



SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY
Roman Catholic Church

For Couples Wishing to Marry

Do not set a date until you meet with our Pastor

Initial Requirements:

- One of you must be Roman Catholic and registered at St. Joseph **OR** one of you must be a child of a parent registered at St. Joseph.
- The Catholic individual(s) must obtain a **NEW** baptismal certificate, **issued within the last six months**, from their church of baptism. The non-Catholic party must obtain a letter or baptismal certificate from their Christian church; this can be the original letter or certificate. If the non-Catholic party is not baptized in any religion, they must bring their birth certificate. When requesting a **NEW baptismal certificate from the church of baptism, please inform the parish that the new certificate is for marriage purposes.** **The church must make note of any prior marriage on the new certificate.**
- Obtain from St. Joseph, HOM parish office **four** Affidavits for Freedom to Marry forms, **two for the bride and two for the groom**. The affidavits must be completed and signed by different people who have known the bride or the groom since they were **sixteen years old or younger**. Parents can also complete and sign the form. **The witness signature must be notarized or signed in the presence of a priest or a deacon and stamped with the Parish Seal.**
- If you are married civilly, obtain a **certified** copy of your marriage certificate, **not an abstract**, (we will be keeping this).
- If either of you were married before, obtain **certified** copies of your marriage certificate, **not an abstract**, and final divorce papers for each marriage (we will be keeping these documents). If your former spouse is deceased, obtain a **certified** copy of the death certificate.
- When all the above is complete, call 702.363.1902 to set-up an appointment with our Pastor.

Appointment Date: _____ Time: _____