



On Marriage at Church of St. Francis Xavier

Congratulations as you bring your mutual friendship and love to the life-long commitment of marriage!

God whose name is Love is present wherever and whenever husband and wife commit themselves to each other in love. Thank you for bringing this love into our midst.

We are grateful that you wish to celebrate your wedding at St. Francis Xavier Church. It is our desire as a parish community to help you make the day of your wedding a happy and holy one.

If you are a Xavier parishioner, it is our delight to share this special day in your life here as your parish community. If you are a visitor to our parish, it is our delight to welcome you into our midst as you take this step toward marriage.

St. Francis Xavier Church is our faith community. Here we gather around one table for the Eucharist. Here we baptize our children and many adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church. Here we confirm, reconcile, pray for healing of the sick and bury our departed. And it is here in our midst that we welcome those who wish to seal their life-long commitment to mutual love and fidelity in the sacrament of marriage

Again, congratulations. You, your families and friends are most welcome.

Sincerely,

Ken Boller, S.J.
Pastor

Scheduling your Wedding

Marriage arrangements should be made directly with Robert Choiniere, Wedding Coordinator at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org or 212-627-2100 ext. 225.

We request that you schedule your wedding at least six months in advance.

A deposit of \$300 is required to hold your date. Once received, you will be entered into the calendar and will receive a package outlining all preparatory steps.

The following times are available for weddings:

- Fridays at any time
- Saturdays at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm or 6:30 pm.

Not all weekend dates are available. Usually, marriages are not scheduled for major holy days and holidays. This includes:

- New Year's Eve and Day
- Palm Sunday weekend through Easter Sunday
- Halloween (if it lands on a Saturday as the streets are closed to the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade)
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day

Possibilities for Marriage at St. Francis Xavier

Marriage within the celebration of the Eucharist

The ordinary celebration of marriage between two Catholics is celebrated within the Nuptial Mass which includes the celebration of the Eucharist

Marriage as a ceremony without a Eucharist

While two Catholics may also choose to celebrate their marriage outside of the Eucharistic celebration, the celebration of marriage without a Eucharist is proposed for a marriage between two Christians, where only one is Catholic.

The celebration of marriage without a Eucharist is also proposed for the marriage of a Catholic and one who has not been baptized.

Any couple may celebrate their wedding in St. Francis Xavier Church if at least one of you is a Roman Catholic.

Con-Validation

A couple married in a civil ceremony may later wish to enter into a valid Catholic marriage. When they are ready to do so, they celebrate what is called a con-validation or the blessing of a marriage. It is important to realize that a con-validation is not merely a renewal of vows made previously but is a new act of consent.

This con-validation of marriage may be celebrated within Mass or outside of Mass, again depending on the particular situation of the couple. If both are Catholic, it is fitting that the con-validation be celebrated within Mass. If one spouse is not, it is preferable that it be celebrated outside of Mass. A simple celebration with close family and friends may seem more appropriate than a larger celebration.

Fees and Offerings

The offering for a wedding at Xavier is \$3000.00. The full fee is due 30 days before the wedding.

This fee includes:

- -All preparations and official filing
- -Reserved rehearsal time and guide
- -One and a half hours of reserved time for the wedding and photographs
- -Presider
- -Acolyte

Music Fees

There is also an additional music fee of \$600.

The music fee includes:

- -Consultation with our music director to create your music selections and program
- Organist
- - Cantor

Additional musicians are also available for an additional fee. For more information contact John Uehlein at juehlein@sfxavier.org

Additional Notes

- -Xavier does not have any parking facilities. During the week, on street parking in the immediate vicinity is severely restricted before 6:00 pm. On weekends, parking can be difficult after early morning. There is a parking garage on 15th St. between 5th and 6th Ave.
- -The entire wedding party should attend the rehearsal including readers, gift-bearers, ushers and anyone else involved in the ceremony should attend. Please bring your marriage license m to the rehearsal. The spouses and witnesses usually sign it at this time. The priest signs and dates the license after the marriage celebration.

- -Floral decorations and unity candles are not provided. For safety reasons, aisle runners are not allowed.
- -Floral arrangements and other appointments must work around the furnishings of the church. Church furnishings and liturgical decorations may not be removed or changed.
- -Scattered material is not allowed. This includes flowers, rice or birdseed.
- -Weddings must start at the scheduled time. One-and-a-half-hours is allotted for the ceremony and photography.
- -The use of any type of alcoholic beverages in or near the church is not appropriate and is not permitted.

If you have additional questions, please contact Robert Choiniere at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org or 212-627-2100 ext. 225.