

# Scheduling Your Wedding at Atlanta's Most Historic Church



**The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
In Downtown Atlanta**

**Stunning Interior to Celebrate Your Marriage  
Variety of Reception Sites Only Minutes Away  
The Cornerstone of Catholicism in Atlanta Since 1848  
Included on the National Register of Historic Places**

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## *Welcome to the Catholic Shrine!*

In the very heart of Georgia's capitol, we can help you create a meaningful, prayerful wedding experience that is inextricably linked to the story of Atlanta. The Shrine was originally built in 1848 to serve humble workmen who were constructing the Atlantica-Pacific railroad that gave our city its name. During the Civil War, when nearly all of Atlanta was burned to the ground, our pastor successfully appealed to General William Sherman to spare our church. We are thus one of the only standing original structures in downtown Atlanta. Today, our church is an historic and architectural landmark that welcomes visitors from across the country and the world.

Our long center aisle is perfect for your wedding party's procession. It becomes a dramatic focal point for the gathering of your loved ones who share this special moment with you. The space surrounding you includes a soaring ceiling with hand painted artwork, classic marble altars, and stained glass windows that shine against the sunlight.

### *The Clergy*

Our priests and deacons are excited about your decision to marry and will guide you through this journey with pre-marriage counseling, liturgical planning, and sacramental documentation. You will work with the clergy of your choice to plan all aspects of the ceremony. You may also choose outside clergy to officiate; we would be happy to host them in our historic sanctuary.

### *Music & Setting*

Our Minister of Music, Mr. Dónal P. Noonan, is one of the finest choir directors in the state and has the honor of leading the Archdiocesan Choir. You will work directly with him to make your music choices for the ceremony. Our magnificent pipe organ lends an incredible tone to any liturgy, accenting the significance of your commitment with its regal beauty.

We have live streaming available at an extra cost for your family & friends who cannot gather in person with you. For a glimpse at how this would look, you may watch our live-streamed Mass any Sunday.

## *Schedules*

Wedding ceremonies are available at the following times:

- ◇ Saturdays at 2:00 PM, 5:30 PM, or later
- ◇ Sundays at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, or later

The church is available one hour before and one half-hour after your scheduled wedding time. In order to allow other wedding parties time for preparation, this time frame is not negotiable. Please take this into account when planning for photographs.

## *Church Policies*

Flowers and Decorations: Flower arrangements may be placed on the reredos (the large marble backdrop behind the altar), in front of the ambo (pulpit), around the altar, and on the pews. Nothing may be placed on the sacramental altar. Seasonal church decorations, such as banners during Lent, will remain in place. Balloon arches, rice, confetti, birdseed, and bubbles are not to be used inside the church, and aisle runners are discouraged. Flower petals down the center aisle may be used, with the expectation that your party will remove them afterwards. Please note that our altar, ambo, and baptismal font are permanent fixtures that cannot be moved.

Flowers may be delivered one hour before your wedding.

Photography: We want you to remember your special day while also holding reverence for this holy sacrament. 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 procedures. Flash photography is not allowed.

## *Location & Parking*

The Shrine's location provides easy access from I-75/I-85 and I-20. We are directly across from Underground Atlanta and one block from the capitol. Excellent reception sites are mere minutes away.

For an extra fee, secure parking is available in the Underground Atlanta Parking Deck, which is diagonal from our church. This is normally available one hour before your service begins.

# Fees

Our standard wedding package is **\$3,300**. This fee helps maintain our beautiful, historic site and includes the use of the building, on-site coordinators for the rehearsal and wedding day, the organist, facility maintenance, parking, and an honorarium for the clergy. For \$3,000, you will have all of the above except parking.

Your date will be reserved after we have received a signed copy of this brochure and your \$500 deposit. The balance is due no later than four (4) weeks before your wedding.

Please note: because The Shrine is such a popular site, deposits are NOT refundable within six months of the scheduled date. For exceptional cases, please speak with our pastor.

## WEDDING RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please bring/mail your completed application and deposit check of

Proposed Date: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ PM

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

\$500 to our office. For questions, please call us at (404) 521-1866.

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

*Bride's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Groom's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
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