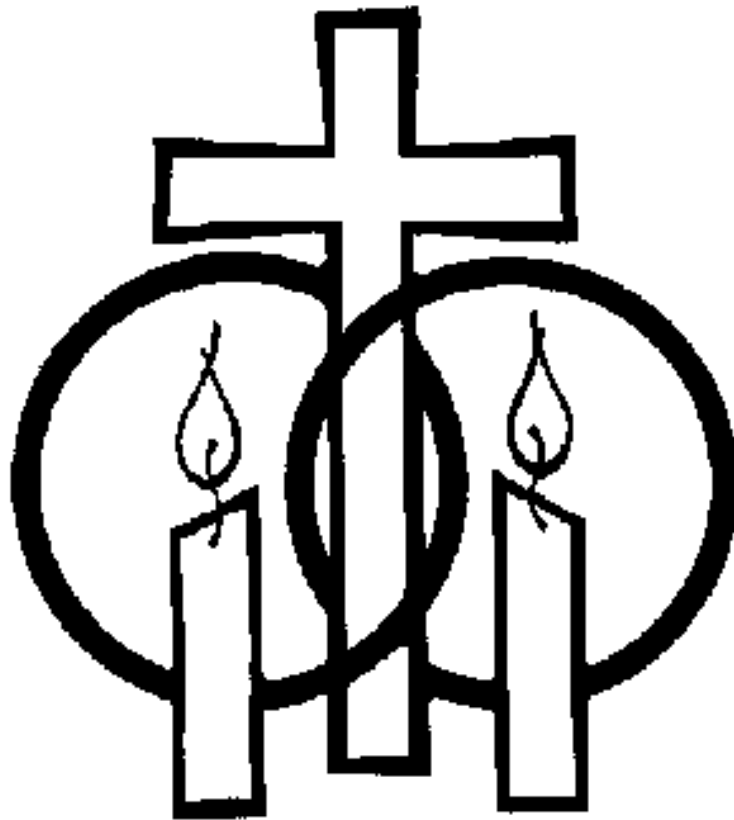
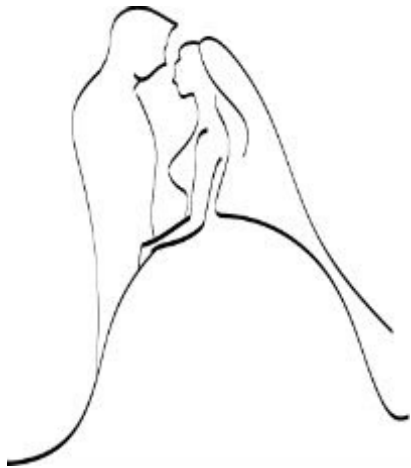


Wedding Planning



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Congratulations! The faith community at St. John Vianney is pleased that you have chosen to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at our Parish. We want to make this time as enjoyable and as easy for you and your families as possible. We are here to help you in the process of building a wonderful Marriage.

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GUIDELINES

These guidelines follow the norms of the Catholic Church articulated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Archdiocese, and the traditions and practices of the St. John Vianney parish faith community.

Marriage Preparation

Fill out a marriage preparation form and turn it into the parish office. This will sign you and your fiancé up for our “Preparing to Live in Love” sessions. This is a prerequisite before marriage. One of our mentor couples will contact you and set up a time and place for a series of 7 sessions. More information about these sessions is available at livinginlove.org. The fee for these sessions is \$75.00 per couple (check payable to St. John Vianney Parish).

Register

If you are not a registered member of our parish, register today. We ask that you be an active and participating member of the parish at least 6 months before your wedding. This helps you to develop a relationship with a community that shares your faith and wants to support you in the sacrament you are about receive and live. You may pick up a registration form at the parish office, at the welcome table following mass, or download it from the parish website. You can place your registration form in the collection basket when you come to church or send it in to the parish office.

Pick a Date

It’s a good idea to get your date on the parish calendar as soon as possible. Contact the Parish Administrator to set the dates for both your wedding and wedding rehearsal at our parish. You may call the parish office or send an e-mail to avandewark@sjvkirkland.org.

Meet with Parish Priest

Set up a time to meet with our Pastor. He would like to get to know you, talk with you about your wedding, and he will need to fill out a Canonical Prenuptial form 29.1.

Witnesses

The pastor or his delegate will need to meet with two witnesses. People who have known you well and for some time. They will need to complete and sign the Canonical Prenuptial form 29.2 to affirm that the couple is free to marry. This must be done before the wedding can take place.

Baptismal Certificates

If you are **Catholic**, please obtain a Baptismal Certificate issued to you from the church where you were baptized. You can contact the church by phone or e-mail, and request a new copy be sent to you or to St. John Vianney, the attention of the Pastor. The original copy you received at your baptism is not sufficient. **If you are marrying a Catholic and are baptized in another Christian faith tradition**, please provide us with a photo copy of your baptismal certificate.

Marriage License:

The marriage license should be given to the Pastor at least one week before the wedding. Applications are made to the County Auditor. It is necessary for the couple to have a license for the ceremony to proceed. You may go to the link below to find out the steps involved in the process.

www.kingcounty.gov/depts/records-licensing/recorders-office/marriage-licensing.aspx

**Plan Your
Marriage**
not just your wedding

PLANNING

Hostess/Host

The Parish Administrator will assign you a wedding hostess/host who will be contact you at least one month before your wedding. Duties include:

- Answering questions concerning the building and any other non-liturgical issues. See Common Questions Regarding the Ceremony on Pages 7-9.
- Opening the church, turning on lights, setting up sound system, guiding photographers and ushers, and lining up wedding party and procession at the wedding rehearsal and the wedding.
- Advising you on what decorations are appropriate and allowed in the church.

Liturgy

You will receive a booklet titled: *Together for Life* by Joseph M. Champlin with Peter A. Jarret, C.S.C. so that you may help in choosing the readings and other particulars for the Sacramental Liturgy along with the guidance of the Pastor.

Music

We will make arrangements with our cantor and accompanist.

The music director will contact you at least 6 weeks before your wedding to review your music selections. If you would like to have additional musicians, please discuss this with the music director as well.

Approved Music for Weddings

- Ave Maria (any version - prelude)
- Here I am, Lord
- Hornpipe (Handel)
- How Beautiful
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (instrumental)
- Love Never Fails (David Haas)
- Pachel Cannon in D (instrumental)
- Psalm 128
- Prince of Denmark March (instrumental)
- Thou Art Near (Bach, instrumental)
- Wherever You Go

Other songs may be available with the approval of the music director.

Live Stream

If you would like to have your wedding live streamed for those who cannot attend, please contact Ana for availability - aklepper@sjvkirkland.org. You are also welcome to hire someone or have a friend do it for you. Your Wedding Hostess will instruct them where to stand or set up their equipment.

Social Hall Rental

If you wish to hold your reception in our Parish Social Hall, you will need to meet with the Parish Administrator. She/he will discuss the procedures, requirements and fees involved with rental of this space.

COST

Fees:

Use of the Church:	\$300.00 (registered parishioner) \$400.00 (non-registered parishioner)
<hr/> Hostess:	\$150.00
<hr/> Cantor:	\$175.00 *
<hr/> Accompanist:	\$225.00 *
<hr/> Live Streamer:	\$150.00

*If your wedding requires additional rehearsals, additional fees will be negotiated between you and those involved.

Checks need to be written directly to the hostess, cantor, accompanist, and live streamer. You may mail your checks to the parish office before the ceremony, the attention of Ann Vandewark. Or you may give them to the wedding hostess/host, and she/he will deliver them accordingly before the wedding.

Suggested Donations:

<hr/> Priest:	\$175.00 - \$225.00
<hr/> Altar Server:	\$20.00

Please contact the pastor if you have problems affording the above fees. Financial assistance is available for those in need.



COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CEREMONY

Dress

We ask that the wedding party be dressed prior to coming to the church. We have limited space for dressing; however, we do have a small bridal room for the bride to change in. If you do not want to see each other prior to the wedding, please let the Wedding Hostess know of this and she will accommodate this with the photographer.

Wedding Party

The Wedding Hostess will contact you on how many people are in your wedding party prior to your wedding or at your wedding rehearsal.

- We do ask that the Flower Girl/Ring Bearer are capable of understanding directions and can follow the processional line.
- If you are planning a wedding with a Mass, we ask that you choose two readers who can rehearse the readings either at the wedding rehearsal or prior to the wedding so they can practice with the microphone and understand when to go up to do the readings.
- If you are planning a wedding with a Mass, we ask that you choose two Eucharistic Ministers to assist the Priest at communion.
- If you are planning a wedding with a Mass, we usually ask that the parents bring the gifts to the Altar. Please let the Wedding Hostess know if you have special guests (e.g., godparents, friends of the family) that you would like to do this honor.
- If you are planning a wedding with a Mass, we usually ask to have an Altar Server to assist the Priest during the wedding ceremony. SJV can provide one. We ask that you give the Altar Server a small stipend for his/her assistance (suggested amount \$20).

Photography

We understand how important it is to properly capture your special day. Pictures of the Bride and Groom may be done before and after the wedding. We ask that the photographer understand that this is a sacrament so flash photography and taking pictures near the Altar area during the ceremony is prohibited. Your Wedding Hostess will show the photographer where he/she may stand for photos during this time as well as plan an arrival time for photos to be taken.

Videography

We understand how important it is to record your special day. Your Wedding Hostess will instruct the videographer where to stand or set up their equipment. As with photography, we ask that the videographer is not standing around the Altar area during the ceremony.

Programs

You may create programs to assist/aid the guests in following the ceremony. We ask that you have a designated person after the ceremony to check the pews and take the leftover programs to the wedding reception.

Flowers

Because we have our general Mass after the weddings on Saturdays, we ask that you designate guests other than the wedding party to take the flowers to the reception.

- Altar flowers – flowers may be put on the side of the altar on the stairs. Since we do the wedding ceremony in front of the Altar, having a centerpiece at the altar may not be seen.
- Candelabras – we request that you do not have candelabras due to fire safety and movement on the Altar during the wedding ceremony.
- Flowers on the pews – you may have flowers on the side of the pews; however, we ask that you use plastic hangers or ribbon to attach them. No nails, metal hangers or tape of any kind are allowed on the pews. We can put “reserve” signs on specific pews for special guests. Please let your Wedding Hostess know if you need this.
- White carpet – we ask that you do not have a special carpet to walk on. This leads to a safety issue and the church will not be liable for any injury that occurs in using one.
- Wedding party – you may have flowers for the wedding party. The Wedding Hostess can help you with putting on boutonnieres on the groomsmen as well as locating special guests who are receiving flowers.

Unity Candle

This is not part of the Rite of Marriage. We encourage you to have the Unity Candle at your rehearsal dinner or wedding reception instead.

Flowers for Mary

This is not part of the Rite of Marriage. However, we understand couples that have a devotion to Mary would want to take a moment to offer prayers. Please let your Wedding Hostess know if you would like to include this at the end of the ceremony before the final blessing.

Clean-Up

We ask that you designate one or two people outside of your wedding party to help pick-up items from the wedding ceremony and bring them to the reception. Items include but not limited to the following:

- Flowers from the church
- Gifts that are brought to the church
- Leftover items from the Bride's room, Social Hall, or Parish office (if you use them for setting up)
- Programs from the pews
- Coats, handbags, or leftover items from pews or social hall

If you have any other questions regarding the wedding day, please contact your designated SJV Wedding Hostess.