

MISSION PARISHES

SAINT PETER — SAINT ANTHONY — SAINT CHARLES

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Appointment: Please see the priest at least six (6) months before the intended wedding date.

Canonical Interview:

When you (couple) come to the appointment, you will meet with one of the priests who will ask you for some information just to make sure that there's no obstacle to your marriage and the steps and procedures will be explained to you. After meeting with the priest you may reserve the date and time for the ceremony with the Secretary.

NOTE: Weddings are on Saturdays at **12:00 PM or 2:00 PM. ONLY**

Required documents:

1. A **Updated** copy of Baptismal certificate.
2. A copy of the 1st Communion certificate.
3. Marriage License: This document can be obtained at San Francisco City Hall at the "Marriage License Bureau". Make sure the priest has your marriage license a couple of weeks before the ceremony. Your witnesses and the priest will sign the license on the day of your Church wedding. It then will be sent to City Hall to be registered. Please contact City Hall for information on how to obtain your certified copy after the wedding taken place.
4. If you are already civilly married, please bring a copy of your Civil Marriage Certificate.
5. Certificate of Divorce, Annulment or Death Certificate (if applicable).

Fee: The family or couple has to pay a fee of **\$500.00**, we ask for a deposit of **\$200.00** (non-refundable*) to reserve the date and time. The remaining \$300 is due one month prior to your wedding date. The fee is for the use of the church during rehearsal and the ceremony itself.

- *Donations to the priest are separate and is given directly to the priest after the Ceremony.*
- *The Ceremony fee does not include the flowers or choir fees.*

Marriage preparation Program (two parts):

1. Complete as a couple the FOCCUS questionnaire. **Fee \$20.00 per couple**
2. Attend the marriage preparation classes for at St. Anthony's church in Spanish. Please register to take the classes when you reserve the date. **Fee \$50.00 per Couple**
3. For English classes please contact Saint Mary's Cathedral Parish at 415-567-2020.
4. You need to have a second appointment with the Priest to present the required documents and fill out **Form A** for the Bride and Groom and **Form B** for each witness. All 4 have to be present at this meeting.

Witnesses: You will need two (2) witnesses, one for the groom and one for the bride. The witnesses should know the couple for at least five years.

Reconciliation / Confession: As an immediate preparation, it is very important that a few days before the wedding the bride and groom and their companions receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in St. Peters.

Rehearsal: The rehearsal is schedule with the secretary and it's at the availability of the priest who will celebrate the ceremony. Please make sure that the Bride and Groom and the entire participating wedding party are all present and punctual.

Time: You have thirty (30) minutes before the ceremony to decorate the church and thirty (30) minutes after the ceremony to take pictures. There may be other activities scheduled in the church before and/or after your wedding ceremony, Please be considerate. If the ceremony starts late the (30) minutes after the ceremony is void. **Please be punctual.**

We do not allow: Throwing of rice, flowers, seeds, etc. inside or outside the church; also the use of runners is prohibited.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Flowers: There may be special floral decorations for the wedding, as long as it is not excessive, and always worthy of the sacred place. *The flowers are to adorn the place where the Christian community gathers for their encounter with God, therefore **YOU CANNOT, take the flowers with you after Mass (Wedding), the flowers are consecrated and are to be left in the church and cannot be used decorate other places like reception hall.*** The couple and their families have the option to hire the parish florist to decorate the church **Rosario 415-533-3071** for the flower arrangements at an additional cost, If the couple and family want to hire another florist that is not the parish florist or if they want to decorate themselves you will have to pay an additional fee of \$50.00 to the parish.

Music: These arrangements should be made by the family and the musicians directly. The parish is happy to provide you with a list of our parish choirs, contact information so that you can make the necessary arrangements with them. If you choose to bring an outside choir or other music please provide the office with the information and pay a fee of \$50.00 (Pastors approval needed).

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Contact Person:	Tel #	Masses they serve in St. Peter
Joshua	805-406-6763	11:00am Sunday Mass
Oscar & Manuel Velasco	415-850-7402 415-706-1889	8:00am Sunday Mass
Juan Rosendo	415-990-7574	5:30pm Saturday Mass
Juan	415-573-4330	5:30pm Sunday Mass
Mariachi Nueva Esperanza (Niños) Contact: Manuel Velasco	415-706-1889	11am on the 2nd Sunday of the Month
Mariachi Nueva Generación (Adultos) Director: Salvador García	415-724-7392	11am on the 4th Sunday of the Month

*****Please inform the office staff about your arrangements.*****

Pictures: The use of strobe and flash are prohibited during the ceremony. Photographers and videographers are not allowed to walk around in the sanctuary or step up onto the altar during the ceremony. The priest would be happy to accommodate himself to take pictures after Mass.

Questions: If you have any question, don't hesitate to contact us at (415)282-1652.

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SAINT CHARLES- 713 S. Van Ness Ave, S.F., CA 94110 [TEL: 415-824-1700](tel:415-824-1700) FAX: 415-824-0844