

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH WEDDING INFORMATION

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This wedding may be your first association with St. James, or you may have a very limited relationship, or you may have an on-going relationship with this church currently. We hope it grows deeper in the future, whatever your present level of involvement

This information is to help you arrange a church wedding at St. James. It is important to remember that a wedding in a church is a religious ceremony and will be treated by us as a service of worship.

Planning your wedding with this in mind will make it a special and significant occasion for you.

Clergy

We have two people on staff who preside at weddings. If you wish another minister to perform your wedding, there is a \$50.00 fee for unlocking/locking the building and sound system. A request for guest ministers needs to be approved by the Worship Committee.

Booking your wedding

Book your wedding well in advance, in order to have it on the day and time you wish. If there is more than one couple wanting a specific day and time, the first couple confirming their booking with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will have precedence, and all others must work around that time.

If there is more than one wedding on your date, they will be booked one and a half hours apart. We ask that if there is a wedding following yours, you have someone ready to see that the sanctuary is left in the same condition as when you arrived, to provide a special space to others as well as yourselves.

Interviews

You will meet with the clergy doing your service approximately twice before your wedding; this depends on whether you wish to do some of your own writing for your service or use ours. In these meetings you will be filling out forms, discussing your wedding and looking at the service.

One of these forms is the Vital Statistics form that is used to register your marriage with the Government of Saskatchewan. Information you will need for the forms include:

- Your birthplace
- Your parents' birthplaces and full names (including your mother's maiden name)

If you are divorced, by law, the minister must inspect your Decree Absolute. Please bring this information with you to your first interview.

It is our church policy that you will take a pre-marital course at either

- Family Service Regina, 1440 Broadway Ave. phone 306-757-6675
- Catholic Family Services, 449 Broad Street North phone 306-525-0521

You may also work with us on a more suitable and appropriate alternative.

Music

If you wish to use our organist let us know. It will then be up to you to negotiate with the organist your music choice and if there is to be a soloist. Please do this as soon as possible.

Pictures

Once again, it is important to remember that this is a service of worship and we need to honor that. Pictures, therefore, will not be taken during the service. They may be taken during the processional, as the register is being signed, and during the recessional. Video taping may be done from a fixed position pre-arranged with the minister. No extra lighting is to be used.

Wedding Day

Ushers should be here 30 to 45 minutes before wedding time. It is very important that your wedding begin on time, since the church schedule is often a busy one. We ask that you extend that courtesy to those whose special time may be following yours.

Please make this a chemical free occasion. If there is any evidence of drinking or other drug use, we are not legally able to marry you.

Documents

In the Province of Saskatchewan you are required to have a valid marriage license, which may be obtained from a jewelry store up to 3 months prior to your wedding.

Costs

The cost for a wedding at St. James is \$425.00, which will be divided as follows: \$150.00 for the clergy person, \$75.00 for the organist, and \$200.00 for the maintenance of the building and engaging in our church mission. If finances are a difficulty for you at this time, please discuss this with the minister so that we can explore the possibility of alternate arrangements.

We ask that you bring these fees and your license to the church no later than one week prior to your wedding.

Should your wedding be in St. James, we will do all we can to ensure that it is a special day to mark this important occasion in your life.