

## **Important Information**

*The church will seat up to 350 people.*

*The couple will be given a preparation booklet at their first meeting with the parish wedding coordinator to assist them in the preparation of their wedding ceremony.*

*A personal wedding coordinator is permitted but is your representative. All references and procedures regarding the wedding ceremony at Saint William's will be through our Parish Wedding Coordinator.*

*There is a church fee of \$600.00 for parishioners and \$800.00 for non-parishioners. There is a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit which is due at your first meeting. No wedding date will be written on the church calendar until this deposit is received. The remaining balance is due one month prior to the actual wedding date.*

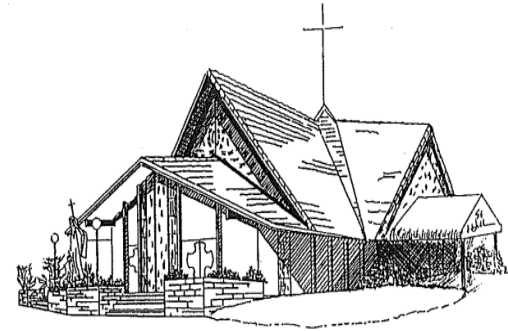
*Parish musicians are available for hire. Musician fees are not included in the church fee.*

*Monetary donations for the Pastor, while optional, are customary. An envelope will be provided for this purpose and should be given directly to him.*

*A room is available for the bride and her attendants one hour prior to the wedding service.*

*Appropriate dress is required. Bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses must be modest and appropriate. Guests serving as ministers of the Liturgy such as readers, etc. must follow this dress code.*

## *St. William's Parish*



## *The Sacrament of Matrimony*



## *Two shall become One*

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*Cheri Bertsch ~ Wedding Coordinator*



## **Diocesan Regulations**

*All marriages must comply with the laws of the Roman Catholic Church*

*A minimum of six (6) months preparation is required for all couples planning to celebrate a Catholic wedding.*

*All couples are required to complete a marriage preparation process through Engaged Encounter. Information for this program will be provided. The fees associated with this program are not included in the church fees.*

*The couple should prepare spiritually through prayer, scripture and participation in other religious activities. The Catholic member(s) need to be registered in a Catholic parish and be participating in the sacraments.*

*The place for a wedding celebration is the parish church. Weddings may not take place outdoors. Marriage may take place within a Mass or outside a Mass.*

*Since marriage is a part of the Church's liturgy the music should be the same kind used during mass. Only sacred music may be used in a Catholic wedding.*

*Visiting clergy must obtain permission from the Pastor and the Diocese of Monterey before witnessing at any wedding at St. William's.*



*"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." Catechism of the Catholic Church*

## **Parish Policies**

*Interested couples need to contact the wedding coordinator at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date to set up a first meeting and receive a list of required documentation.*

*Couples living outside of the area must be prepared at their local parish. Contact the wedding coordinator for more information.*

*Ceremony Day & Time: Most weddings take place on Saturday and are scheduled between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Sunday weddings are not allowed. Weekday weddings are allowed. All weddings are scheduled according to the church calendar.*

*Rehearsal: The rehearsal generally takes place the evening before the wedding and is scheduled according to the church calendar.*

*Vendors: All florists, photographers, videographers, and any musicians outside of the parish musicians must consult with the wedding coordinator prior to the wedding.*

*Birdseed/Rice/Petals/Pews: Nothing can be dropped or thrown either in the church or on church grounds prior to, during, or following the wedding. Nothing may be pinned, stapled or taped to the church pews.*

*Clean-up: This is the responsibility of the wedding party. All things brought into the church, and parking lot need to be removed promptly at the end of the service.*

*Alcohol, Food and Tobacco are not permitted in parish buildings or in the parking lot at any time.*

*Any exceptions of diocesan and church policies must be approved by the Pastor.*

