

Fees

Your fee helps preserve this unique piece of Atlanta's History. The Shrine offers two wedding packages. A total cost of \$2,250 includes the use of the building, wedding directors, the organist, an honorarium to the clergy, facility maintenance, and parking for the ceremony. We have found that the flat-fee package is not only less complicated, but less expensive. For \$2,000 you get the above package with the exception that your guests pay for their own parking.

Dates for weddings are **only** reserved when a \$500 deposit has been received, along with a signed copy of this brochure. The balance is due no later than 2 weeks before your wedding. Please note: because the Shrine is such a popular site, deposits are NOT refundable if the wedding is cancelled within six months of the scheduled date. Requests for refunds outside six months before the scheduled date are handled on a case-by-case basis by the Pastor.

WEDDING RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please complete this application and mail it to the Shrine along with your deposit. Your wedding date will be reserved when this signed form is received, along with the deposit, and all procedures outlined above are completed. Please call the church office at 404.521.1866 if you have any questions.

Proposed Date: _____
Time: _____

Clergy: _____

Bride: _____

Day Phone: _____ Home/cell phone: _____

Address: _____

Groom: _____

Day Phone: _____ Home/cell phone: _____

Address: _____

I have read this brochure, agree to abide by the church's policies and procedures, and understand my responsibilities regarding the planning of this wedding.

Signature _____ Date: _____

We first heard of the Shrine for our wedding via:

Word of mouth

Wedding Show Ad in _____
Please circle one

Website

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WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC SHRINE!

In the very heart of Georgia's capital, we can help you create a wonderful and prayerful wedding experience—and lasting memories—in the historic and architectural landmark of the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Atlanta's most historic church.

The Role of the Clergy

Our priests and deacons are excited about your decision to marry and will make your journey to your wedding day as smooth as possible with pre-marriage counseling, liturgical planning and securing the necessary documentation. Please contact them individually (or a clergy of your choice) as soon as possible for their assistance.

Music

Our magnificent pipe organ can set the tone for your wedding. We require that all musical arrangements be made with the Shrine's Minister of Music and Organist. We have a brochure available for Catholic weddings, *the Music for Your Wedding at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*, that will provide guidance regarding the music. Please contact our Minister of Music, Mr. Dónal P. Noonan, at the church office soon after you confirm the date your wedding in order to schedule a consultation with him.

The Shrine's audio system does not allow for the use of playback equipment, such as CD players or cassette tapes.

Parking

Secure wedding parking is easy to reach from the expressways, convenient to the city streets, and is normally available one hour before the service is scheduled to begin. The parking deck is located at 95 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, in the Underground Atlanta Parking Deck.

Wedding Schedules

We schedule weddings for 2 PM; 5:30 or 6:00 PM on Saturday, and 3 PM and 6 PM on Sunday. The church is available **one hour before and one half-hour following** your scheduled wedding time. In order to allow all wedding parties time for preparation, this time frame is not negotiable and must be strictly adhered to. Please take this into account when planning for photographs before and after your wedding. Because of time restraints, we strongly advise against receiving lines.

Church Policies

Flowers and Decorations—Flower arrangements are permitted on the reredos (the large marble backdrop behind the altar) in front of the altar, in front of the ambo (pulpit), around the baptismal font, and on the pews. Flowers and decorations are not placed on the altar. Balloon arches are not permitted inside the church. Seasonal church decorations, such as banners, remain in place for weddings. Rice, confetti, birdseed, and bubbles are not used at the church, but rather at the reception. Aisle runner are discouraged. Flower petals down the center aisle may be used, but removal of the petals following the ceremony is the responsibility of the wedding party. Please consult with our church staff about your plans for flowers and decorations in the church. Flowers may be delivered **one hour** before your wedding.

Furniture—The altar, ambo and baptismal font are permanent fixtures and may not be moved.

Photography—Photographs and/or video recordings during the service are allowed from the back of the church, from the balcony or outside the Sanctuary. Your photographer and/or videographer should confer with our church staff for a clear understanding of acceptable procedures. Flash photography is **not** allowed during the service.