

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

The following items are required for the completion of your marriage preparation. Use this list to help keep track of what is completed, and what still needs completion.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Initial meeting with Deacon Doug Bogart
- Nullity Decree (if nec.) - Must be on file before starting process
- If Dispensation is needed, schedule follow-up meeting to begin process
- \$150.00 Preparation fee applies to couples only preparing at St. Thomas
- Pre-Nuptial Inquiry

TO BE DONE WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF INITIAL MEETING

- FOCCUS assessment** (The assessment may be done at the parish office during regular office hours)
- Contact Regina with two desired dates and name of chosen celebrant.
- Church reservation: \$50.00 deposit
- Send out the groom's affidavit of free status. (2 yellow sheets)
- Send out the bride's affidavit of free status (2 yellow sheets)
- Register for: (<https://www.ourcovenantoflovephx.org/>)
 - Love for Life Weekend (take 7-8 months prior to wedding)
 - God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage (take 6-7 months prior to wedding)
 - Natural Family Planning series (take 4-6 months prior to wedding)

TO BE DONE ABOUT 3 - 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING

- Groom's baptismal certificate w/notations** issued within 6 months prior to the wedding date.
 - Confirmation and First Eucharist certificates if necessary
- Bride's baptismal certificate w/notations** issued within 6 months prior to the wedding date.
 - Confirmation and First Eucharist certificates if necessary
- Paperwork turned in**
 - **Affidavits of free status** (2 for each)
 - Completion certificates for
 - **Love for Life**
 - **God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage**
 - **NFP series**
- Meet with Deacon Doug for **Follow-up meeting**
- Music arrangement confirmed (contact Greg Hebert @ the parish office).
 - Music fee \$300.00 paid in full

TO BE DONE 1 – 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING

- Meet with Regina De Spain for ceremony planning
- Approved dispensation (as needed)
- Readings selection
- Marriage License
- \$350.00 paid in full two weeks before wedding date
- Schedule meeting with Fr. John or Celebrant
- Final meeting with Deacon Doug Bogart
- Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation