

# Prayer for Engaged Couples

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We share in your Divine love.  
Help us to treat each other with respect  
and not to take each other for granted.

Help us to decide if we are meant to  
share our lives forever.  
Give us the wisdom to face ourselves  
and each other with honesty.  
When we must confront each other,  
Let us speak the truth in love.

Remind us that every moment together  
is precious,  
That our love is much more important  
than wedding details.  
Keep our sense of humor alive and well  
during the harried days of preparation.

As we look forward to the life  
we will create together,  
May we have the strength  
To be true to each other  
in sickness and in health,  
In riches and in poverty,  
in sadness and in joy.  
May our love grow daily into  
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# Your Next Steps

## AFTER YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH YOUR PRIEST

### YOUR ACTION STEPS

☐ **SCHEDULE YOUR WEDDING ON THE ASCENSION PARISH CALENDAR**

Weddings can be scheduled on Saturdays at 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM, and on Friday evenings, beginning between 4:00 - 6:30 PM. Weddings cannot be scheduled during Lent. Check availability on parish calendar at [kcascension.org/calendar](http://kcascension.org/calendar). To schedule your wedding, contact Cathy Weiser ([cweiser@kcascension.org](mailto:cweiser@kcascension.org); 913-681-3348)

☐ **FILL OUT THE MARRIAGE PREP REGISTRATION FORM**

If you have not already done so, please fill out page 5 of the marriage prep registration form. Find the form at [kcascension.org/marriage/#start](http://kcascension.org/marriage/#start). Save the PDF as GroomLastName-BrideLastName and email it to the Marriage Prep Coordinator

☐ **TAKE THE FOCCUS SURVEY**

Email the Marriage Prep Coordinator and request to take the FOCCUS survey. Include your names, email addresses, and wedding date in the email. A separate email (sent directly from FOCCUS) will provide further instructions and links to take the survey

☐ **SCHEDULE YOUR SECOND MEETING WITH YOUR PRIEST**

After you have completed your FOCCUS Surveys, you can schedule your second meeting with your priest. You should plan for the meeting to last about 90 minutes.

**FR. GARY PENNINGS, PASTOR**

Set up appointment through Susan Roth  
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**FR. VIET NGUYEN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

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# Website

## **KCASCENSION.ORG/MARRIAGE**

**FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR YOUR MARRIAGE  
PREPARATION PROCESS HERE!**

Various Forms

Ascension's Wedding Handbook

Marriage Prep Course options

Intro to NFP Course Options

Fee Schedules

FAQ's

# Marriage as a Sacrament

1. Why are you choosing to get married in the Church?
2. What do you see as God's plan for your marriage? How is God a part of your current relationship?
3. What does it mean for you to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage?
4. How often do you pray together as a couple? What effect does praying together or not praying have on your relationship?
5. How has your relationship with your fiancé helped you to grow spiritually as a person? How do you feel you help your fiancé grow spiritually?
6. How will your marriage to your future spouse help you to attain your eternal salvation?
7. What expectations/hopes do you have of your future spouse regarding spirituality and the practice of religion?

# Marriage

AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## START HERE

### BEFORE YOUR FIRST MEETING

#### YOUR ACTION STEPS

- Fill out the Marriage Prep Registration Form at [kcascension.org/marriage/#start](http://kcascension.org/marriage/#start)
- Contact the Marriage Prep Coordinator with any questions
- Schedule an appointment with one of our Parish Priests

### Step 1 MEET WITH ONE OF OUR PRIESTS (90 MIN)

- What to expect: your priest will likely ask some questions to get to know you both a bit better. He will also discuss Marriage as a Sacrament and what it means to be married in the Catholic Church.

### SECOND MEETING WITH PRIEST (90 MIN) Step 2:

- What to expect: your priest will review information with you from your FOCCUS Survey. He will also give you more information on Marriage Prep Courses and Introduction to Natural Family Planning courses.

#### YOUR ACTION STEPS

- After this meeting, you can officially schedule your wedding on the Ascension calendar.
- You will be given instructions for the FOCCUS survey, which you will complete independently, before your next meeting.

#### YOUR ACTION STEPS

- After this meeting, you can sign up for Marriage Prep (step 3) and Intro to NFP (step 4). Contact the Marriage Prep Coordinator if you need updated course information. Keep in mind that these next two steps can be completed in any order.

### Step 3 MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

- Ideally completed 4-8 months prior to your wedding date
- Small group (meeting weekly for 5 weeks) or weekend retreat formats are available
- Online format is available for special circumstances
- Find listings for upcoming marriage prep courses at [kcascension.org/marriage/#prep](http://kcascension.org/marriage/#prep).

### INTRO TO NFP COURSE Step 4:

- Ideally completed 4-8 months prior to your wedding date
- Various options and formats are available; typically only a single session is required
- Find listings for upcoming intro to NFP courses at [kcascension.org/marriage/#NFP](http://kcascension.org/marriage/#NFP).

#### YOUR ACTION STEPS

- Email a copy of your course completion certificate to the Marriage Prep Coordinator

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### Step 5 MEET WITH WEDDING LITURGY COORDINATOR + MUSIC DIRECTOR

#### WEDDING LITURGY COORDINATOR:

- Meet with 6 months prior to your wedding date
- Schedule the date/time for your wedding rehearsal
- Finalize liturgy options for your wedding ceremony

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR:

- Meet with Ascension's Music Director 6 months prior to your wedding date

#### YOUR ACTION STEPS

- Turn in any outstanding documents to church office BEFORE your final meeting with your priest
- Information about required prenuptial paperwork is at [kcascension.org/marriage/#paperwork](http://kcascension.org/marriage/#paperwork)

### FINAL MEETING WITH PRIEST (60 MIN) Step 6:

- Ideally 1-2 months prior to your wedding
- What to expect: you will discuss your wedding vows and marriage commitment. You will complete prenuptial paperwork and review your wedding liturgy.

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