

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1707 Bull Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

## SACRED HEART PARISHIONER WEDDING GUIDELINES

### ○ FEES:

The wedding rental and rehearsal is \$400.

The venue fee for the church rental must be paid in full at the time of booking with a personal check. The venue fee does not include a thank you gift to the celebrant.

### ○ MUSIC:

Please contact Rick Morgan, Sacred Heart's organist at 908-507-8430 for your music needs. All music selections must be approved by Mr. Morgan as well as the use of other musicians. [Secular songs are not appropriate for this setting.] Email: [rmorgan@sacredheartsavannah.org](mailto:rmorgan@sacredheartsavannah.org)

### ○ SCHEDULING WEDDING DAY / TIME:

Please note Parish services have priority.

By preference, weddings are not normally scheduled during Advent or Lent due to the busy and solemnity time of year.

- Weddings: Saturday; 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- Rehearsals: typically scheduled at 4:00 p.m. the Friday before the wedding.

### ○ REQUIRED CHURCH DOCUMENTATION:

- Visiting priests or deacons are required to provide a "letter of good standing" from their Diocese no later than thirty (30) days prior to the wedding date to the following address:

**Diocese of Savannah  
Office of the Bishop  
2170 East Victory Drive  
Savannah, GA 31404**

### ○ WEDDING SET UP

- 1:30 pm Weddings – Unless prior agreement, decorations must be removed before the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- 6:30 pm Weddings – Decorations can be placed after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- Guests are requested not to throw rice or rose petals in the church or outside the church doors.
- Due to liability issues, runners are not allowed on the aisle. Lighted held candles are also not allowed for similar reasons.
- The photographer should be made aware of the sacred nature of the marriage ceremony and should endeavor not to be a distraction. At no time should anyone enter the sanctuary for photos or videotaping.
- Please do not move or tamper with anything in the sanctuary and also protect the sanctuary carpet from candle wax.

### ○ PLEASE NOTE:

- At the time of the rehearsal, the Georgia marriage license should be given to the priest/deacon.
- Space is not available on site to be used as a dressing room. The church's public restroom can not to be used as a dressing room.
- Drinking alcohol is strictly prohibited on church property at the wedding or at the rehearsal.
- Please respect the beauty and age of our church. There may be times it is under repair and/or going through maintenance. We will keep you apprised if this might have an impact on your wedding.