



The Cathedral of St. Mary
7525 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33150

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Mary! Thank you so much for choosing the Mother Church as the place where you will receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony! Planning a wedding can seem a bit stressful, but our Wedding Ministry Team is here to help you along the way, making the process smoother.

The Wedding Ministry Team will assist with the following, at no extra charge:

- Setting up a rehearsal date and time
- Walking you through the different readings and music selections
- Conducting the rehearsal
- Showing you where to come in through on the Wedding Day
- Setting up the Cathedral for the big day (reserved signs, receiving floral arrangements, unlocking all doors)

This most joyous occasion has deep significance rooted in Scripture and is a Sacrament to be revered and held with great gratitude and importance.

With that in mind:

- All music must be selected from the list provided by the Cathedral; no secular music will be played
- Vows are taken directly from the Rite of Marriage book; they are not written by the bride & groom
- **Don't be late. All weddings must begin at the scheduled start time—no exceptions. Lateness will result in the elimination of various additions to the essential wedding ceremony. Weddings beginning 15 minutes after the scheduled time will proceed without Mass.**

The Cathedral is a beautiful and historic structure, not needing additional decorations. A maximum of two (2) large floral arrangements (arrangements on a 10-inch plate are fine.) are allowed (and encouraged!) behind the altar and one bouquet to present to The Blessed Mother. These flowers are to remain in The Cathedral after the wedding ceremony.

The following items are strictly prohibited:

- Confetti or Noisemakers
- Flower Petals
- Rice
- Bubbles
- Balloons

Weddings are offered at the following times:

- **Fridays:** 6:30pm (*except for the last Friday of the month*)
- **Saturdays:** 1 pm, 3 pm or 6:30 pm
- For 3 pm weddings, all members of the wedding party must be at the Cathedral by 1:30 pm
- For Friday 6:30pm weddings, all members of the wedding party must be at the Cathedral by 5:30 pm
- For Saturday 6:30 pm weddings, all members of the wedding party must be at the Cathedral by 5:30 pm and wait outside, because Vigil Mass is going on prior to the ceremony.

Rehearsals are offered at the following times:

- Wednesdays or Thursdays at 4 pm (promptly)
- Rehearsals run only until 5pm regardless of the start time. Don't be late!

Attendants necessary for Wedding Rehearsals and Ceremonies:

- **Best Man & Maid of Honor:** these two witnesses will be assisting throughout the ceremony and signing the Marriage License
- **Two or Three Readers:** there are a total of three Readings; 1st Reading from the Old Testament, 2nd Reading from the New Testament, and the Prayer of the Faithful

DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO REHEARSAL:

- All Cathedral donations and fees paid in full
- All witness testimony forms, Fully Engaged, retreat and NFP requirements must complete with documentation

DUE ON DAY OF REHEARSAL:

- Marriage License

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Anna Salloum anytime at 305-962-2769.