
“Almighty God, hear our prayers for N. and N., who have come here today to be united in the sacrament of marriage. Increase their faith in you and in each other, and through them bless your Church.”

- Rite of Marriage

Church Offering

A donation to the church is considered appropriate as an expression of thanks to the Lord for the blessings that have lead up to this joyous event and an expression of appreciation to the parishioners of Shepherd of the Valley whose contributions pay for the cost and upkeep of the facilities.

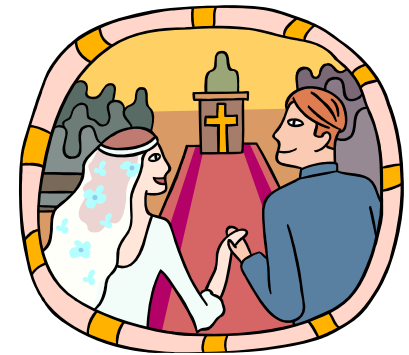
Recommended donation schedule:

Use of Church:	\$200
Marriage Preparation:	\$50
Liturgy Coordinator:	\$75
Music: (arranged independently)	\$100
Priest or Deacon Celebrant:	\$100

These are guidelines. Please feel free to discuss any special situations with the pastor. No one will be refused the sacrament due to financial considerations.



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Sharing the love of Christ with one another and the world.

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The members of Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church welcome you in your preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

We celebrate with you, and it is our hope that we can assist you in any way. This sacrament has a great deal of meaning for us. It is modeled on the kind of passionate and intimate love God has

for us. Catholic Christian Marriage is the joining of two faith filled people in a union of love within the Church for the enrichment of the couple and a witness to and a building up of the Church. We call marriage a "sacrament" because of its public importance as a witness of God's love for us, and because you are helping to bring God's love to others. You come here as believers and witnesses. You will stand before God, the faithful of the Church, and your friends and family to exchange vows that include a life-long commitment of love and fidelity. As you make the commitment of matrimony, it is God's will and our hope that this union will result in your joy for a lifetime!

As a church we are committed to helping you make your marriage day and married life the abundant blessing that God intends it to be.



God's love deepens your love

Pre-Marriage Program

The couple must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the date of the marriage. During this initial information session, the pastor will advise the couple on the steps necessary to be eligible to marry in the Church. If there have been previous marriages this *may or may not* hinder this ability. The options will be discussed at this time.

True preparation is necessary for marriage. Everyone comes to a relationship with a set of expectations that will influence married life such as: finance, communication, sexuality, and spirituality. Our marriage preparation program helps the couple prepare for the fullness of married life. This includes looking at many aspects of married life. Specifically, this will include meetings with the Pastor, Sponsor Couple meetings, use of a Pre-Marriage Inventory, and an Engaged Encounter Retreat.

Clean Up

Because the Church is used for services on the weekends, we ask that the church and other facilities be fully cleaned up by 15 minutes prior to our 4:00 Confessions. Decorations, flowers, and other items are allowed as long as they are not damaging to the church furnishings and they would not be dangerous to children or others. Please do not use anything that could or would stain, damage, or leave markings or residues. If you have an idea of what you would like to do for decorations, check with the pastor to see if there are other things that might want to be considered.

After the wedding you may leave decorations such as flowers as a witness to the parish of your marriage, but please be attentive to the items that you may bring in. The wedding party is responsible for all personal and rented supplies and items.

Photography

Photos and video are fine, but care must be taken to ensure the sacredness of the event as well as the desire to keep distractions to a minimum so the focus can be rightly directed toward the marriage ceremony. A good photographer will be able to do both well.

Music

Music is an important element of the ceremony and every effort must be made to have appropriate and good music. You are welcome to include



musicians of your choice. If you need musicians the pastor can get you in touch with some different options. Our cantors and musicians usually

spend a considerable amount of time finding and practicing the songs and working with the couple. We do request a stipend be given to them for their services.

Fee for musician: minimum \$100. Please consider additional payment for cantors as well.

Use of Other Facilities

The parish facilities may be available for use during the wedding and the reception. If you wish to reserve the parish hall or other rooms, call the office at 664-1050 and request the buildings or areas that you would like to use. Some maintenance fees or insurance may apply.