overcome all crises and challenges of shared life. Married persons must believe in the power of this sacrament to sanctify them; they must believe in their vocation as witnesses, through their marriage, to the power of Christ's love." (John Paul II, Homily in Limerick, 1-Oct-1979)



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