

## PRAY

Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church is committed to helping couples form strong, lasting marriages.

*“A couple that prays together stays together”*

### Prayer for the Engaged

Good and gracious God, we come before you as a man and women committed to sharing in your Divine Love.

Help us to grow in mutual respect and love for one another that through our companionship and prayer together we will prepare ourselves rightly and chastely for marriage.

Give us wisdom to face ourselves and each other with honesty, speaking the truth to one another in love.

Remind us that every moment together is precious and that our love is much more important than wedding details.

Also, help us to come together in laughter and joy during the harried days of preparation.

Finally, as we look forward to the life we will create together, may we remember to pray daily, growing into a greater mirror of your love in the world.

Together with You, we pray, Amen.

*“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:12-13)*

## GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED

**Rice, Seeds, or Confetti:** may NOT be thrown on church property.

**Alcohol:** is **NOT** permitted at any time in or around the church prior to or after the ceremony or rehearsal. This includes the dressing rooms and parking lots.

**Valuables:** the church is NOT responsible for valuables. Please make sure that all valuables are locked in a car before the ceremony.

**Dressing Rooms:** a room for the bride and her attendants is available for dressing and preparing. The room must be left clean, removing all personal items including hangers, pins, beverages and appliances. Consider assigning someone not participating in the wedding to be responsible for clean-up and personal items.

**Church Cleaning:** the church must be left clean and all decorations, flower boxes, and papers must be picked up and disposed of outside of the church and worship space (trash bin is located in the parking lot).

FOR YOUR  
MARRIAGE

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# Your Wedding at Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church

## 8-12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

**Contact:** You must meet with the Pastor at least 8-12 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. If there has been a prior marriage by either party, the wedding date cannot be set until the annulment process is complete.

**FOCCUS Inventory:** The FOCCUS Inventory provides you with a personalized profile of your relationship. Your inventory session will be set up and, upon completion, follow-up sessions will review your results. These sessions aim to facilitate communication between you and your future spouse. A \$20 fee will be paid directly to the FOCCUS facilitator.

**Marriage Prep Program:** This program consists of meetings between you and a married couple from our parish marriage prep team.

**Natural Family Planning:** NFP respects the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, and enriches the bond between husband and wife. This course gives couples a natural approach to understanding the cycles of fertility and infertility. Course listings may be found at [archden.org](http://archden.org).

**Baptismal Certificates:** Within two months of their first meeting, Catholics being married must provide a recent copy of their Certificate of Baptism with all of their other sacraments notated. This can be requested by contacting the church of your baptism. Baptized non-Catholics should also obtain a Baptismal certificate or a letter documenting their Baptism from their church of baptism.

**Religion:** In an interfaith marriage, proper dispensations must be received. Specific arrangements must be discussed with the Pastor.

## MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

**Ceremony:** The ceremony is held within the worship space of the church. The building, including the church and dressing rooms, will be available two hours before and one hour after the ceremony. This will include setup, deliveries, cleanup, pictures, and rental pickups.

**Hours:** Weddings may be scheduled on Saturday no later than 1:00 pm. Friday or alternate day and times should be discussed with the Pastor.

**Photography and Video:** Arrange to have your photographer and videographer consult with the Parish Wedding Liaison upon arriving at the church. Pictures may be taken before and during the ceremony with some discretion. Taking pictures after the wedding must be completed in 30 minutes. A video camera may be set up prior to the wedding and stay in one location.

### Wedding Fees:

- **The Wedding Fee for registered parishioners is \$750** and is due in full when the church is reserved for the wedding. The Wedding Fee covers the cost of marriage preparation, use of the church and fees for a Parish Wedding Liaison, a Cantor and an Accompanist.
- A free will offering may be given to the Pastor as a gift but is not required..
- If your wedding is at another parish, but marriage preparation is completed at Christ on the Mountain, there is fee of **\$400**.
- The Wedding Fee for **non-registered members** is **\$1,000** and is due in full when the church is reserved for the wedding.

**Parish Wedding Liaison:** The Parish Wedding Liaison will be available to answer questions, discuss details, and finalize plans before the rehearsal. The Parish Wedding Liaison will be present during the rehearsal and the wedding to give direction.

**Other Preparations:** Music, vocalist, flowers, wedding candles, decorations, and printed programs are the responsibility of the engaged couple. Guidance can be provided by the Parish Wedding Liaison.

**Witnesses:** You may chose any person to witness (best man and maid or matron of honor), provided they are old enough to understand what they are witnessing. It is highly encouraged that you choose someone who has an understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage and is a person of Christian faith.

**Marriage License:** The State of Colorado requires that a license for marriage be obtained. The license may be obtained in any county of the State of Colorado and is valid for 30 days following the date of issue. The marriage license must be brought to the rehearsal.

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