

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You've decided to get married! We are delighted that your relationship has progressed to the point that you are ready to make a lifetime commitment. Here you will find information concerning the marriage rites at [Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church](#). We hope this information answers most of your questions. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

The parish community of [Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church](#) is committed to helping make your special day something to remember. We will do whatever we can to provide quality and helpful services to you during this process.

Although celebrating marriages are very important to us, please keep in mind that the facilities of [Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church](#) are used for our different ministries and events. It is a good idea to plan your ceremony well in advance to ensure the parish facility and the priest are available. Also, we are pleased to celebrate your marriage in another location of your choice.



Again, congratulations on your decision. Let us be among the first to wish you joy as you take this next step on your life together.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

[Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church](#) celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage for any couple ready to embrace each other in spousal commitment and enduring faithfulness to reflect the love of Christ for the Body of Christ, the Church. All of the marriages that we celebrate are sacraments that have deep religious significance and we consider them to be marriages that are blessed by a loving and caring God and supported by our Catholic community. Some of these marriages (those between a woman and a man) are recognized by the State of Florida and have legal rights (such as joint filing of income tax and property ownership). Currently, same gender marriages are not accorded equal recognition by the State of Florida or the federal government, but that does not preclude us from treating them with equal respect and dignity as the superior law of Christ demands. We celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for all people and it is our hope that one day our government will equally recognize all marriages.

Marriage is . . .

- Marriage is a Catholic sacrament of celebrating spousal commitment of two people as a manifestation of Divine love.
- Marriage is a spiritual and temporal joining of two persons and their lives.
- Marriage is a covenant whereby public, life-long vows are made proclaiming the total and faithful gift of oneself to another and the Christian community pledges their support of the couple.

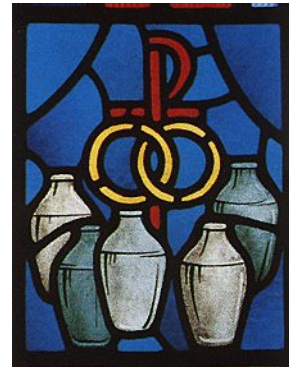
Marriage is not . . .

- Marriage is not a quick fix for a broken relationship. If your relationship is already in trouble, marriage is not appropriate. Since you will be asked to make a significant life-long commitment, you will need to be certain that this is a healthy, mature relationship that is intended to last. We expect you to have been in relationship for a period of one year or more before beginning the process of seeking to be married at Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church.

## MARRIAGE PROCESS

1. Review this information thoroughly.
2. Complete the *Marriage Forms* and return them to:

**Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church**  
**6152 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 500**  
**Largo, FL 33773-1848**



3. Within one week of our receiving your completed forms, arrangements will be made by our priests to officiate at your ceremony. The priest will contact you directly to discuss date availability.
4. Do not print or mail invitations before your date is confirmed with our parish priest. Your date is not confirmed until the priest has received your completed Marriage Forms, copies of your Baptism certificates and \$200 non-refundable deposit\*. Please, make this *payable to the priest* presiding at your marriage rite, not the parish.
5. Your officiating priest will schedule a meeting with you to discuss your marriage and the detail of your wedding ceremony.

## MARRIAGE FEE SCHEDULE

Community members of Holy Spirit, please, contact that parish for your particular fee schedule. Those who are not members of the community, your fee schedule is:

\*Clergy Honorarium - \$400 USD. (50%, \$200 USD, due with your Marriage Forms, the balance due at the rehearsal.) Please, make your check *payable to the priest* presiding at your marriage rite.

Parish Musician Honorarium - \$150 (Includes piano or organ prelude, music accompaniment during the ceremony or liturgy, and one rehearsal with the vocalist(s). Special custom arrangements using other instruments, transposing the music in another key, or special vocal parts must be negotiated separately.)

Parish Chapel facility use - \$150

Parish Hall facility use - \$150

\*Deposits are non-refundable. Thirty (30) days notice must be given for the balance to be refunded, irregardless of circumstance.



## MARRIAGE CEREMONY ARRANGEMENTS

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Full Legal Names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a preference for which priest or deacon presides at your Marriage ceremony? Yes No

If yes, please specify clergy in order of preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify dates you desire in order of preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Time of the Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

Where will your ceremony take place? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people do you expect to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Names of the witnesses for your marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If there is a rehearsal for the ceremony, please, indicate the date and time of the rehearsal:

\_\_\_\_\_

*A minimum 50% deposit of \$200.00 USD (non-refundable) is due when you return these forms. The balance of \$200.00 USD is due no later than the date of the rehearsal.*

*All checks are to be made payable to the priest/deacon celebrating your ceremony. Thank you.*



**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM FOR SPOUSE 1:**

*Please print legibly.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Parishioner of Holy Spirit? Yes No

Names of your birth parents: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If different, names of your present parents: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date and Church of your Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please provide a recent copy of your baptismal certificate or an affidavit statement.)*

How long have you been in this relationship? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you living together now? Yes No For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a prior Marriage or Holy Union? Yes No Date of Dissolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you choosing to be married?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen to celebrate your Marriage as a Sacrament in a Catholic rite?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I am in accord with the philosophy of Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church that Marriage is a Sacrament offered by the Church for the blessing, holiness and grace of our relationship before God and the Catholic Christian community, which I freely undertake without reservation or coercion.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM FOR SPOUSE 2:**

*Please print legibly.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Parishioner of Holy Spirit? Yes No

Names of your birth parents: \_\_\_\_\_

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If different, names of your present parents: \_\_\_\_\_

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