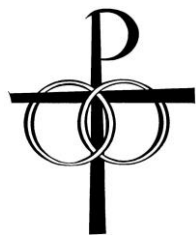




## Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Parish is an inviting and evangelizing community, which emphasizes life-long faith formation and genuine Christian Stewardship. Our Mission is to transform people by bringing the good news of Jesus Christ into every human situation and living our Catholic Faith fully.



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## GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*There is a  
Wedding  
at Tana...*



~ SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ~

"I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the LORD."

Hosea 2: 21-22

# Wedding Party Rules and Regulations

## **Times Offered:**

Weddings are celebrated on Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM at the church. Starting your wedding on time is very important. No weddings are celebrated during Lent.

## **With or Without Mass?**

The full grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony is present on both wedding celebrations with Mass or a Ceremony only (with mass takes 1 hour & without mass takes 30 minutes.)

## **Requirements:**

- Six months of preparation for marriage before the wedding date in accordance with the Diocese of Sacramento. Exceptions to this policy are for pastoral reasons only.

- Initial interview by Wedding Coordinator  
- Catholic must submit Baptismal Certificate (with Notations issued within the six-month period prior to your wedding.)

- If either party has been previously married, a marriage record, a death certificate or an ecclesiastical declaration of nullity must be submitted.

*(Dispensation from any marriage impediment must be obtained.*

▪ *If the non-Catholic is a baptized Christian, a dispensation from mixed religion must be obtained. If the non-Catholic is not baptized, a dispensation from disparity of worship must be obtained.*

▪ *The Catholic party is asked to promise to practice his or her faith and see to the Catholic Baptism and education of any children.*

▪ *The non-Catholic must be informed of the promises and responsibilities of the Catholic.)*

- Interview by the presiding priest for spiritual guidance.

- The priest will initiate the pre-marriage testimony (Form A)

- A parent or close friend of each party will be required to fill out pre-nuptial witness testimony (Form B).

- Attend our four-session workshop called "Bless These Rings" intended to reflect the perspective of the Catholic Church. The cost of the Workshop is \$100/couple for registered parishioners and \$125/couple for non-parishioners.

- Marriage License: You are required to obtain the marriage license at the Courthouse in the California state. Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. If you do not get married within 90 days, the license will no longer be valid. You must purchase a new license. Good Shepherd Parish Office will return the original marriage license to the County Recorder within 10 days of the date of the ceremony. You will NOT receive a copy of your marriage license after you have been married unless you request and pay for a certified copy from the County Recorder.

- Outside priests are welcome at Good Shepherd, but must first be approved by the Pastor. Visiting priests from outside the diocese must provide a *Letter of Good Standing.*

- Wedding rehearsals are limited to one hour and participants are encouraged to be prompt in order to utilize their full hour use of the church.

- Church decorations are limited to a minimum.

- Weddings often bring family & friends who may not regularly attend mass or may not be Catholic. They may be unaware of the attitude of reverence in the church. We are relying on you to please remind family and friends of this expectation. When inside the church, let us remember that we are in the Holy presence of God and the gifts of reverence and silence is most valued.

## **Fees for Wedding:**

The wedding fee of \$800.00 includes document preparation, wedding rehearsal and use of the Church facilities (due one month before date of wedding.)

\$10.00: For each of two altar servers assisting the priest during the mass or ceremony.

\$200.00: Customary love offering to the presiding priest.

## **Good Shepherd Music Contact:**

John and Mary Palmer  
(916- 691-4709 piano/signer)

Adriel Cruz  
(916-690-4021 or 916-686-9285)

For outside referrals, please ask the wedding coordinator.