



*St. Rosalie Catholic Church*  
*608 First Avenue*  
*Harvey, La. 70058*  
*(504) 341-1962 (fax: 340-1564)*

## **MARRIAGE REGULATIONS**

### **ST. ROSALIE CHURCH, HARVEY**

#### **LITURGY:**

Marriages are ordinarily celebrated at a Nuptial Mass, which is a mass celebrated for the intention of the couple. Weddings between a Catholic and baptized non-Catholic are to be celebrated outside of Mass. If suitable, and at the request of both the Celebrant of the wedding and the Pastor of St. Rosalie, Harvey, permission may be granted by the Chancery for the wedding to be celebrated within a Mass.

#### **DECORUM:**

All members of the wedding party are expected to respect the sacredness of the church. The use of alcohol before the wedding is completely inappropriate. Gum chewing in church is not acceptable. Cell phones and pagers should be turned off when entering the church. Hats should not be worn in church unless they are a part of the 'dresses of the ladies.

#### **MUSIC:**

Since Christian marriage is a religious and sacred event, the music chosen for the occasion should set a prayerful tone and reflect our faith in GOD'S presence. It is the responsibility of the couple to make arrangements for their music. St. Rosalie's can suggest musicians. You may also select musicians of your choice. Visiting organists and musicians must show care in the use of church property. The parish is not responsible for fees charged by organists and singers.

#### **DECORATIONS:**

The Archbishop's pastoral letter on the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony states that  
**"A wedding liturgy is not an opportunity to attempt to mimic the entertainment industry in a glittering show or merely a production staged for a future home video. It is prayer. Only what effectively enables this sacred truth to be experienced is worthy of inclusion in our liturgy."**

#### **General regulations:**

- a. Two (2) standing arrangements of flowers may be placed on the Blessed Sacrament altar.
- b. Smaller arrangements of flowers may be placed by the kneeler and shrines.
- c. Some flowers may be left in Church in thanksgiving to God.
- d. Pew decorations and ribbons may be attached by elastic or soft ribbon only.
- e. Unity Candle(s) may be used but must be provided by the wedding couple.
- f. Use of a cloth or plastic runner is allowed but must be removed after the service by you.
- g. Rice, birdseed, confetti, rose petals, bells, etc. are not to be thrown inside or outside of church.
- h. Boxes from flowers, wedding programs, etc. must be picked up after the ceremony.

N.B. All flowers/decorations should arrive at the Church an hour before the ceremony and should be removed immediately afterwards.

**FEES:**

The wedding fee is contributed directly to St. Rosalie Church for its upkeep. The contribution is \$500.00 for registered parishioners (Bride or Groom). This fee pays for the air-conditioning or heating, general preparations of the Church, as well as helps St. Rosalie in its parish ministries to the young and poor. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the date. The balance is due two (2) weeks before the wedding. Fees can be mailed or brought to St. Rosalie Church parish office, located across from the church. Again, the wedding fee goes to the operating budget of the Church (air conditioning, heating, utilities, upkeep, and its ministries) and not to the priest/deacon celebrant.

There are hours of preparation that will take of place before the wedding. The priest or deacon preparing you for the wedding, conducting the meetings, facilitating F.O.C.C.U.S., and celebrating the Sacrament should receive a separate stipend, usually of \$100.00. This supports his apostolic ministry in the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Altar servers are available, if requested. It is appropriate to offer a modest offering to the altar servers (\$10.00 per server).

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Photographers are expected to exercise good taste and judgment to avoid creating distractions during the celebration.

**VIDEO CAMERA RECORDERS:**

Flood lights are not permitted when filming the ceremony during Mass. Large tripods on wheels must be used with care to avoid damage. A stationary tripod may be set up in an appropriate location.

**MARRIAGE OF MINORS:**

When either of the parties is under eighteen (18) years of age at the time they make known their intention to marry, the decision to proceed will be given by the priest or deacon only after the parents or guardians or both parties have been consulted. A special evaluation process may be required.

**PREGNANCY:**

Pregnancy of itself shall constitute no exception to the six (6) month waiting period for marriage. Individual circumstances will be carefully evaluated. At times, couples will be asked to enter a diocesan evaluation process to determine readiness for marriage.

**CHURCH DOCUMENTS:**

Church documents are very important. So important that the following documents **MUST BE AT THE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL DATE:**

1. BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES of parties, front and back, dated within six months of the wedding.
2. PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY (Priest / Deacon completes this)
3. F.O.C.C.U.S. Inventory Completed and Reviewed
4. MARRIAGE PREPARATION CERTIFICATE (Pre-Cana: e.g. Day for Engaged)
5. DISPENSATION (if required)
6. LETTER OF PERMISSION FROM PASTOR (if Bride lives outside St. Rosalie Parish)
7. PERMISSION FOR MIXED RELIGION EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION (IF REQUIRED)

**CIVIL DOCUMENT:**

A marriage license (which is to be brought to the wedding rehearsal).

*Thank you for choosing St. Rosalie Catholic Church for your very special day!*

*For more information, call 340-1962 during office hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.*

**PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY SUPPLEMENT  
ST. ROSALIE CHURCH  
600 SECOND STREET  
HARVEY, LA 70058**

Office: 10 - 4 PM, Monday thru Friday

Phone: 340-1962

Fax: 340-1546

<b>WEDDING:</b>	Month: _____	Day: _____	Year: _____	Time: _____
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<b>Rehearsal:</b>	Month: _____	Day: _____	Year: _____	Time: _____
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Dates are tentative until this form is returned to the office and accepted/confirmed.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the date. Donation to the Church: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Received In Office by: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Deposit - Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Received In Office by: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Payment - Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE**

**GROOM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PARISH &  
CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

MAID OF HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BEST MAN: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDEMAIDS/GROOMSMEN: Circle the number you will have: 1 2 3 4 5 6

FLOWER GIRL? \_\_\_\_\_ RING BEARER? \_\_\_\_\_ Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING CEREMONY WITH MASS? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**PRIEST / DEACON Preparing Couple for Wedding:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH DOCUMENTS**

Church documents are very important & **MUST BE AT THE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY:**

- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 1. BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES of both parties
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. MARRIAGE PREPARATION CERTIFICATE (Pre-Cana: e.g. Day for Engaged)
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY (Priest / Deacon completes this)
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. F.O.C.C.U.S. Inventory Completed and Reviewed
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. DISPENSATION (if required)
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. LETTER OF PERMISSION FROM PASTOR (if Bride lives outside the parish)
- REC: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. PERMISSION FOR MIXED RELIGION EUCHARISTIC  
CELEBRATION (IF REQUIRED)

STATE LAW requires two (2) official witnesses. **PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES.**

- 1. MAID OF HONOR \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. BEST MAN \_\_\_\_\_