



## The Sacrament of Marriage

### Frequently Asked Questions



- Question:** **We would like to get married at Our Lady Queen of Peace, what should we do first?**  
**Answer:** Call or stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours: Mon – Fri from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and schedule an appointment to meet with Msgr. Ken.
- Question:** **Can we get married at Our Lady Queen of Peace if we are not members?**  
**Answer:** Yes, we would be happy to have you celebrate the sacrament of marriage with us at Queen of Peace.
- Question:** **My fiancé is not Catholic, can we get married in the Catholic Church?**  
**Answer:** Yes, you can celebrate your marriage in the Catholic Church. There is a formal requirement to obtain permission through a dispensation. Msgr. Ken will discuss this with you in detail at your appointment.
- Question:** **What are the requirements for marriage preparation at Our Lady Queen of Peace?**  
**Answer:** The parish requires a preparation entitled FOCCUS which is conducted by married couples from our parish. Couples are also required to fulfill the marriage preparation requirements set forth by the Diocese of Madison, which include 2 retreats: "Real Life, Real Love" and "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage." Information about the retreat schedule can be found at [www.madisondiocese.org/mp](http://www.madisondiocese.org/mp)
- Question:** **What days and times are available for a wedding or ceremony?**  
**Answer:** Weddings on Saturdays are scheduled at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Weddings may be scheduled on other days when they do not conflict with previous or regular scheduling of the church. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays and Holy Days.
- Question:** **We have a few dates in mind, how can I find out if those dates are available?**  
**Answer:** You can inquire about available dates by contacting the parish center; however, you must meet with Msgr. Ken before you can secure a wedding date and time on the church calendar.
- Question:** **Will there be multiple weddings on our wedding day?**  
**Answer:** Possibly. We do our best to accommodate as many couples as we can. Our schedule ensures that multiple weddings can be celebrated on any given Saturday.
- Question:** **We have so many questions about the details...where do we get the answers?**  
**Answer:** Once you've had the opportunity to meet with Msgr. Ken, you will receive a packet titled "Marriage Preparation Guidelines" which will have the answers to many of your questions. Msgr. Ken will provide you with a copy of "Together for Life", which is a booklet designed to guide you through the process of planning a wedding liturgy with your priest. In addition, you will be assigned a wedding coordinator from the parish to help you every step of the way and answer any remaining questions.
- Question:** **Are there fees associated with getting married at Our Lady Queen of Peace?**  
**Answer:** There is no fee associated with using the church if you are a parish member, however, non-members are asked to make a suggested donation of \$200. The wedding coordinator fee for all couples is \$200 under normal circumstances. The customary stipend for the presiding priest is also \$200. Based on individual choices, you may have additional fees for Musicians, Vocalists and altar servers. A complete list of fees is provided in the "Marriage Preparation Guidelines" packet.