

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1707 Bull Street
Savannah, GA 31401

SACRED HEART WEDDING NON-PARISHIONER GUIDELINES

○ FEES:

The wedding and rehearsal rental cost is \$2,000.

The venue fee for the church rental must be paid in full at the time of booking with a personal check. The venue fee does not include: a stipend to the priest who prepares the paperwork, nor a thank you gift to the celebrant.

○ CANCELLATIONS:

Refund given, less \$200 cancellation fee, if cancelled 60 days prior to the wedding.

○ MUSIC:

Please contact Rick Morgan, Sacred Heart's organist at 908-507-8430 for your music needs. All music selections must be approved by Mr. Morgan as well as the use of other musicians. [Secular songs are not appropriate for this setting.] Email: rmorgan@sacredheartsavannah.org

○ SCHEDULING WEDDING DAY / TIME:

Please note Parish services have priority.

By preference, weddings are not normally scheduled during Advent or Lent due to the busy and solemnity time of year.

- Weddings: Saturday; 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- Rehearsals: typically scheduled at 4:00 p.m. the Friday before the wedding.

○ CELEBRANT:

You may bring your own priest to celebrate the Eucharist. You may also contact the Parish Office at 912-232-0792 to inquire about the Sacred Heart Priest celebrating the marriage. If the Eucharist is not planned, you may request our Deacon, Rev. Mr. Robert Larcher, to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony.

○ REQUIRED CHURCH DOCUMENTATION:

(For couples coming from outside the Diocese of Savannah)

- Prenuptial file must be prepared in your home parish and must be received no later than thirty (30) days prior to the wedding date. Address:

**Savannah Tribunal
2170 E. Victory Drive
Savannah, GA 31404**

- Visiting priests or deacons are required to provide a "letter of good standing" from their Diocese no later than thirty (30) days prior to the wedding date to the following address:

**Diocese of Savannah
Office of the Bishop
2170 East Victory Drive
Savannah, GA 31404**

○ WEDDING SET UP

- 1:30 pm Weddings – Unless prior agreement, decorations must be removed before the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- 6:30 pm Weddings – Decorations can be placed after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- Guests are requested NOT to throw rice or rose petals in the church or outside the church doors.
- Due to liability issues, runners are not allowed on the aisle. Lighted held candles are also not allowed for similar reasons.
- The photographer should be made aware of the sacred nature of the marriage ceremony and should endeavor not to be a distraction. At no time should anyone enter the sanctuary for photos or videotaping.
- Please do not move or tamper with anything in the sanctuary and protect the sanctuary carpet from candle wax.

○ PLEASE NOTE:

- At the time of the rehearsal, the Georgia marriage license should be given to the priest/deacon.
- Space is not available on site to be used as a dressing room. The church's public restroom can not to be used as a dressing room.
- Drinking alcohol is strictly prohibited on church property at the wedding or at the rehearsal.
- Please respect the beauty and age of our church. There may be times it is under repair and/or going through maintenance. We will keep you apprised if this might have an impact on your wedding.