

The Anglican Church of St. Paul, L'Amoreaux



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Dear friends,

We are delighted to hear the good news of your marriage plans and pleased that you wish to be married in the Church. You are about to take one of the most important steps of your life and you have, no doubt, given it a great deal of thought and made plans for your future. Your request to be married in St. Paul's L'Amoreaux is an indication that you are asking for God's presence and God's blessing upon your lives together. We invite you to become a part of our worshipping community. I believe that your lives will be enriched and strengthened and that your relationship with each other will be deepened.

I have enclosed information which may answer some of the questions regarding marriage in the Church. After you have read it over, please give me a call and we will get together at a convenient time.

I have also included a declaration of intention which I would like you to sign and bring with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Dean Mercer +".

The Rev'd Canon Dr. F. Dean Mercer,
Parish Priest

MARRIAGE PREPARATION INFORMATION

BRIDEGROOM'S name in full _____
Home Address _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____
Telephone (R) _____ (B) _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Marital Status _____ Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Father's Name in full _____
Father's Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Mother's Name in Full _____
Mother's Maiden _____
Mother's Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Church Affiliation _____ Regular attender? _____
Baptized _____ Confirmed _____
Connection to parish _____

BRIDE'S name in full _____
Home Address _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____
Telephone (R) _____ (B) _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Marital Status _____ Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Father's Name in full _____
Father's Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Mother's Name in Full _____
Mother's Maiden _____
Mother's Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____
Church Affiliation _____ Regular attender? _____
Baptized _____ Confirmed _____
Connection to parish _____

Bride's Family Name _____	Date of Wedding _____
Groom's Family Name _____	Time of Wedding _____
Date and time of Rehearsal _____	

Licence _____ Probable Number of Guests _____

Form of Service (BCP/BAS) _____ Organist _____

Single or Double Ring _____ Music Presentations _____

Maid of Honour.....Address.....

Best Man.....Address.....

Bridesmaids.....

Ushers.....

Ring Bearer.....Flower Girl.....

Readers.....Candlelighters.....

Escorting the Bride Other Functionaries.....

Flowers: Altar.....Church.....Candelabra.....Pews.....

Photographer.....Video.....

People attending with disabilities?.....

Out-of towners.....

Marriage Preparation Program: Course(or) Individual Sessions.....

Matrimonial Commission Required: Sent.....Approved.....

Address after Marriage.....

Events after the service(Pictures, Reception, Party, etc.).....

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Further Information

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WEDDING INFORMATION

The Wedding Ceremony and the Date

The wedding service is the responsibility of the officiating clergy and must take place in the church (the exceptions being another Anglican church or chapel in the Diocese of Toronto). Contemporary and traditional services are available and you may choose the one suitable to you. Holy Communion may also be included in the service. You may wish to have a friend or relative read the Lessons and/or the Prayers of the People in the service.

The date and the time of the ceremony should be arranged with the clergy before any formal announcement is made. At least one month notice is required in order to give plenty of time for interviews and preparations.

Licence

A provincial wedding license is required (banns are no longer recognized in Ontario). It may be obtained from any municipal building in Ontario. A certified copy of the Decree Absolute or Certificate of Divorce must be presented in order to obtain a licence. The licence must be purchased at least three days before the wedding day and is void if not used within three months. Once you have obtained the licence please give it to the clergy **no later than the rehearsal**. The certificate portion is returned to you on your wedding day.

Marriage Preparation

The Pastor will spend some time with you preparing you for marriage and, in particular, for your wedding day. In addition to this, we have a number of programs available to help prepare you for marriage. Some are weekly sessions over a period of 5 or 6 weeks, others are weekend events. We require that you enroll in a marriage preparation program.

Marriage and Spiritual Growth

Marriage is a symbol of the unity we are constantly seeking in our life of faith. We will never become completely one but we will never give up trying. As we reach out to one another in marriage, so we reach out in faith to God. We trust you will endeavor to tap the spiritual resources that are available to you as you plan your wedding day. The ceremony is a service of worship filled with sacred meaning. We ask that you worship with us for at least three months prior to your wedding. We are a family of faith and we believe we have something to offer to you, just as we believe that you too have something to offer. If you are to be married in the Anglican Church, at least one person must have been baptized, but we hope that your commitment goes well beyond this. May God richly bless your lives together.

Music, Photographs and Video Camera

The music for the service must be suitable for the occasion and approved by the Music Director. As it is a service of worship, the music should be uplifting and directed towards God. We do ask that you use the services of our organist. In addition to this, you may wish to use other musicians and/or musical instruments. Special pieces of music or solos may be discussed with the organist.

Photographs may be taken as the bridal procession is entering the church, as the register is being signed and as the procession is leaving the church. No photographs are to be taken during the ceremony except as may be taken from the main entrance of the church or the rear balcony (without flash). The photographer should consult with the Officiant prior to the service. The use of the video camera is permitted provided the camera remains stationary and provided the camera is off to the side and requires no extra lighting.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal is usually held on the Thursday or Friday evening prior to your wedding. It should include the bride and groom, best man and maid of honour, attendants, the person who will present the bride and the mother of the bride. Other family and friends may wish to be present also and are welcome. The wedding fees should be handed to the clergy at this time. The licence should be given to the clergy as well. Please be on time for the rehearsal and for the wedding as it involves a number of people who may have other commitments.

Wedding Fees

Church Fee	\$100.00**	**Items so marked are waived for regular contributors to St. Paul's.
Officiant	\$150.00**	
Organist	\$200.00	
Flowers	\$ 60.00*	If organized through the St. Paul's Flower Guild.
Altar Guild	\$ 40.00	
Parking	\$ 50.00	
Server	\$ 15.00*	If participating.
Total	\$ 615.00	

Divorce

If you have been previously married you may be re-married in the Anglican Church but it must be cleared with the priest.

Flowers

All arrangements for flowers should be made through the Flower Convenor of the Altar Guild one month before the wedding date. The Altar Guild will purchase flowers, arrange them at the Altar, place the silk cushions where the vows are to be made, and decorate the pews. The flowers will remain in the church as a Thanksgiving Gift from the Bride.

Confetti

Because of the nature of our courtyard, which is shared with St. Paul's Seniors' Centre, confetti is not to be used on church property.

Car Parking

Limited parking is available to the south, west,north and north east of the Centre, Terrace, Church Complex (63 spaces). The parking is also used by visitors to the residence. We are not permitted to park underneath the Centre.

We are not permitted to double park, as access to the St. Paul's Seniors' Centre (attached to the Church) must be maintained at all times. Extra parking is available across the street at the Bridlewood Mall on the north-west corner of Finch and Warden. We suggest that the bride be dropped off at the Warden entrance and that the bridal car then proceed around the building where a space is provided opposite the door at the main floor entrance.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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The following declaration must be signed by both parties before we can proceed with a Christian Marriage.

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

We hereby declare that we intend to enter into marriage which we acknowledge to be a union of faithful love, to the exclusion of all others on either side, for better or for worse, until we are separated by death.

We undertake to prepare ourselves for the exchange of vows at our wedding, recognizing that by this mutual exchange our union in marriage will be established.

We intend to strive thereafter to fulfill the purpose of marriage; the mutual fellowship, support and comfort of one another, the procreation (if it may be) and the nurture of children, and the creation of a relationship in which sexuality may serve personal fulfillment in a community of faithful love.

Signed: _____
Groom

Bride (Maiden Name)

Date