

St. Philip the Apostle, Occidental & St. Teresa of Avila, Bodega Wedding Kit

Welcome!

The doors of St Teresa of Avila and St. Philip the Apostle are open to Catholics who wish to be married, and we welcome inquiries from those of other faiths. Contact us to find out how you may be able to have your wedding in one of our beautiful churches. With their historic and simple beauty, our churches will provide you with memories to last a lifetime.

Information and Policies

Thank you for considering St. Teresa of Avila in Bodega and St. Philip in Occidental for your wedding. The following covers our basic policy; however, you are most welcome to call St. Philip at (707) 874-3812 ext. #2. Janis Wilson, the Wedding Coordinator, will return your call.

Weddings are generally scheduled on Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., or 2:00 p.m. Each wedding is allotted a 2-hour time slot, which allows for seating of guests, the ceremony, and pictures. Other days and times are available. Please inquire.

The administrative fee for the use of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Bodega or St. Philip the Apostle Church in Occidental is \$1200 and includes the services of our wedding coordinator and the services of the parish organist/pianist. The fee also supports the maintenance of the church buildings and helps to support the mission of these historic churches. For parishioners of St. Philip and St. Teresa, the administrative fee is \$800. Parishioners are defined as those registered in the parish and regular donors in the weekly envelope or PayPal donor program. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is required to be paid within a week of the reservation being approved and the balance due 8 weeks prior to the date of the wedding. Please make your check payable to St. Philip/St. Teresa Catholic Church and include the name and date of the wedding party. Please mail it to St. Philip Catholic Church, PO Box 339, Occidental, CA 95465. The wedding coordinator will be in contact with you to assist with any questions you may have, arrange the details of your ceremony, conduct your wedding rehearsal, and assist on your wedding day.

We welcome inquiries from other religious traditions. You may be able to be married here by a priest, or other minister or official. Please contact us to ask us if your upcoming wedding qualifies. The ceremony content needs to be approved by our pastor. A California marriage license valid for the date of the wedding is required.

Catholic Marriages

If you are a Catholic and wish to be married at St. Teresa or St. Philip and are not a

member of our parish, you need to make an appointment with our pastor to begin the process. You will need to complete a pre-marriage questionnaire.

Catholic Marriages are conducted by a bishop, priest, or deacon who is responsible for filling out all paperwork required by the Church and will see that the requirements for marriage preparation and instruction have been fulfilled. You may request that our parish priest preside at the ceremony or you may ask a priest or deacon of your choice. Visiting clergy will abide by all policies and requirements of the Parish and the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

Requirements for Catholic Marriages:

- Provide your baptismal certificates with all notations on the back issued within 6 months of the wedding. These are obtained by contacting the church in which the baptism took place.
- If either person has been married before, there are additional issues to be resolved before setting a date for a Catholic ceremony. This takes extra time. This must be discussed with your pastor and resolved before proceeding with the wedding plans.
- You will also need to complete the marriage preparation program required by your diocese. Often the requirements of your diocese will be the same as those in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. If so, we often can provide you with dates and locations for these programs.

Interfaith Marriages

If one of the parties is Catholic and the other is not, the marriage ceremony usually will be celebrated simply in the context of a Liturgy of the Word rather than in the context of the Mass. In the case of an interfaith wedding, the non-Catholic party may invite his/her minister to participate in the ceremony.

Music

The services of our musical director/organist includes a private consultation regarding the musical selections for your ceremony. This consultation is scheduled through our Parish office at (707) 874-3812 ext.#2. It is required that our music director be present at your ceremony to help things run smoothly. You may select music from the list provided, or other music of your choosing can also be arranged. Should you wish additional musicians, we recommend budgeting approximately \$150 for each. Vocalists and instrumentalists are easily provided. Our music director works with many talented local musicians that you may wish to consider.

Below are some musical suggestions. Specific requests will be considered if the sheet music is provided by the wedding party.

Wedding Party Processional Options:

- Aria – Handel
- Serenade - Clarke
- Processional - Haydn
- Canon in D - Pachelbel
- Arioso - Bach
- Processional - Handel
- Sheep May Safely Graze - Bach
- Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

Bridal Processional Options

- Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke (Purcell)
- Trumpet Tune - Clarke (Purcell)
- Rondeau - Mouret
- Trumpet Tune - Purcell
- Te Deum - Charpentier
- Trumpet Tune - Stanley
- Bridal Chorus (*Traditional*) – Wagner

Recessional Options

- Psalm 19 - Marcello
- Prelude in Classic Style - Young
- Allegro - Handel
- Sinfonia - Handel
- Rondo in G - Bull
- Rejoicing - Handel
- Offertorio - Zipoli
- Wedding March (*Traditional*) – Mendelssohn

There is an organ at St. Teresa's, and an electric piano and organ at St. Philip's.

The music accompanying the virtual tour on this website was recorded on site with our organist, trumpeter, and violinist.

A useful link to wedding music suggestions can be found at the following link:
<http://www.stjosephcathedral.org/Home/Weddings/Music/tabid/95/Default.aspx>

Photography

You may select your own photographer/videographer or we will be glad to offer names of qualified local photographers.

Flowers and Decorations

We generally recommend two arrangements on either side of the altar. The churches do not provide an aisle runner. If desired, this item may be rented from most floral companies. We will be happy to provide you with names of local florists. The throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, or flower petals in either the church or in the parking lot is not allowed. Artificial flower petals are allowed indoors only and it is your responsibility to see that all are picked up and disposed of immediately after the ceremony. If you wish to decorate the church or add any structures, i.e., chairs, stands, or columns, they must be approved in advance. It is traditional to leave two altar floral or plant arrangements for the Sunday mass.

Special Note About St. Teresa

At St. Teresa's Church there is no center aisle; rather, there are two side aisles.

For more information, please download our Wedding Kit from our website or contact our Wedding Coordinator.

NOTE: We are a non-profit religious organization and charge only an administrative fee for the use of our facility. As such, we reserve the right to refuse service in accordance with our religion's conscience (religious beliefs) as provided for by federal and state law.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have a simple ceremony or a nuptial Mass? You work this out with the priest who will be witnessing your vows.

My fiancé and I have not attended church for a long time. Can we still get married in your church? If you would like to marry in any Catholic Church, it is important to establish a tradition of attending mass regularly. In this way, you will become re-acquainted with the prayers and rituals in the Mass and you will get to know a priest with whom you feel comfortable enough to invite to accompany you in the journey through the preparation and the ceremony. Please discuss this further during your initial interview with your priest.

We're very concerned about coordinating the reception hall, etc. for that day. Can we book the church now? It is never too early to inquire about availability. If you want a particular priest to celebrate, is a good idea to consult with him.

My uncle is a priest but he lives out of the country. Could he preside at our wedding? Any priest that can provide a letter of suitability from his Bishop stating that he is in good standing may preside. The marriage preparation may be overseen locally by another priest of the couple's choice.

My fiancé is not Catholic. Can we get married in the Catholic Church? I was married before. Can I remarry in the Catholic Church? I still need to make my First Communion and Confirmation. Is this a problem? These are some of the issues that are discussed in the initial interview with your priest. Each situation will be examined individually by the priest, who will give the couple recommendations on how to address specific needs. He is the person who ultimately would declare the couple's readiness for marriage in the Catholic Church.

Who should I talk to if I have more questions? Contact your priest for general questions about getting married and required preparation. For questions concerning weddings at St. Philip or St. Teresa churches, please contact the parish.

Wedding Planner

Your email:

Bride and Groom names:

Preferred Date and Time of Wedding:

Priest/Minister Officiating the Wedding:

Bride home phone:

Bride cell phone:

Groom home phone:

Groom cell phone:

Song Selections:

Prelude

Unity Candle Lighting by family (optional)

Wedding Party Processional

Entrance of the Bride

Responsorial Psalm:

Gospel Acclamation:

Song before Exchange of Vows and Blessing of the rings (optional)

Music during the lighting of the Unity Candle by wedding couple (optional)

If celebrating a nuptial Mass, the following are included:

Preparation of Gifts:

Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation

Amen:

Lamb of God

Song for Communion

Flowers to Mary (optional)

Wedding Party Recessional

Postlude

More Information:

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