

## The Process

- 1 Appointment with Deacon Jesus.** Bring all your documents for this interview. The length of preparation time is different for each couple, depending on the circumstances. For most couples a minimum of six months preparation is required.
- 2. Complete the Pre-Marriage Questionnaire.** Make an appointment with a priest. Two witnesses (preferably family members) are required for each person.
- 3. Make the FOCUS – Couples Inventory Questionnaire** before you can set the date of your wedding.
- 4, Reserve the church for the wedding.** It takes place only after you have all your paperwork done. A deposit of a \$ 100 Dolls. is needed to reserve the date and time. The customary donation for a wedding is \$ 400 Dolls.
- 5. Attend Marriage Preparation Class.** The couple will meet with one of our priests. Deacon Jesus will let you know.
- 6. Weekend Retreat:** Ask your priest which retreats fits better for you.
7. The couple must attend Natural Family Planning. Ask Deacon Jesus.
- 8. Civil Marriage:** If you are already civilly married bring your marriage certificate. If not, Bring to the parish office, your Marriage License from the County of Los Angeles at least two weeks prior to your wedding date.

### LOCATIONS WHERE MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN BE OBTAINED:

#### OFFICE HOURS

NORWALK: 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1002 (562) 462-2137	8:00AM-5:00PM
LANCASTER: 44509 16 <sup>th</sup> St. West, Suite 101 (661) 945-6446	8:00AM-4:30PM
LOS ANGELES: 4716 E. Cesar Chávez Ave. (323) 260-2991	8:30AM-4:30PM
VAN NUYS: 14340 West Sylvan St. (818) 376-3700	8:30AM-3:00PM

## Other Things to Do

- 1. Confirm the date of your rehearsal.** Call the parish office to confirm.
- 2. Throwing rice, petals, confetti, etc. is not permitted as well balloons inside or outside the church.**
- 3. Refund of your deposit.** Your 100.00 deposit will be refunded by check (no cash) if you have complied with all the above.

If you wish to decorate the church, you may do so. By providing your own decorations,

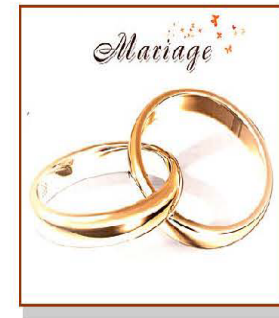
- a) you are responsible for setting up and removing all decorations before the next ceremony.
- b) No decorations may be placed on the altar.
- c) Please keep arrangements as simple as possible.
- d) May place decorations beginning from the kneelers in the front to the back of the church.
- e) The **WEDDING REHEARSALS** usually take place the Thursday before the Wedding at **5:00 pm inside the church.**
- f) For safety reasons, **may not** place a runner on the center aisle. Please do not place any tape, nails, thumbtacks, or pins on the pews.
- g) **It is not allowed** to throw rice, confetti, or flower petals inside or outside of the Church.
- h) For safety reasons **NO Drones** are allowed on church property. Because they are dangerous and may fall on someone.
- i) **Place flowers** at the Ambo and the Altar and leave them there as an offering for the Altar of God.
- j) Professional video and photos are permitted. The photographers are **NOT ALLOWED** to enter the Sanctuary (Altar) area. **PICTURES ARE ALLOWED BRIEFLY INSIDE THE CHURCH AFTER THE CEREMONY.**
- k) **Marriage Certificate** should be given to you the day of your ceremony. Please check if it is free of errors.

For further information please contact  
**Front Office**  
**Tuesday - Friday from 9am to 12noon and from 1pm to 7pm**  
**(818) 361-4617**  
**[deaconfernandez06911@yahoo.com](mailto:deaconfernandez06911@yahoo.com)**



## Matrimony

*A man and a woman make a very serious and sacred commitment when they decide to marry one another in the Catholic Church. Through the Sacrament of Matrimony, Jesus calls them to draw closer to each other, to their God and to the local family community. Marriage is a permanent commitment to a way of life, it requires careful thought, prayer and preparation.*



The following general information has been prepared to answer most of your questions. Our goal is to help you prepare for a lifelong commitment and a lasting Marriage.

**Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church**  
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## WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in receiving the sacrament of Matrimony at Santa Rosa Church

It is important for you to understand the different kinds of ceremonies for the sacrament of marriage. All depends on the circumstances of the couple. These are some of the most common.

- **CONVALIDATION**- This ceremony is for couples who are civilly married and are living together already as a couple.
- **MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE**- This is for couples who one of the candidates belongs to a different cult other than a Catholic, but one of them is a practicing catholic.
- **WEDDING** – It is for couples who are not living together and are not civilly married.

These are some of the common circumstances. All this meant that you need to have an honest discussion with the priest or deacon who is going to prepare you for this sacrament. Please share with the priest/deacon if

- Either of you is a teenager.
- There is a pregnancy involved.
- You are presently cohabitating (living together).
- One of you is of another faith or no particular faith.
- Either of you have been married before.
- Either of you have been married before, or are in, a common law union.
- You are civilly married and wish to marry in the Catholic Church

### Celebrant of Ceremony by a Visiting Priest/Deacon

If you wish to have a priest or deacon from another parish or country to celebrate your wedding, please let the marriage coordinator know as soon as possible, there is a process that may take some time.

## Place of the Wedding

The wedding of a Man and a Woman, Catholics, takes place in the parish church of either the bride or groom.

To be married at another parish, you need a special permission to be received from the parish in which you wish to be married, as well as either of the parishes where you reside.

A Wedding in which only one of you is Catholic takes place in the parish of the Catholic party. The local bishop may permit you to celebrate your wedding in the place of worship of the non-Catholic party when a good pastoral reason exists.

**Wedding in hotels, private homes, out-doors, or in wedding chapels are not permitted in this Archdiocese of Los Angeles.**

**Wedding Schedule:** Weddings are celebrated **ON FRIDAYS: 2:00pm or 4:00pm. SATURDAYS: 12:00pm, 1:30pm. Every fourth and fifth Saturday of the month at 10:30AM.**

**Music:** The parish office provides a list of choirs. You may bring outside musicians, but they need to have the experience of playing at a Catholic Mass. Secular music is not allowed. **The music is not included in the ceremony fee.**

**Readings for the wedding** can be chosen by the bride and groom with the help of the marriage coordinator. Invite family or friends to read the readings and participate actively during your ceremony. **Dress Code is formal dressing. Spaghetti or uncover dress are not allowed.**

**Confessions:** The Bride, Groom, Best Man and Maid of Honor (Padrinos) should receive the Sacrament of Confession at least one week before the wedding day. Confessions are held Saturdays at 3:00 PM. There are no confession times during the week.

**Be no Time:** Please arrive-30 minutes before the rehearsal & the ceremony.

**The Priest will start on time the ceremony regardless of one is late.**

## Documents needed

Once you have documents ready, **not before**, call the Parish office to leave your name and phone number with the secretary. The Wedding Coordinator will contact you. **This is what you need:**

1. **A Recent copy of your baptismal certificate** must be dated within the last six months.
2. **First Communion Certificate** If you have received the Sacrament.
3. **Confirmation Certificate.** If you have received this sacrament.
4. **Complete the Prenuptial Questionnaire** with the Marriage Coordinator.
5. **Interview** with the Marriage Coordinator.
6. **FOCCUS** (Couple's Inventory Questionnaire).
7. Attend the **Marriage Preparation Retreat.**
8. Attend **at least 2 meetings** with a priest.
9. **The stipend** for a wedding in Santa Rosa is \$ 400.00 dollars, plus a cash deposit of \$ 100.00 dollars that will be requested on the day that the wedding date is set. This deposit will be returned to you if you in check if you were on time for the rehearsal and the celebration.  
**If you need to change the date, there will be a \$100.00 dollars fee: Need to be done in person with the coordinator.**
10. **Pay in Full:** The stipend of \$ 400.00 dollars must be paid at least **TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING.**  
**There will be absolutely no refund in case of cancellation.**
11. **RCIA Classes:** If you have not received your First Communion and/or Confirmation, you must register in the RCIA for a one-year program of preparation to receive the Sacraments, before the celebration of the marriage. Contact Alexis Davila (818) 403-0713. E-mail santarosaym.weebly.com.
12. **CIVIL MARRIAGE:** you need to obtain a **MARRIAGE LICENSE** from the locations provided on the other page. Please note, **the Marriage License is valid for 3 months**, be sure **NOT** to get your license with too much time in advance. **(The marriage license or marriage certificate are required for the wedding to take place).**  
**Please remember that all the recent copies of documents will remain in the parish archives.**