



Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church

Mandeville, Louisiana

Wedding Guidelines

Times:

Because of the many sacramental needs of our parish family, we have reserved the following times for weddings:

Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lent:

We do not hold wedding celebrations during Lent. In the tradition of our Church, Lent is a solemn season of prayer and fasting in remembrance of the Passion of Christ.

Unity Candle ** Please Note**

We **do not** allow use of a Unity Candle for weddings held at Our Lady of the Lake. This "tradition" is not a part of the Catholic rite of the Sacrament of Marriage. The true symbol of unity is the couple exchanging their consent. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions.

Attendants:

Kneelers will be provided for the bride and groom. Available space requires that additional maids and groomsmen will be seated in the first pew. Six of each can be seated comfortably. Any additional attendants will have to be seated in the side aisles or the second pew.

Baptismal Certificates:

Please request a **newly issued baptismal certificate** from your church of baptism **six months before the wedding date.**

Fees:

Fees are set to cover the cost of the utilities, the various personnel involved, and the maintenance of our church building. Since parishioners regularly contribute to the support of our church, a discount is offered.

Parishioners	\$ 500
Non-Parishioners	\$1,250
Validations	\$ 100
Marriage Preparation Only	\$ 150

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Payment schedule:

A non-refundable deposit of half of the fee (\$250/\$625) is due when booking the wedding date. The remaining fee is due 30 days prior to the wedding date.

Music:

Our guidelines have recently been updated. Please see the music packet for fee information, an approved list of professional musicians, and music selections. You must pay a fee for an organist/pianist and a cantor/vocalist, which is required at all Our Lady of the Lake weddings. Please see our music guidelines or contact Sharon Scharmer at (985) 626-5671 x102 or sharon@ollparish.info for more information.

Photographers, Videographers & Florists:

In order to protect the solemnity of the occasion, we have prepared guidelines for photographers, videographers and florists. We must receive completed forms from them two weeks prior to the wedding. Adherence to these guidelines is expected.

Marriage License:

You will need to go to the Clerk of Court to receive your civil license. The license must be brought to the parish life office at least **two weeks prior** to the rehearsal in order to have the paperwork ready for your wedding day.

Witnesses:

Two official witnesses sign the marriage licenses. Though usually in the wedding party, the only requirement is that they are eighteen or older and are physically present.