

**Marriage Preparation Guidelines for Out-of-Town Couples**  
**Requesting Marriage at**  
**Resurrection Catholic Church**  
**259 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach, Florida 32550**  
**(850) 837-0357**

- If you do not *presently* live within the parish boundaries of the Resurrection Parish in Miramar Beach, Florida, then you must contact your *local* pastor to begin the necessary paperwork and interview for marriage preparation.
- If the Catholic parties to your upcoming marriage are not presently active in a Catholic parish where you live, then it is important that you resume the practice of your faith by regular Mass attendance and participation in the life of the parish where you live. Your local pastor may ask you to register and attend Mass for a minimal period before preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage can begin or a date can be set.
- Your local pastor and/or his staff will work with you to gather all the information and documentation that will be needed to complete marriage preparation. It will also be your responsibility to see that all requirements that he discusses with you are met. A complete file will be sent to us when you have met all requirements.
- **Important:** We cannot firmly schedule a date and time for your wedding here at Resurrection Parish until we have heard from the local priest or local parish staff member assisting you in your marriage preparation. Normally, they will write us a simple letter informing us that you have contacted them and are progressing with your marriage preparations.
- It is critical that you do not print invitations, arrange transportation or schedule a reception hall until the above requirements have been met and you have been given a firm, committed date by our parish office and the priest or deacon who will actually be performing your marriage ceremony. We cannot be responsible for lost deposits or other expenses if we are not able to accommodate the day and time.
- There is a fee of **\$600** for all non-parishioner couples who plan to be married at Resurrection Catholic Church. This fee helps to cover building expenses like electricity, maintenance and insurance. It does not include the services of our parish's wedding coordinator or musicians.
- We need *at least* six months' notice before we can schedule a wedding. **There are situations, especially if either of you has been married before, or if you do not presently practice your Catholic faith,** where there may be additional steps to take before a wedding date can be set and additional time may be required. Again, your local pastor's evaluation and participation in your preparation is crucial.
- Please be aware that there are peak times of the year, such as May and June, where the wedding calendar may already be full. Your patience and flexibility will be appreciated.