

Wedding information for interested parties who live outside the Diocese of Charleston (State of South Carolina)

The parish church is the spiritual home of the family of God, and is considered the heart of sacramental life and ministry. **Marriages between two Catholics are to take place in the parish church of one of the parties. This is the norm.** To receive proper spiritual preparation for the sacrament of marriage and to understand the requirements for the wedding day, most dioceses require that this preparation start at least 6 months before the wedding date at your home parish.

St. Francis by the Sea is not a destination marriage site. Marriages for those living outside of the Diocese will only be considered when both parties are Catholic, have a prior relationship to our parish and a good reason for not celebrating the marriage at one of their home parishes. After meeting with your pastor to discuss your upcoming marriage, if you feel you meet these conditions, you may contact our wedding coordinator to discuss your situation.