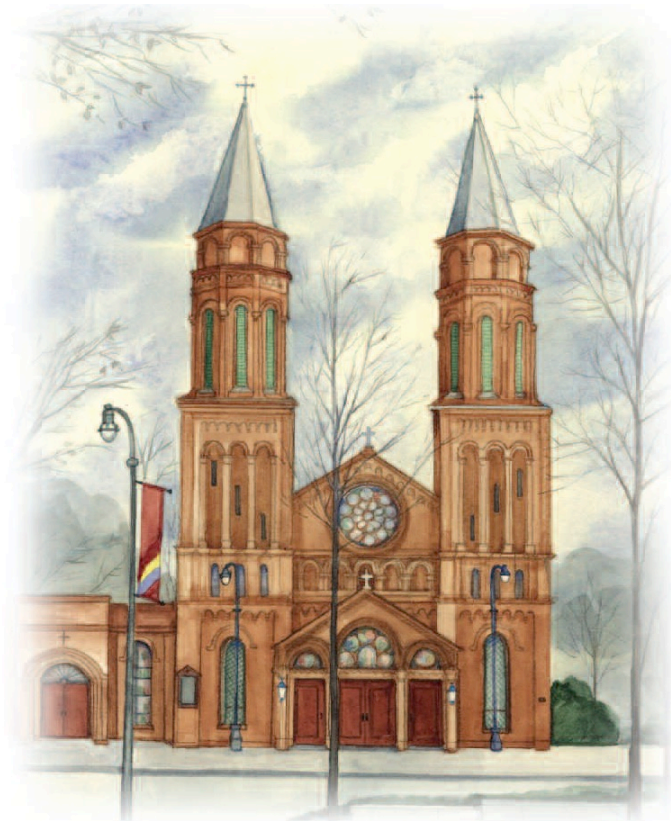


Wedding Guide



Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Congratulations on your engagement!

The Parish Staff and I share your joy in becoming engaged and planning your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. We wholeheartedly welcome you to our Faith-family home for this most special and pivotal time in your life!

The Basilica is a very historic and beautiful church, and we know that your wedding day will be a most special and memorable celebration. That said, a wedding is just one day, whereas a marriage is for a lifetime; and so, our primary goal is to prepare you both for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Your lives will become one of a life-long covenant between each another, and your vocation as a married couple will be to live for God's glory as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

This Wedding Booklet outlines, in detail, the various procedures for Sacramental Preparation and communicates details around celebrating the Rite of Marriage on your wedding day. So, do read it carefully, but don't be overwhelmed by the details. We are here to lead you and help you with any questions you might have along every step of the way.

May your Sacramental Preparation and Celebration of the Rite of Marriage here at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus be one of the happiest and most beautiful memories of your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ Risen,

Very Reverend John T. Howren, V.F.

Rector & Pastor

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SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

Who, What and When

Weddings at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart are open to both Active Parishioners and Non-Parishioners. In either case, at least one fiancé must be a Baptized Catholic.

Active Parishioners are registered members of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, who regularly contribute to the life of the Parish with their Stewardship of time, talent, and tithing for at least one year prior to the proposed wedding date. Non-Parishioners are registered members of other Catholic Parishes, but who have chosen to have their wedding here at the Basilica.

Be thinking about the format in which your Rite of Marriage will be celebrated: *Marriage with Mass* (preferred when both the Engaged are Catholic) or *Marriage without Mass* (preferred when only one of the Engaged is Catholic).

Also be thinking about the Officiant you'd like to lead you in the Rite of Marriage. He is normally one of the priests or deacons assigned to the Basilica. We would welcome another priest or deacon known to you to be the Officiant. And in the case where one of the Engaged is not Catholic, a Protestant minister, Rabbi or Imam known to you is most welcome to be present with the Catholic Officiant, but he or she cannot be the Officiant.

Reserving a Date

With all of the above in mind, now visit our website, www.sacredheartatlanta.org. There you can access the parish calendar to see available dates and times. Then go to "Sacraments" then "Marriage" and then "Wedding Questionnaire." Fill out and submit this questionnaire. Ralph Bailey at rbailey@sacredheartatlanta.org will contact you to help take the next steps.

Confirming the Date

Your reserved date will be confirmed on the Church calendar upon receipt of the initial Deposit (one-half of the Wedding Fee) and the \$300.00 Compliance Fee. All remaining fees must be paid no later than 60 days before the wedding. For all Fee information, please see the "Wedding Financial Policies" on Page 15 of this booklet.

Choosing the Time

Wedding times are fixed: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Please be aware that parish Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations or Funerals may also take place on the Saturday of your wedding. While we schedule all events with enough time in between one another, participants of any event must be mindful and respectful of the participants in other events taking place that same day.

The normal time allowed for a wedding is thirty minutes for set-up, one hour for the Rite itself, and thirty minutes for photography and clean-up.

And so, for an 11:00 a.m. wedding the premises must be vacated by 12:30 p.m., because set-up for the next liturgy must begin. For a 2:00 p.m. wedding the premises must be vacated by 3:30 p.m., because Confessions start at 3:30 p.m. followed by the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. For a 6:00 wedding, the premises must be vacated by 7:30 p.m.

A sidenote for a 6:00 p.m. wedding: upon arrival, the wedding party is asked to be considerate of the worshipers leaving the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, and therefore not block the vestibule, walkways, or parking lot. Preparations in the Church (photographer, videographer, et al.) need to wait until the Basilica is empty of parishioners to enter and set-up.

The Officiant

As mentioned before, the Officiant is normally one of the Priests or Deacons assigned to the Basilica. As you make your choice, be mindful that a Priest can officiate at either the Rite of Marriage with Mass or without Mass. A Deacon can only officiate at the Rite of Marriage without Mass.

We would welcome another priest or deacon known to you from elsewhere within the Archdiocese of Atlanta to be the Officiant. We will take care of the canonically required letter of Delegation from the Basilica's Pastor. He is expected to follow the policies of the Basilica regarding the conduct of the Rite and to cooperate with the Basilica Wedding Coordinator, Pastoral Musician, and Parish Staff.

We would welcome another priest or deacon known to you from a different Diocese or Archdiocese to be the Officiant. We will take care of the canonically required letter of Delegation from the Basilica's Pastor. But he will need to ask for Faculties from the Archbishop of Atlanta. If granted Faculties, he is then most welcome and is expected to follow the policies of the Basilica regarding the conduct of the Rite and to cooperate with the Basilica Wedding Coordinator, Pastoral Musician, and Parish Staff.

And in the case where one of the Engaged is not Catholic and is desirous of having his or her Protestant minister, Rabbi, or Imam present, they are most welcome to be present with the Catholic Officiant; but he or she cannot be the Officiant. Any role he or she might perform during the ceremony must be permitted by our liturgical laws, and even then, would only be exercised at the discretion of the particular Catholic Officiant.

Sacramental Preparation

All couples marrying within the Atlanta Archdiocese are expected to take part in Sacramental Preparation. Preparation needs to begin at least 6 months before the wedding. At the Basilica, you will meet approximately 2 or 3 times with the priest, deacon or lay-minister assigned to guide you. You will also get to choose an approved retreat or workshop to attend within the Archdiocese.

During this time some required paperwork and documents will be sought, including a Certificate of Baptism newly issued within the last 6 months from the parishes where each of you were Baptized.

At some point you will be given a copy of the booklet “Together for Life” which provides the opportunity to personalize the Rite of Marriage by choosing which Prayers, Scriptures, Blessings, et al., the Officiant will use at your Wedding. Your selections should be given to the Wedding Coordinator and the Officiant before the Rehearsal on the perforated form located in the back of the booklet; or, you can access the same form at www.togetherforlifeonline.com/selectionform.

Required Documents

- For Catholics: a Baptismal Certificate newly issued from his or her parish of Baptism.
- For Protestants and Orthodox: any form of Baptismal Certificate, letter or affidavit.
- For Previously Married Persons: Decree of Annulment(s) & copy of the Civil Divorce Decree(s).
- For Convalidations: a copy of the Civil Marriage Certificate.
- 2 Parental/Family Affidavits per fiancé.
- Marriage Workshop Certificate
- Photographer Agreement.
- Videographer Agreement.
- Flower Selection Form.
- Marriage license issued by an authorized entity in the State of Georgia. The Officiant must have it in his possession before he can perform the wedding. Please bring the license to the rehearsal or provide it to the celebrant prior to the rehearsal. After the wedding, a certified copy of the marriage certificate may be requested from the county probate office where the marriage license was obtained.

Wedding Guild Coordinator

Sacred Heart Wedding Guild members coordinate all the activities related to the Rehearsal and the Wedding. Each is experienced in this ministry, and aware of the parish’s regulations, as well as what works well in the Basilica and what does not. An assigned Wedding Guild Member will be contacting you.

If you have also hired a bridal consultant, please be aware that they may not consider the Rehearsal or the Wedding Ceremony as part of their purview; these 2 events are entirely under the direction of the Officiant and the Wedding Guild.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held the Friday evening before the Saturday wedding, with fixed times as follows: 5:30 p.m. for an 11:00 a.m. wedding; 6:15 p.m. for a 2:00 p.m. wedding; 7:00 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. wedding. These must be limited to 45 minutes, to make way for the next rehearsal. In the liturgical season of Lent these set times will need to be adjusted, on an individual basis, due to the parish’s Lenten Friday Devotions.

Parking is available in the lot directly behind the Basilica. The entrance to the lot is around the corner, on Ralph McGill Blvd. While the Basilica does not own the parking lot, parking expenses are covered with a validated ticket for both the Rehearsal and the Wedding; each automobile driver simply brings the parking ticket into the Basilica and validates the ticket just inside the Basilica's front doors.

Rehearsals must start on time and proceed in a quiet, dignified manner. If the Wedding Party is late, the rehearsal time will need to be shortened accordingly. All those in the Wedding Party, and any other Wedding Guests who will be a Liturgical Minister at the Wedding, should plan to attend the rehearsal. All are asked to be mindful of being in a sacred space dedicated to the worship of God.

Once your rehearsal time is over, so as to make way for the next scheduled rehearsal or to allow security to lock-up, we ask everyone to make haste.

Alcohol use before or during the rehearsal is prohibited (as with the wedding itself). Persons violating this prohibition will be asked to leave the Basilica.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside or even just outside the building. Persons may smoke in the parking lot.

Food and Drink (other than water) should not be brought into the building (as with the wedding itself). If there are medical reasons for food to be present, then by all means have what is needed.

PLANNING FOR YOUR WEDDING

Photography

Photographs gift you with the ability to recall very important memories of your wedding for generations to come. But the presence of photographers cannot impede or obscure your wedding ceremony. And so, the following photographer regulations protect your ceremony from being obstructed.

1. The photographer is allowed one hour before the ceremony for pictures, and half an hour afterwards. If you schedule a 2:00 wedding, again, please keep in mind that Confessions start at 3:30 pm and so the Basilica must be cleared by then.
2. The photographer must finish with the Ushers thirty (30) minutes before the ceremony so that they are available to start seating the guests.
3. No flash photography is permitted during the ceremony.
4. Once the wedding has started, photographs may only be taken from the rear of the Basilica or upstairs on the north side of the galleries. No photographs may be taken from the side aisles or near the main or Marian and Joseph Shrines during the ceremony.
5. Relatives and guests may not take pictures once the ceremony begins. The ceremony begins when the groom's mother is escorted down the aisle.

Consider communicating to your photographer and guests that cell phone camera flashes, movement of camera equipment, or of persons, disturb the dignity of the focus of others during your ceremony. The Wedding Guild member will also help point this out to any guests she sees with a camera.

The photographer is required to review these rules and agree by signature to the policies of the Basilica. (See the attached Photographer Agreement on Page 16.)

We reserve the right to ask any photographer in violation of these regulations to correct the violation immediately or leave the premises. Violations of this policy will result in the forfeiture of the Compliance Deposit (see Wedding Financial Policies on Page 15).

Videography

For those having the wedding videotaped, the following regulations are in effect:

1. All video equipment must be set up no later than thirty (30) minutes before the time of the wedding.
2. The video camera may be set up in the choir loft or at the rear of the church only. It must be on a stationary tripod. Boom arm cranes are not allowed.
3. Once in place, the equipment may not be moved during the ceremony. The only exception is a camera located in the choir loft may be moved down to the rear of the Basilica to film the bridal party during the recessional.
4. Cameras may not be set up anywhere in the sanctuary or the front or side altars.
5. No floodlights or any other special lighting may be used during the ceremony.
6. No wires may be laid down across any aisles.
7. Nothing may be taped, pinned, stapled, or affixed in any way to walls or furnishings.

8. Any person operating video equipment should be dressed appropriately, as a guest.
9. We reserve the right to ask any video operator in violation of these regulations to correct the violation immediately or leave the premises. Violations of this policy will result in the forfeiture of the Compliance Deposit (see Wedding Financial Policies on Page 15).
10. It is your responsibility to make these regulations known to anyone videotaping your wedding.
11. The videographer is required to review these rules and agree by signature to the policies of the Basilica. (See the attached Videographer Agreement on Page 17).

Music

The Basilica's Organist, Billy Krape, will help you select appropriate music. A \$300 fee for this service is included in the fee schedule at the back of this booklet. He will perform the agreed-upon music, and will provide approximately 20-30 minutes of prelude music before the ceremony. If for any reason the time or date of the wedding is changed from the time and date indicated, please notify the Organist at least 10 days in advance. You can contact Mr. Krape directly at 404-377-3969.

If you would like to include your own Cantor / Vocalist / Instrumentalist, please have them contact the Organist so they may schedule a rehearsal time together. If you would like the Organist to arrange for a Cantor / Vocalist / Instrumentalist for your ceremony, you must pay them their fee directly.

It is not customary to have guest-Organists perform at Basilica weddings. If such a request is made, the guest-Organist must be intuitively familiar and experienced with Catholic Liturgy and be interviewed in this regard by the Basilica Organist. If permission is granted, the \$300 "bench-fee" is still paid to the Basilica Organist, and you will need to directly compensate the guest-Organist directly.

Only Catholic liturgical music, never secular music, is permitted at Catholic liturgies.

In keeping with liturgical law, no recorded or streamed music is ever permitted.

Decor

During Liturgical Seasons of the year (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter in particular) the Basilica is suitably decorated to reflect the theological focus of each Season. Your wedding will take place within a particular season, and cannot pretend to be separated out from it. Therefore, the seasonal decorations will remain in place. During the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, simplicity is the norm.

Sometimes we may be in the midst of minor or major repairs to our 125 year old church. If the situation arises we will let you know; however, any disturbance the repair process may inflict must be contended with during any of our Sacred Liturgies, including Weddings.

Flowers

The Flower Guild arranges Altar flowers for all weddings at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please complete the attached flower form on Page 18 and return it at least one month prior to the wedding. Typically, there are two (2) fresh flower arrangements for a wedding placed within the Sanctuary. The fee for fresh flower arrangements is included in the fee schedule on Page 18 of this booklet. All flowers and containers remain in the Sanctuary for the upcoming weekend of Masses, as a gift from the newly Married Couple.

During the season of Lent in particular, the arrangements are placed in plastic liners and may be easily taken with you after the wedding. If you choose not to take them, we will happily donate them to a nearby retirement center or nursing center.

Candles

Candles already present in our sanctuary have significant meaning and purposes; therefore, additional candles are not permitted. This also means that hurricane lanterns carried by bridesmaids, in lieu of flower bouquets, are not permitted.

The “Unity Candle” is not utilized at the Basilica, because in Catholic theology the Sacramental sign of unity is most perfectly expressed in the couple’s Exchange of Vows and in Holy Communion (when Mass is celebrated). Any other non-essential attempt at expressing unity alongside these two essential expressions diminishes the essential. That said, a pastoral exception will be made only when either the bride or the groom is not Catholic, and for whom the lighting of a “Unity Candle” holds great importance to them or their parents.

Pew Decorations

If used, pew decorations should be affixed with plastic clips or tied with ribbon. Tacks, staples, tape, putty or candles are not permitted on the pews or on the Basilica walls (the “Dedication Candles seen on the walls are only ever lighted on May 1 and June 9). Naturally, all pew decorations need to be removed immediately following the ceremony.

Aisle Runners

Aisle runners are not permitted.

Attendants

Please be aware that the Basilica’s sanctuary is not large and is quickly crowded with people. Large bridal parties will be accommodated as best as possible.

Flower Girls and Ring Bearers

The suggested minimum age for Flower Girls and Ring Bearers is 5 years old. Please know that Flower Girls may not actually throw flower petals, or anything, on the floor either inside or outside the Basilica. The Ring Bearer’s role is symbolic, as the actual rings to be used for the Rite of Marriage may not be attached to the ring bearer’s pillow, but are kept by the Best Man and/or Maid/Matron of Honor.

Worship Aid & Ceremony Participation

In many cases there will be a number of non-Catholic guests at a Catholic wedding. The Basilica will provide the Order of Service so that you have the appropriate terminology in outline form. So that everyone can more easily participate, you will also be given the congregation's liturgical responses. You are encouraged to include this information in the Worship Aid you devise. See Pages 19 & 20.

Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers – (For Weddings WITH Mass only)

When the Rite of Marriage includes Mass, an Altar Server and two Eucharistic Ministers are recommended. You may provide trained ministers (e.g. family members or friends who have received training in their own Parish) or the Basilica can assist in finding an Altar Server and Eucharistic Ministers. Please discuss this with your Priest-Officiant.

Holy Communion – (For Weddings WITH Mass only)

If your Rite of Marriage will include the celebration of Mass, remember that coming forward to receive Holy Communion is reserved to practicing Catholics. The Priest-Officiant will kindly remind guests of this beforehand, but their awareness should be communicated by you as well.

THE WEDDING DAY

The Bride's Room

A small Bride's Room is available for the bride and her attendants to use for either getting dressed or as a quiet place to wait before the wedding. It is located on the lower level of the building at the end of O'Hagan Hall. The bride and her attendants can access the Bride's Room up to one and a half hours before the ceremony.

The Bridesmaids should come as ready as possible due to the limited size of the Bride's Room. The Bride's Room should be cleared of all personal belongings before the wedding begins. Please designate a friend to come to the room to remove articles before the ceremony, as The Basilica cannot accept responsibility for the security of personal items. Please leave the Bride's Room as clean and orderly as you found it, since it may be used for another wedding following yours.

The Groom, Best Man, and the Ushers should come to the Basilica already dressed. All ushers should be in the vestibule 30 minutes before the ceremony to seat your guests.

The Wedding Guild member will arrive one and a half hours before the ceremony to check all the last-minute details along with any other concerns that the bride and groom might have. The Guild member will be available to assist the bride, her attendants, and the mothers, and with any situations that might arise. At the proper time, she will escort the entire party to the vestibule and line them up for the entrance. She will coordinate the wedding procession with the Basilica Organist.

Parking

Parking is available in the lot directly behind the Basilica. The entrance to the lot is around the corner, on Ralph McGill Blvd. While the Basilica does not own the parking lot, parking expenses are covered with a validated ticket for both the Rehearsal and the Wedding; each automobile driver simply brings the parking ticket into the Basilica and validates the ticket just inside the Basilica's front doors.

Basilica Regulations

Alcohol use before or during the rehearsal is prohibited. Persons violating this prohibition will be asked to leave the Basilica.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside or even just outside the building. Persons may smoke in the parking lot.

Food and Drink (other than water) should not be brought into the building.

Due to the Basilica's schedule, it is imperative that your ceremony begin on time. If for whatever reason the ceremony has to begin late, the Officiant may have to make changes to the Order of Service to ensure the ceremony ends on time. So please be aware of Atlanta events that might cause traffic delays, and plan accordingly.

For an 11:00 a.m. Wedding the premises must be vacated by 12:30 p.m., because set-up for the next liturgy must begin. For a 2:00 p.m. Wedding the premises must be vacated by 3:30 p.m., because Confessions start at 3:30 p.m. followed by the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. For a 6:00 Wedding, the premises must be vacated by 7:30 p.m. (A sidenote for a 6:00 p.m. wedding: upon arrival, the wedding party is asked to be considerate of the worshipers leaving the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, and therefore not block the vestibule, walkways, or parking lot. Preparations in the Church [photographer, videographer, et al.] need to wait until the Basilica is empty of parishioners to enter and set-up.)

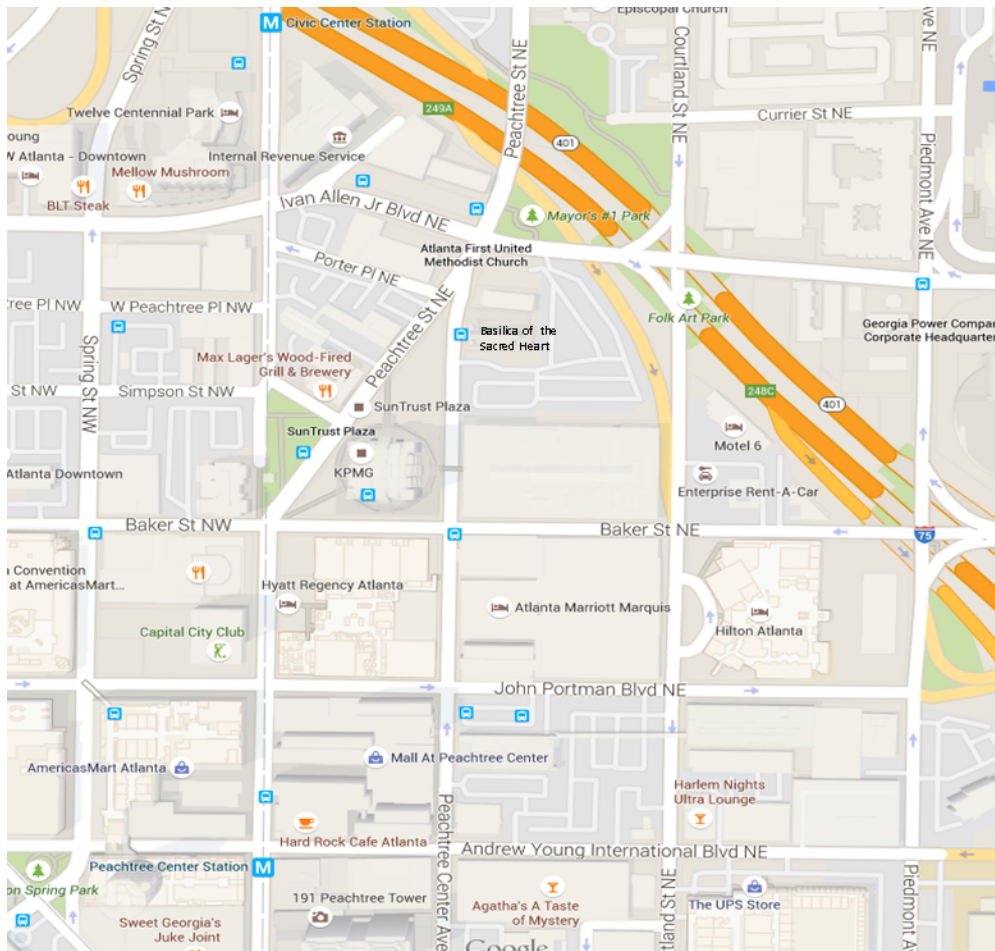
After pictures and you make your way to your Reception, for liability reasons, no rice, birdseed, bubbles, butterflies, confetti, silly string or sparklers may be used either inside or outside the Basilica. This is a potential safety hazard and requires clean up afterwards. Please advise your guests of this policy.

For the sanctity of the Basilica, security of your guests and protection of parish property, all these regulations must be strictly adhered to. It is your responsibility to ensure that your suppliers, wedding party, family and guests are aware of and observe these regulations.

We hope that the information thus far has answered all your questions regarding your forthcoming wedding. Please feel free to call the Parish office if you have any questions. We will try to be as accommodating as possible. We wish you much happiness during your preparation for a most important day in your life.

DOWNTOWN MAP & PARKING

Our location is easily found with a Google Maps search by using our address: 353 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. Parking is available around the corner and behind us, off Ralph McGill Boulevard. Simply take a ticket if the gate is down and validate the ticket at the entrance of the Basilica for easy egress when leaving. A map of the downtown area is included below. You are encouraged to reproduce it and distribute it to those attending your rehearsal and wedding.



WEDDING FINANCIAL POLICIES

ALL INCLUSIVE WEDDING FEE:

Active Registered Parishioners:	\$2,000.00
Non-Parishioners:	\$3,000.00

The parishioner rate is for our members who are active and registered, having regularly contributed to the parish in time, talent and tithing for a minimum of 1 year *prior* to the wedding. This includes a bride or groom still living in his or her active registered parishioner parents' home.

One half of the total fee is required to confirm a wedding date.

The balance of the fee is due 60 days prior to the wedding.

All checks are payable to the "Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

The above fee includes the following:

- The scheduling of the Basilica and its facilities for the Rehearsal and the Wedding.
- The Sacramental Preparation Meetings
- A stipend for the Sacred Heart Priest or Deacon who is the Officiant.
- A stipend for the Altar Server, if the wedding is a Mass.
- A stipend for the Parish's Organist.*
- Flowers in the Sanctuary.*
- A Wedding Guild Coordinator who will be on hand for the rehearsal and the wedding.*
- A Security Guard to be on-hand for the rehearsal and the wedding.
- Free Parking in the lot directly behind the Basilica after 5:15 pm Friday through Saturday evening.

*Arrangements should be made directly with the Organist to choose the specific music at your wedding. Arrangements with the Flower Guild should be made at least 30 days prior to the wedding. A Wedding Guild coordinator will be assigned to your wedding and will contact you approximately 30 days prior to the ceremony.

COMPLIANCE FEE:

A **Refundable \$300** Compliance Fee is due at the time the initial deposit fee is paid. This includes, but is not limited to, photography, videotaping, smoking, alcohol, and time schedules. It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to make sure all parties involved (attendants, guest-celebrants, family members, vendors, etc.) are aware of restrictions and regulations. If after the wedding all rules and regulations have been observed by the couple, the wedding party, vendors, etc., it may either be refunded or you may leave it as a gift for the Basilica's "Restoration Fund."

Refund Policy

If a wedding is cancelled within six to nine months of the date of the ceremony, 50% of the fee is refundable. In cases in which a wedding is cancelled within six months of the ceremony, the fee is non-refundable.

**Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Photographer Agreement**

Wedding Name _____
Date _____ Time _____
Officiant _____

Please review our parish policies regarding wedding photography and acknowledge your agreement below. Your signed agreement must be received at the Basilica no later than four weeks prior to the date of the wedding.

The following regulations apply to photographing weddings:

1. The photographer is allowed one hour before the ceremony for pictures, and half an hour afterwards.
2. The photographer must finish with the ushers thirty (30) minutes before the ceremony so they are available to start seating the guests.
3. No flash photography is permitted during the ceremony.
4. Once the wedding has started, photographs may only be taken from the rear of the Basilica or upstairs on the north side of the galleries. No photographs may be taken from the side aisles, near the main altar or Marian or St. Joseph Shrines. When taking photos from the center aisle, please do not proceed beyond seated guests (so as to not impede their view) during the ceremony.
5. Any person operating photography equipment should be dressed appropriately, as a guest.
6. Any posed photographs involving the officiant are to be taken immediately after the wedding.
7. During the photo session after the ceremony, the photographer is the person principally charged with insuring that a respectful decorum, consistent with the sacred nature of the space, is observed by all involved.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reserves the right to ask any photographer in violation of these regulations to correct the violation immediately or leave the premises. No exceptions will be made. Acknowledgement and agreement is required by signature.

Business Name _____
Photographer Signature _____ Date _____
Print Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Return to: The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
353 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
404-522-6800

**Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Videographer Agreement**

Wedding Name _____
Date _____ Time _____
Officiant _____

Please review our parish policies regarding wedding videography and acknowledge your agreement below. Your signed agreement must be received at the Basilica no later than four weeks prior to the date of the wedding.

The following regulations apply to videotaping weddings:

1. All video equipment must be set up no later than thirty (30) minutes before the time of the wedding.
2. The video camera may be set up in the choir loft or at the rear of the church only. It must be on a stationary tripod. Boom arm cranes are not allowed.
3. Once in place, the equipment may not be moved during the ceremony. The only exception is a camera located in the choir loft may be moved down to the rear of the Basilica to film the bridal party during the recessional.
4. Cameras may not be set up anywhere in the sanctuary or the front or side altars.
5. No floodlights or any other special lighting may be used during the ceremony.
6. No wires may be laid down across any aisles.
7. Nothing may be taped, pinned, stapled, or affixed in any way to Basilica walls or furnishings.
8. Any person operating video equipment should be dressed appropriately, as a guest.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reserves the right to ask any video operator in violation of these regulations to correct the violation immediately or leave the premises. No exceptions will be made. Acknowledgement and agreement is required by signature.

Business Name _____
Videographer Signature _____ Date _____
Print Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Return to:
The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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Atlanta, GA 30308
404-522-6800

Flowers For Your Wedding

The Basilica Flower Guild provides two (2) arrangements for weddings.

It is helpful if the bride can inform us about her color preferences, bridesmaid dress colors, colors and types of flowers in the bouquets. This information can guide us regarding color, but not necessarily the actual flowers; because we want to use the largest flowers possible to make sure they can be seen by guests beyond the front pews.

Please complete the short form below and return by email at least one month before your wedding.

Name: _____
Wedding Date: _____
Phone: _____

Color Preferences: _____

Bridesmaid's Dress Color: _____

Bouquet Flowers: _____

Return to:
The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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Atlanta, GA 30308
404-522-6800

Please contact Ralph Bailey at rbailey@sacredheartatlanta.org with any questions.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE RITE OF MARRIAGE - WITH MASS

THE WEDDING MASS ~ LA MISA NUPCIAL

INTRODUCTORY RITE ~ Rito de Entrada

Processions ~ Procesiones
Greeting ~ Bienvenida
The Gloria ~ La Gloria
Opening Prayer ~ Oración Colecta

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ Liturgia de la Palabra

Old Testament Reading ~ Lectura del Antiguo Testamento
Responsorial Psalm ~ Salmo Responsorial
New Testament Reading ~ Lectura del Nuevo Testamento
Gospel Acclamation ~ Aclamación del Evangelio
Gospel Proclamation ~ El Evangelio
Homily ~ Homilía

RITE OF MARRIAGE ~ Rito del Matrimonio

Questions of Intent ~ Diálogo & Escrutinio
Consent ~ Consentimiento
Blessing & Exchange of Rings ~ Bendición & Entrega de los Anillos
Universal Prayer ~ Oraciones Universales

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~ Liturgia de la Eucarística

Preparation of Altar ~ Preparación del Altar
Eucharistic Prayer ~ Oración Eucarística
 Sanctus ~ Santo
 Memorial Acclamation ~ Aclamación Memorial
 Great Amen ~ Gran Amén
Communion Rite ~ Rito de Comunión
 Our Father ~ El Padre Nspuestro
 Nuptial Blessing ~ Bendición Nupcial
 Sign of Peace ~ Signo de la Paz
 Lamb of God ~ Cordero de Dios
 Communion Procession ~ Procesión de Comunión
 Post Communion Prayer ~ Oración después Comunión

CONCLUDING RITE ~ Rito de Despedida

Solemn Blessing ~ Bendición Solemne
Dismissal ~ Despedida
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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE RITE OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT MASS

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE ~ EL RITO DE MATRIMONIO

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Responsorial Psalm ~ Salmo Responsorial
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Universal Prayer ~ Oraciones Universales
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