



ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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STEP-BY-STEP WEDDING CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your engagement!

Our responsibility, here at St. Peter's parish, is to help you understand the spiritual significance of your decision to marry and to guide you through the process of preparing for that day in which you will publicly declare your love for each other and join together, in love, as husband and wife. Your first step will be to contact the parish office in order to arrange to meet with our parish pastor.

BEFORE MEETING WITH OUR PARISH PASTOR FOR YOUR INITIAL INTERVIEW

- Couples that **BOTH** belong to the Roman Catholic faith will not require to provide any documentation at their initial interview with our parish pastor. However, you will be asked to provide the
 - *date and name of the parish you received your Sacrament of Baptism,*
 - *date and name of the parish you received your Sacrament of Confirmation,*
 - *name of the parish you currently belong to (if other than St. Peter's parish).*

The remaining documentation will be required to be provided within six (6) months of your assigned wedding date (*see bottom of page – UPDATED BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES*).

- Couples that belong to **DIFFERING DENOMINATIONS OF FAITH** are asked to bring their certificates of Sacraments received (eg. *Baptism, Communion, etc.*) to their initial interview with our parish pastor. Existing copies you currently have at home are acceptable for this meeting.
 - *Couples with differing denominations of faith will require our parish pastor to complete and submit a document (FORM IV – PETITION) to the Archdiocese of Toronto seeking approval of intended marriage **BEFORE A WEDDING DATE CAN BE ASSIGNED.***

Once you have both met with our parish pastor for your initial interview and confirmed your wedding date, we encourage you to **use the following checklist to help remind you both of the required documents and the timeline in which to provide the parish office with.**

***** I M P O R T A N T *****

All couples celebrating their wedding at St. Peter's church, must attend the Catholic marriage preparation program which takes place in the parish hall for four (4) weeks (on Sundays) following the 12:00 noon Mass. There are a total of four (4) sessions from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Contact office for dates.

- We have registered and provided payment (\$250 payable to St. Peter's Parish – Marriage Preparation Program) with the parish office.*

An updated Baptismal certificate is to be provided and dated six (6) months (no later and no earlier) prior to your scheduled wedding date. Do not provide the parish office with any certificates you may have at home. This certificate **must** be requested from the parish where each of you were Baptized. It will contain information of both the Sacraments of Baptism AND Confirmation received. Your church of Baptism is where your Sacramental records are kept. The church where you received the Sacrament of Confirmation would have notified your church of Baptism requesting to have this information added to your records. **Please remember to request an UPDATED Baptismal certificate** and not simply a Baptismal certificate. You may ask the church to email your updated Baptismal certificates to us (kindly have them reference your wedding date on the email to us).



We have each contacted our church of Baptism and requested a copy of our UPDATED Baptismal certificate.

Once you have both determined who will act as witnesses for your marriage (best man & maid of honor), kindly email the parish office with their full name and complete address to office@stpeterswoodbridge.com. We ask that you remember to reference your wedding date on the email.

We have sent an email to the parish office containing the full name and complete address of both our witnesses .

A civil licence to marry may be obtained from the City Clerk. At least one party of the proposed marriage must apply in person with **two (2) pieces of identification**. A marriage licence is valid for use anywhere in the province of Ontario for a period of **three (3) months** from the date of issue. A fee for the licence varies from year to year. We suggest you apply for your marriage licence no more than **three (3) months** prior to the marriage. Once issued, please bring the original document to the parish office.

We have applied for our marriage licence.

We have provided the parish office with the original marriage licence to be added to our marriage file.

All couples are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a final meeting with the Pastor no more than **three (3) months** prior to the wedding date. Wedding rehearsals will be scheduled during the week of your wedding date.

We have arranged for our final meeting with the Pastor. **DATE and TIME:** _____

Our wedding rehearsal is scheduled to take place on **DATE and TIME:** _____

The suggested offering for the Church is \$500.00 minimum. Cheques may be made payable to **SAINT PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** and given to the parish office on the night of the wedding rehearsal. We ask that you **place the offering in an envelope including your names and wedding date on the front of the envelope**. Fees for the organist should be given him/her on the day of your wedding.

We have given the Pastor / parish office our offering of \$500.00 minimum.

Kindly contact our in-house musicians at least **six (6) weeks** prior to your wedding date to discuss your music selection, etc. You will then be able to discuss with the organist if you intend to have a vocalist at your ceremony as well. You may contact: **Rosella Di Pede** (905) 264-2613 **OR** **Deirdre DeSousa** (647) 449-9002

We have **CONTACTED** the musician and **NOTIFIED the parish office** of our musician's name, etc.

You will have the opportunity to choose your readings for your ceremony from the selection of readings attached. We ask that you **ONLY SELECT ONE reading from each section as indicated below:**

one (1) reading from the Old Testament (FIRST READING)

one (1) reading from the New Testament (SECOND READING)

one (1) Responsorial Psalm (*you have the option to have this read by a reader or sung by the musician*)

one (1) version of General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful)

Once you have chosen your readings, **NO LATER THAN TWO (2) MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING DATE**

1. print only the selected readings you have chosen to have read at your ceremony.

2. write the reader's name at the top of the sheet where indicated.

3. save the readings with the reader's name added to your computer as a PDF version.

4. print the **Wedding Ceremony Information** sheet contained in this checklist.

5. complete the Wedding Ceremony Information sheet as indicated and save completed version to your computer.

6. you may **return the newly saved (PDF version) selected readings & Wedding Information Sheet** to the parish office in person OR email them to the parish office as an attachment (office@stpeterswoodbridge.com) in order to add same to your file. (PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAMES AND WEDDING DATE IN YOUR EMAIL).

7. **PLEASE DO NOT RETYPE ANY READINGS.**

We have selected our readers and chosen our readings.

We have delivered / emailed the parish office **OUR CHOSEN READINGS (ONLY THE ACTUAL CHOSEN PAGES AS ATTACHMENTS) TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLETED "WEDDING CEREMONY INFORMATION" form to be added to our file.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

It is highly recommended that both the bride and the groom receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) BEFORE the actual wedding date. Please contact the priest who is officiating at your wedding to set up a time and date convenient for all. Of course, everyone involved in the wedding itself is also encouraged to receive this important sacrament prior to the wedding. Arrangements can also be made for this too.

DATE & TIME OF SCHEDULED CONFESSION: _____

Wedding Attire:

What may be appropriate for an evening dinner dance and reception may **NOT** be acceptable for worship in the house of God. When in doubt, please err on the side of MODESTY. Even on the hottest days of the summer, our Church is always air-conditioned and quite cool so wraps or shawls for your shoulders may be a practical consideration.

Floral Arrangements:

A **MAXIMUM of FOUR (4)** arrangements are allowed to be placed in the Church for your wedding ceremony. You may wish to leave a flower arrangement in the Church as a remembrance to our parish community of your ceremony. We will provide the PEW BOWS down the center aisle of the Church. These bows are beautifully decorated and designed in white to compliment all wedding ceremonies. The use of the UNITY CANDLE has been stopped throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Not Permitted in Church:

- **NO** white runner down the main aisle. **NO EXCEPTIONS** as it is a safety hazard.
- **NO** confetti, rice, flowers or petals may be thrown inside or outside of the church.
- **NO** arches of flowers or lit candles in the aisles as they are a safety hazard.
- **NO** wagons or any other accessories used for ring bearers etc. to be used when walking down the aisle.

Photographer(s) and Videographer(s):

We expect guests attending to remember that the Church is a place of worship, therefore usage of iphone, cameras, etc. during the ceremony is **NOT** permitted.

Specific areas are designated for the photographer(s) and videographer(s) to work from (*will be discussed at wedding rehearsal*). We will work with them with regards to getting the best possible photos and remembrances of your special day. Please remind your photographer(s) and videographer(s) that we do not expect them to be disruptive during the service (*i.e. excessive movement or talking, etc.*)

 **WEDDING CEREMONY INFORMATION** 

DATE: _____ 1267 TIME: _____

BRIDE: _____

GROOM: _____

Best Man: _____

Maid Of Honor: _____

READERS

First Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Second Reading: _____

Prayers Of The Faithful: _____

ENTERING CHURCH

Bride accompanied by: Dad Mom Both Neither

Groom accompanied by: Dad Mom Both Neither

For office use only:

Other instructions: _____

FIRST READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.” So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts.

But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

*“This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called
woman, for this was taken from man.”*

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the book of Tobit

God had heard the prayers of Tobias and Sarah. In his kindness God had sent his messenger Raphael to bring them together in marriage, and to free Sarah from the difficulties which had so long tried her patience and trust. On their wedding night, Tobias and Sarah sought God's continuing favor and protection; together, they praised God, beginning with these words of Tobias: "You are blessed, O God of our fathers; Blessed too, is your name forever and ever. Let the heavens bless you evermore and all things you have made." It was you who created Adam; You who created Eve his wife to be his help and support. It was you who said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. Let us make him a helpmate like himself.' And so I do not take my sister for any lustful motive; I do it in singleness of heart. Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me." The prayer of Tobias was affirmed by these words of Sarah: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us and let us both grow old together in health."

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the book of Genesis

God said, “Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground.” God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all the living creatures that move on earth. God saw all He had made, and indeed it was very good.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #33

Reader: _____

Response: The Lord fills the earth with His love.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own. The Lord looks on those who revere Him, on those who hope in His love.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with His love.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. In Him do our hearts find joy. We trust in His holy name.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with His love.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with His love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #34

Reader: _____

RESPONSE: I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES.

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise His name. I sought the Lord and He answered me; from all my terrors He set me free.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Lord toward Him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere Him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in Him.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #103

Reader: _____

RESPONSE: THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless His holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His blessings.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those
who fear Him.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold Him in fear;
His justice reaches out to children when they keep His covenant in
truth.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #145

Reader: _____

RESPONSE: HOW GOOD IS THE LORD TO ALL.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all His creatures.

Response: How good is the Lord to all.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

Response: How good is the Lord to all.

The Lord is just in all His ways and loving in all His deeds. He is close to all who call Him, who call on Him from their hearts.

Response: How good is the Lord to all.

SECOND READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it but am without love, it will do me no good whatsoever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited, it is never rude or selfish, it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the First letter of John

My children, our love is not just words or mere talk, but something real and active. Only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God, and God in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Reader: _____

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That every day of their lives **N.** and **N.** may renew their desire to grow in love for each other and the gift they make today of their very selves: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all married couples present here, that they may renew their commitment to love and to share with the world the mystery of God's friendship: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church of God, that we may be more aware of our vocation as the bride of Christ: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world, that in its hunger for love it may turn to Christ and acknowledge Him as Lord: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves united here in God's name, that the Word of God may sustain us all in our vocation to love: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our friends and family who have passed on, especially **N.** (**and N.**) that **he/she/they** may enjoy perfect happiness in eternal life and that their spirits may live in our hearts and in our minds. Let us pray.

Response: (All) Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That **N.** and **N.** may persevere in love, maintain their resolve to support each other and come together to an ever greater knowledge of God: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are married in the Lord, that God will help them grow in love and sustain them in their efforts to give of themselves to others: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God's holy people, that through this celebration we all may grow in our desire to serve and love the world: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the world we live in and are called to serve may be enlightened by the presence of God shown forth in the love of men and women: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for ourselves and for each other, that we may accept the challenge placed before us today, and make love our way of life: Let us pray.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.