

St. Helen Catholic Church Wedding Agreement

Thank you for selecting St. Helens for your wedding. The Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred and solemn ceremony. Before any wedding ceremony is scheduled at St. Helen Catholic Church, we ask that both, the prospective bride and groom, agree to the following. Both parties need to initial each paragraph and sign the agreement before scheduling the ceremony.

1. We'll provide all required documentation to the Marriage and Family Life Office staff by the due date on the checklist.
2. We understand that the Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred ceremony. The nature of the ceremony requires that the dresses worn by the bride and her attendants/bridesmaids be of modest nature. We'll use good judgment when choosing attires. If we have questions regarding the appropriateness of the bride's or attendant's dresses, we'll contact the Marriage and Family Life Office staff.



Shawl needed



Shawl needed



Shawl needed



No shawl necessary



No shawl necessary



No shawl necessary

3. We understand that music needs to be selected at least 6 weeks prior to the wedding date and the fees to musicians are negotiated by and paid directly to the musicians.
4. We'll give the donation, \$200.00 dollars donation for our parishioners and \$400.00 for non-parishioners, to the St. Helen's Parish Business and Administration Coordinator at least 60 days prior to the rehearsal.
5. We understand that "Programs/Worship Aids" prepared for use at the wedding ceremony need to be submitted 1 (one) month in advance to the Marriage and Family Life Office staff.
6. We'll give the Marriage License to the Marriage and Family Life Office staff **at least one week** prior to the wedding. (The reason for this is that Marriage Licenses in Texas become valid until 72 hours after they are issued and expired after 89 days. The ceremony only can take place if we have a valid marriage license).
7. We understand that the rehearsal is for those involved directly in the wedding (i.e. bride, groom, bridesmaids, groomsmen, lectors, parents, sponsors). We'll arrive on time to the rehearsal (if any) and wedding to avoid schedule conflicts with any other activity and ceremony schedule at St. Helens. We understand that if the groom, bride, or anybody else is late, the rehearsal or ceremony will start without them.
8. We understand that the "Bride's Room" is large enough to accommodate the bride and a reasonable amount of attendants/bridesmaids. We'll keep all articles (including make-up bags, hair dryers, etc.) in the bride's room and **remove them after the ceremony**. We understand that the groomsmen need to arrive at the church already dressed and prepared.
9. We understand that the wedding party is responsible to ensure that the facility is left in the same condition as when the ceremony began. All trash, flower petals, boxes, programs, etc., will be removed. The condition of the Bride's room and church will be returned to normal. If any furniture is moved, it will be returned to its original location. The church's property (kneelers, stands, etc.) will be moved only if permission is granted.
10. We understand that food, gum, or beverage (other than water) need to be consumed outside the church only. We and our guests will avoid consuming alcohol on St. Helens campus.

We happily agree to the statements stated above.

Printed name of the Bride

Printed name of the Groom

Date

Signature of the Bride

Signature of the Groom

Date