



# 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.

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.**

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All couples wanting to celebrate their wedding in a Catholic church, must register to complete a **Catholic marriage preparation program** and **provide the parish office with a Certificate of Attendance once completed**. The following are websites you will find helpful: [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com) or [www.catholicmarriagepreparation.com](http://www.catholicmarriagepreparation.com)

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*We have registered to attend and complete a Catholic marriage preparation program.*

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*We have completed the marriage preparation program and have provided the parish office with a copy of the certificate for our file.*

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).

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*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](mailto:office@stpeterswoodbridge.com). We ask that you remember to reference your wedding date on the email.

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*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.

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*We have applied for our marriage licence.*

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*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.** 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.

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: **Steve Pigliacelli** (416) 561-2326 [stevepyyz@rogers.com](mailto:stevepyyz@rogers.com)

**OR**

**Rosella Di Pede** (905) 264-2613

☐ 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. The selection of readings are attached and should be chosen as follows:

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 chosen, we ask that you print your readings and include the name of the reader where indicated on each reading. We ask that you provide the parish office with your readings no later than **two (2) months** prior to your wedding date. In addition, attached, you will see a form titled "Wedding Ceremony Information" that we ask be completed in full by you and returned to the parish office no later than two (2) months prior to your wedding date.

You may do so in person or via email at [office@stpeterswoodbridge.com](mailto:office@stpeterswoodbridge.com) (remember to include your names and wedding date in your email).

☐ We have selected our readers and chosen our readings.

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

### **Helpful Reminders:**

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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, 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.

 **WEDDING CEREMONY INFORMATION** 

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.**