



WEDDING CONTRACT

I. The Couple Must Provide

- A. A certified copy of baptismal certificate (issued within six months of date of wedding) for the Catholic parties. This can be obtained by calling the church of Baptism. *This is NOT the original that your parents received when you were baptized, but one reissued from the Church of Baptism.*
- B. A letter from the pastor of either Catholic not registered at Most Blessed Sacrament stating that he/she is a practicing Catholic and is given permission for the wedding to be held at Most Blessed Sacrament.
- C. If a visiting priest/deacon is involved, must provide contact information and must follow all MBS guidelines as stated in this contract.
- D. You must obtain a civil license issued by the state no later than three weeks prior to time/date of marriage. You may go as early as 30 days before date of marriage. Upon receipt of your license and certificate, please bring it to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Office in order to complete documentation. Take note of office hours for delivery.

II. Marriage Preparation at Most Blessed Sacrament

- A. Consists of several meetings with the priest or deacon prior to the marriage ceremony.
- B. During these meetings, a Pre-Marital Inventory (PMI) called "Prepare & Enrich" will be given. This standardized test will be administered and then its findings will be explained. A trained, married couple, priest, or deacon will review the results.
- C. Weekend Engaged Encounter or Called To Love virtual retreat for the engaged couple is mandatory. Information is included with this contract.
- D. You may contact Caryn Didier (225) 752-6230 to go over arrangements and assist with any questions you may have.

III. Music

- A. Music at the wedding is used to establish solemnity and an atmosphere of prayer. The musician fees are to be worked out between the musicians and the wedding couple and paid directly to the musicians BEFORE the WEDDING DATE. (Musicians include singers, pianist, organist, etc.)
- B. All music selections must be approved by the Director of Music, Chad LeBlanc. Also, musicians outside of Most Blessed Sacrament parish are to be approved by the Director of Music. You may contact Chad via email at chadleb@cox.net.

IV. Flowers, Decorations & Environment

- A. Flowers may be placed in planter boxes on each side of the sanctuary, as well as bows on pews.
- B. All corsages and boutonnieres must be labeled with names for distribution.
- C. If the wedding takes place during Advent, Lent, or Easter, the bridal party must accept the existing decorations.
- D. We ask that you show respect for the house of God by not bringing any food, drink, or alcoholic beverages into the Church or on Parish grounds.
- E. No rice, bird seed, flower petals, confetti, bubbles, etc. may be thrown inside or outside of the Church or Parish grounds.
- F. Boxes for flowers and other objects for personal use must be removed immediately after the ceremony.
- G. No aisle runner is allowed. The Unity Candle is no longer a part of the Catholic Mass.

V. Photographers

Photographs and videos may be taken during the wedding. Proper respect should always be paid attention to the sacredness of the event. Pictures following the wedding are allowed for a short time.

VI. Fees

- A. Church fees for the wedding at MBS must be paid upon signing this contract. The fee reserves the date for the wedding. The date is not reserved until the fees are collected. The fees are as follows:
 - Registered MBS Parishioner: \$400.00
 - Non-Registered MBS: \$900.00
- B. The church fee is separate from musician and singer fees (see Musician section above) as well as from the gift stipends to the minister. A monetary gift of appreciation for the priest and/or deacon is a “free will” personal matter and is certainly appreciated.



Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
Statement of Agreement & Financial Obligation

I, _____ have received a copy of the Wedding Contract and agree to abide by the
(print your name)

requirements for my wedding scheduled for _____.
(date)

I have paid the church fee of \$_____ as stated in this contract via cash or check on _____.
(date)

We agree to share this information with our families, and with those with whom we have contracted or arranged for necessary services for the wedding (including but not limited to the florists, photographers, musicians, decorators, videographers, etc.) so that they will be familiar with the guidelines and will follow them, as pertaining to their responsibilities for our wedding.

We agree to meet and go over with the Wedding Coordinator any questions concerning decorations before our wedding date. We understand that existing decorations in the church may not be moved or removed. We also understand that our decorations are to be limited and not to be done in extreme.

We agree to prepare spiritually for our wedding, by regular attendance at weekend Mass during the whole period of marriage preparation, and by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the ceremony, as necessary.

We agree to follow all bishop and governor guidelines during the pandemic of COVID-19.

Bride's Name & Signature: _____

Groom's Name & Signature: _____

Most Blessed Sacrament Wedding Planning Helpful Hints/Checklist

Congratulations! God has called you to Holy Matrimony and you have generously responded by deciding to marry. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church shares your joy and sincerely wants your marriage to succeed. Below is a guideline to keep us both organized before the big day.

Six Months prior to the wedding

- Begin actively planning your wedding with Most Blessed Sacrament. If you have not already received a call from the Pastor, please call the church office at (225) 752-6230.
- Collect documents as outlined in Contract, Section I.
 - o Certified Baptism Certificate
 - o Pastoral Letter for non-MBS Parishioner if applicable
 - o Contact information of visiting priest/deacon if applicable
- Schedule on-going meetings with Priest/Deacon for Marriage Preparation
- “Prepare & Enrich” test administered
- Schedule Weekend Engaged Encounter or Called To Love Retreat
- Begin to gather readings/music ideas to discuss with Wedding Coordinator

One month prior to the wedding

- Obtain Civil Marriage License by the state & deliver to MBS Parish Office
- Confirm that all paperwork has been submitted to MBS
- Turn in music selection forms
- Select readings
- Confirm floral order and time of arrival
- Confirm rehearsal time with wedding coordinator and bridal party
- Assign someone to be the contact person the day of the wedding. Make sure the wedding coordinator, florist, photographer, etc. have this person’s phone number.

Parish Hours & Contact Information

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 3:30pm (closed 12pm-1pm)

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Office: 225.752.6230

Fax: 225.756.5014

Civil Marriage License

Visit the Clerk of Court website for the most updated information to obtain License.

<http://www.ebrclerkofcourt.org/Marriage-Licenses>

Engaged Encounter/Called to Love Retreat

Visit the Catholic Engaged Encounter of Baton Rouge for more information/registration.

<https://www.batonrouge.engagedencounter.com>

Visit the Called to Love Virtual Retreat for more information/registration.

<https://www.mfldiobr.org>

