

St. Paul the Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish

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REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE

Pre-nuptial Information

Proposed Date of Marriage:

Time of Wedding to be arranged with the Priest, based on availability: 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m.

GROOM'S INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name	Given Name(s)	Age at Marriage
Present Address	Occupation	Home Phone Number
	Present Religion	Work Phone Number
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Present Citizenship
Date of Baptism	Denomination	Rite
Church of Baptism (Name & Address)		
Proof: Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Testimony of Witness <input type="checkbox"/> This Parish Register <input type="checkbox"/> Number & Page Reference:		
Confirmation: (Church & City)		Date Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>
Father - Last Name	Present Address	Birthplace
Given name(s)		Religion/Rite
Mother—Maiden Name	Present Address	Birthplace
Given Name(s)		Religion/Rite

BRIDE'S INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name	Given Name(s)	Age at Marriage
Present Address	Occupation	Home Phone Number
	Present Religion	Work Phone Number
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Present Citizenship
Date of Baptism	Denomination	Rite
Church of Baptism (Name & Address)		
Proof: Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Testimony of Witness <input type="checkbox"/> This Parish Register <input type="checkbox"/> Number & Page Reference:		
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PREPARATION COURSE

Groom's Name
Groom's Address _____ _____ Postal Code: _____
Groom's Phone Number, Day: _____ Evening: _____ _____
Bride's Name
Bride's's Address _____ _____ Postal Code: _____
Bride's's Phone Number, Day: _____ Evening: _____ _____
Date of Marriage
Parish at which the marriage is to be celebrated
Notes & Comments: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

YOUR WEDDING SCHEDULE

ONE YEAR BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

1. Book your wedding by filling out a registration form. Your date and time are confirmed ONLY when you have met with the priest.
2. Make arrangements for your marriage preparation course. Get this done as soon as possible. Courses fill quickly and you MUST attend if you are to be married in any Catholic Church. (There is a separate fee for this course). *We, at St. Paul the Apostle offer one course a year usually around October or November.*
3. If you are told you need permission to be married at St. Paul's, obtain this permission immediately and return it to the parish office at St. Paul's.
4. When you are looking for photographers, florists, caterers, printers and other services, please think of our bulletin advertisers. These are supporting our parish, and often they have worked with our people and they know how to make maximum use of our set-up. Please tell these people that we support them.

SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING:

1. If you need to obtain freshly issued Catholic Baptism Certificates, do so now. You may telephone or write to the parish where you were baptized, or else if you have relatives who still live in that parish ask them to get it for you. It is considered good manners to make a small donation to the parish for this service. (What would you pay for a civil birth certificate?)
2. Book your musicians. *See "Other things to remember" at the end of these information sheets.*

TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING:

1. Call the rectory to set up an appointment for your final interview with the priest you've got in contact with when you came to book your wedding.
2. Set up your rehearsal date with Mary Azzopardi (416) 769-0928 or Eileen Darmanin (416) 769-9360.
3. Name of photographers/videographers must be submitted at this time.
4. At this time you should clarify whether you are to be married by banns or license.
5. Have a meeting with your musician to confirm music. This should be passed on to the priest for his comments and final approval.

AT YOUR REHEARSAL:

1. People that should attend the rehearsal: Wedding party; Both sets of parents; and the Readers.
2. Your wedding celebration is not a "Young and Restless" production but rather it follows the rules and rites of the Roman Catholic Church. **It is a celebration of faith.**
3. Confirm your rehearsal with the parish office a couple of days beforehand. Please be on time. (No rehearsals are held on Thursdays).
4. **The Church is the house of God.** Immodest dress, chewing gum, cigarettes, cell- phones and inappropriate behaviour are not acceptable (guys, please hats off). Please advice the wedding party beforehand to avoid confrontations.

5. Please take care of all offerings at the rehearsal. Think about this:

Question: How much does the wedding celebration cost?

Answer: How much do you think your wedding is worth?

Think of your other expenses: Photographs, Clothing, Transportation, Reception, Honeymoon...

- a. Church Offering: \$300. (Cash or cheque payable to: St. Paul the Apostle Church)
- b. This offering is for the church and not for the priest.
- c. If you bring a priest from outside the parish, you might want to give him a gift that would also cover transportation costs.
- d. You may be interested to know that the average time involved for paper work amounts to 10-15 hours.
- e. You may wish to leave a tip for the altar servers (2 x \$10:00). This is usually done by putting cash in 2 separate envelopes marked: Altar servers.
- f. You must make your own arrangements for the musicians fee.

ON THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING:

1. Men must be at church 15 minutes before the ceremony. Women (including the bride) 5 minutes ahead of the ceremony.
2. The bride is **NOT EXPECTED** to be late. Your wedding ceremony might have to be postponed until after the next scheduled wedding... in some cases this would only be fair. Remember that the organist may leave if he/she has another commitment. Remember that also the priest might have another commitment.

AFTER THE WEDDING:

1. Change of name form sent to Ontario Government within 90 days.
2. How will you give thanks to God? You might want to make a thanksgiving donation to your favourite charity or to the missions. God has been good to you – remember that.

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. The bride and her attendants **SHOULD NOT** have low cut, shoulderless or see through materials in their dresses. They **SHOULD** have a decent covering. **Those not decently dressed might be asked not to stay in church. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A CHURCH.**
2. **At St. Paul's we don't use any longer the Unity Candle.**
3. Prepare your procession choice sheet and include a list of the participants including: 1 or 2 reader(s) for the 1st Reading and the Responsorial Psalm and 1 reader for the General Intercessions.
4. There should be **NO** confetti or rice etc., thrown in or outside of the church. Also **NO** fireworks should be used outside the church. Please, make this known to your guests.
5. You might want to share the cost of flowers with other couples. (See bulletin for advertisers). **All flowers placed on the altar, if fresh, are to be left in church.** Flowers are to be brought in between 10:00 am and 10:30 am on the day of the wedding. **(No exceptions).**

6. NO CARPETS ARE ALLOWED.

7. Keep to a minimum of ONE photographer and ONE videographer. Stick with professionals. Have your photographer/videographer check things with the priest. If the company you have chosen become an annoyance to the priest, they could ruin your whole day and they will no longer be welcome at St. Paul's. *(Please notify your photographer/videographer that movement is confined to one location only and that they are not allowed in the sanctuary or the steps leading to it, except for the signing of the register at the end of the celebration. INFORM THEM ALSO THAT PICTURES ARE ONLY ALLOWED WHILE YOU AND YOUR BRIDAL PARTY ARE WALKING DOWN THE AISLE, DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS, THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER AND AT THE END OF THE CELEBRATION.)*
8. Avoid small children in your wedding party (best over 6 or 7 years old); it might be your wedding ruin.
9. Musicians and singers associated with St. Paul's are:
- Richard Borg ((905) 803-9854 (Guitar)
 - Ivy Buttigieg (647) 997-1885 (Cantor)
 - Caroline Debono (416) 570-2200 (Harp)
 - David Debono (416) 802-0332 (Piano)
 - Jason Borg (905) 615-0096 (Piano)
 - Matthew Borg (905) 615-0096 (Piano)
 - Alfred Fenech (416) 743-9565 (Pipe Organ & Chimes)

All this is your responsibility to set up according to your own preferences. You may be asked to supply sheet music for special selections. **Music chosen should be appropriate to church celebrations.** Fees are to be discussed with the individuals. We strongly suggest you use our people as listed above. Outsiders must be confirmed by the office.

10. Include maps of how to get to the church with your invitations.
11. Confirm your wedding time before printing your invitations. The name of the church on your invitations should read:

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