

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism of infants: Congratulations to you on the occasion of your child's birth. We look forward to welcoming your child into Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Family through the sacrament of Baptism. While recognizing that parents are the first teachers and have the primary responsibility of bringing up their child in the practice of the faith, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs wishes to support you to do this amid the challenges of contemporary living. We encourage parents to be part of our worshipping community each and every weekend.

We invite parents and sponsors to participate in a one hour program preparing for Baptism. This is a Diocese of Venice requirement for parents and sponsors before the Baptism takes place. Sponsors should be practicing Catholics. A non-Catholic cannot be an official sponsor.

Baptisms take place the first and third Sundays of each month following the 11 a.m. Mass. Classes for Baptism are usually the first Monday of each month. Please contact the parish office 755-1826 or email msmith@olqm.net to register.

First Communion

Preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist is on the Faith Formation section of this website.

Confirmation

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation for parish youth is outlined in the Faith Formation section of this website.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.

For the preparation of children for 2nd grade "First Penance"...see the Faith Formation section of this website.

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform us if you or a loved one is seriously ill so that a priest may pray with you and anoint you. Likewise you are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing if you are having a serious procedure. Please call the parish office and let us know.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office 6 months before the wedding is to take place.

Holy Orders

Are you hearing the call for a Vocation into the priesthood? If so please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. John Mark Klaus, TOR. or email him at johnmarktor@juno.com.

R.C.I.A.=Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for the faithful who would like to convert to Catholicism. It is a year of introduction to the Catholic Faith,

Marriage

On behalf of the Priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs congratulations and best wishes on the happy plans you are making! We pray that you will have many fulfilling years together as a couple.

Wedding date should be set with parish office at least 6 months before the wedding.
Wedding Guidelines

Weddings at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

You have made a momentous decision and are now inviting the Church to share with you the journey of faith and love; and we are glad to join you on this journey.

To make your preparations easier, we provide you with this information. It is to help and enable you to plan for your wedding event with the awareness of what is involved with a "Church wedding."

Some questions, frequently asked:

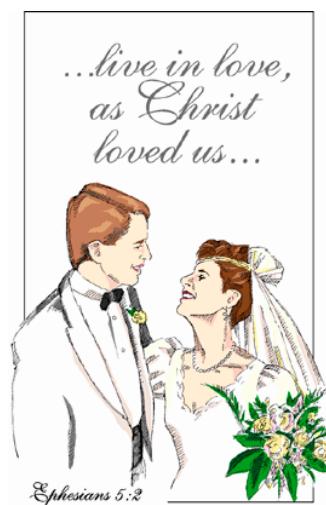
Interfaith or Ecumenical Marriages.—We respect the differences when couples come from different religious backgrounds and we would welcome a clergy person from another religious tradition as part of the celebration. This request should be made to the preparing priest so that he can invite the minister to participate.

Marriage in another parish—If you plan on being married in another parish out of the area, we are happy to do the necessary paperwork. We will then forward this material to the pastor of the Catholic parish where the wedding will take place.

Visiting Clergy—Couples are able to invite another priest to celebrate their wedding. If this is the case, please inform the preparing priest of this request. He will invite the priest or deacon to celebrate or co-celebrate.

Scheduling the marriage—Marriage can be celebrated on any day except Christmas and during the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday thru Easter Sunday). Wedding during the Lenten season are discouraged due to the Penitential nature of the season, but can be permitted for serious reasons. This is to be discussed with the preparing priest. No marriage can be scheduled after 8:00 PM, and Sunday weddings must be cleared with the visiting celebrant and the Pastor.

Nuptial Mass or Nuptial Service—The ideal celebration for two Catholics is the Nuptial Mass. The suggestion for an interfaith or ecumenical marriage is a Nuptial Service rather than a Mass, so that both parties feel comfortable and included in the service. This option should be discussed with the priest.



Marriage continued

Age for Marriage—Diocesan guidelines set the minimum age at 18, provided that the person has also been out of high school for one year. Any exceptions must be referred to the pastor or diocesan officials.

Previous Marriage—If one of the persons has been married previously, he or she must provide either a decree of nullity or a death certificate before the process can continue. If an annulment procedure is in process, no date may be set for the marriage until the decree is final.

Required Documents—Catholic parties will be required to have a recent (within 6 months) copy of their Baptismal Certificate. Before the wedding can take place a wedding license must be provided to the priest. A copy of the required Pre Cana program fulfillment will reduce the cost of the civil license. This will be obtained by the couple from the priest preparing them for marriage.

If additional documents are needed, the priest will inform the couple.

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

We urge that restraint be practical in the decoration of the church. We provide flowers for the altar and the placing of additional flowers become superfluous. Bows or floral arrangements on the pews are at the discretion of the couple, but must not harm the wood.

If you choose a Unity Candle, although discouraged by the bishops, you must provide it on the night of the rehearsal. It will be returned to you after the wedding. Any floral questions can be directed to the church by the florist.

Weddings celebrated during special seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter) must respect the Liturgical design of the sanctuary. No one is permitted to move the arrangements set up for the season.

Any questions regarding the Liturgical environment are to be referred to the Priest.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Lector(s) should be comfortable with reading to congregations.

Altar servers can be provided for by the parish or provided from servers known to family.

Ministers of Hospitality are usually the ushers.

Gift bearers can be members of the bridal party, family or friends. (Used only at Mass.)

Eucharistic Ministers must be duly commissioned and can be used as Cup Ministers.

Cantors are provided by the parish and enable people to join in the musical selections.

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