

## **Fees:**

- ◆ Marriage intro registration: \$50.00
- ◆ One day retreat: \$30.00
- ◆ Marriage prep & wedding at St. Cyril's: \$700.00 Church & \$500.00 Chapel
- ◆ Marriage Prep at another parish and wedding at St. Cyril's: \$600.00 Church & \$400.00 Chapel.
- ◆ Marriage preparation only and wedding at another parish (long distance): \$300.00
- ◆ Additional fees may include: the celebrant stipend, cantor/vocalist, organist/pianist and instrumentalist:
- ◆ In-house cantor/vocalist : \$125.00
- ◆ In-house Organist/Pianist: \$150.00
- ◆ Celebrant recommended stipend: \$100.00

**ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**Any outside vocalist or music must be approved by our liturgist.**

## **Wedding Dates and Times:**

**Church weddings:** Fridays at 4:30pm, Saturdays at 11:30am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

**Chapel weddings:** Saturdays 12:30pm and 7:00pm.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**



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# CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH

## The Sacrament of Matrimony:

The Catholic community believes a marriage is sacred. It is the union of a man and woman who freely enter into a matrimonial covenant of love with each other in Christ. The teachings of Christ make it clear that marriage is a partnership for the whole of life, Christ which is ordered to the good of the spouses, and the procreation and education of children. This means that throughout this marriage each spouse not only promises to love the other until death, but to also look out for the welfare of the other spiritually, mentally, and physically. They are to mirror Jesus' love as they go about their daily lives. It is the couple's duty as parents to raise their children to live as Jesus asks us to live, and to be witnesses to the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. Marriage is a sacrament when both spouses are baptized, whether Catholic or not. From the beginning it is intended to be a faithful, permanent and valid commitment for one's whole life, until the death of one of the spouses.

## Here at St. Cyril's:

- ◆ Couples may go thru the marriage preparation parish and celebrate their wedding here.
- ◆ Couples may go thru the marriage preparation and marry at another Catholic parish.
- ◆ Couples may go thru the marriage preparation at another Catholic parish and marry here.

## Where to start:

- ◆ Stop by the office or the hospitality desk during business hours and pick up a marriage packet.
- ◆ Call the marriage coordinator to set up an appointment for an initial interview ( Must turn in the registration form with your \$50.00).

**Please allow a minimum of nine months to complete your marriage preparation process.**

## Additional requirements:

- ◆ Attend 1-3 meetings with the marriage director.
- ◆ Attend a one day weekend retreat.
- ◆ Bring in a recently issued baptismal certificate.
- ◆ Bring your First communion and confirmation certificates if applicable. (You do not need to have your first communion and confirmation to marry in the church).
- ◆ Marriage license. (If you are already married civilly, bring a copy of your marriage license).
- ◆ If you have been married before whether civilly, Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish, non-Christian or Catholic, please inform the marriage director. (You may be required to provide additional documentation and obtain some form of annulment.)

**The marriage formation coordinator may request additional documentation based on your situation.**