

St. Joseph Scavenger Hunt for Brides and Grooms-to-Be

Immediately

- *Submit the Wedding Interest form to request a wedding date and set up a first meeting with Fr. Victor. You will be contacted (via phone, or via email from stjosephweddings@gmail.com) within 2-5 business days of submitting.
- First meeting with Fr. Victor is to do paperwork and get acquainted. If you have a priest already, please let him know. After your appointment, you will receive an email about the Prepare/Enrich Assessment (more on this below).
- *Contact Diana at (713) 222-6193 to book the Church: Total donation is \$500 for parishioners and \$1100 for non-parishioners. Deposit is required to book the Church: \$100 for parishioners and \$250 non-parishioners. Remaining balance is due 1 month before the wedding. Please provide her with your phone number and email addresses.

6+ Months before Wedding

- Fill out Prepare/Enrich Assessment individually at home on computer. Reach out to stjosephweddings@gmail.com to get scheduled for an appointment to discuss.
- Call your Church of Baptism to obtain new copies of baptismal certificates.
- *Text Linda Camacho, volunteer wedding coordinator, at 713-298-2710 your email addresses so she can send you information on the ceremony details, including the wedding liturgy which is outlined in the "Together for Life" booklet. She will also coordinate your wedding rehearsal.
- Choose your Mentor couple. They have to be active Catholics, married at least five years in the Catholic Church and have a marriage you admire. Parents of the bride or groom cannot be the mentor couple.
- Contact Wes & Katie Barta (wkbarta@gmail.com; 281-780-1047 & 832-444-6679) to learn about Natural Family Planning classes. Three classes: one 2-hour class per month, three times. Cost is \$80 dollars.

3 to 6 Months before Wedding

- *Contact Ani Gonzalez, music director, to discuss music for the ceremony (even if you are planning to have another musician). She can be reached at 361-779-8519 or saintjosephmusic.htx@gmail.com. Secular songs and recordings are generally not permitted in the liturgy.

1 Month before Wedding

- All Paperwork must be turned in to Fr. Victor including but not limited to:
 - a newly issued copy of the Catholic baptismal certificate for the bride and groom
 - Four copies of Witness Affidavit forms: two for bride and two for groom, signed by someone you have known over ten years
 - Unsigned marriage license, to be signed by the celebrant. If already civilly married, then you need to bring in the Marriage License.
- Last meeting with Fr. Victor before the wedding.
- Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if Catholic) to get married as a fresh new step following God.
- *Meet with Linda a month to three weeks before your wedding date to sort out ceremony details.

Wedding Day!

- Bride, Groom, wedding party and participants of the ceremony need to arrive an hour before the wedding time.

If you are getting prepared elsewhere- then see * items.

If you have logistical questions throughout the process, you can reach out to stjosephweddings@gmail.com.