

St. Mary & St. George Anglican Parish
Diocese of Edmonton
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The Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is provided by the Anglican Church of St. Mary & St. George in Jasper, Alberta, for those couples who choose to live within the bounds of a Christian relationship. The couple is encouraged to have a parish or church fellowship where their relationship can be supported by other Christians.

Christian marriage is a lifelong commitment to live in love and fidelity. Ideally, it is a relationship in which Jesus Christ is a significant focus in the lives of both partners and in which prayer and church fellowship are important aspects of their shared life. At a minimum, at least one person in the couple must have been baptized into the Christian faith in one of the mainline Christian denominations. If not, it is possible to arrange for such a baptism before the wedding takes place.

Recognizing that marriage is a time of great change and growth spiritually as well as emotionally, the church is happy to work with any couple who would like to make their marriage a time for commitment or renewing commitment to Jesus Christ.

The Church does not wish to be used as a marriage chapel where there will be no continuing contact with the couple. Our hope is that the couple will consider becoming committed members of the Parish, so that we may continue to offer you our love and support. Those living outside of Jasper, and who are applying to this church for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, are encouraged to attend a church in the community where they reside.

We would advise those who seek marriage, but have no interest in the Christian concept of marriage, to consider a civil contract requiring no religious commitment.

We do require that all couples take the marriage preparation programs when they are available and to allow enough time for interviews with the officiating minister in preparation for the wedding. Six months notice would be appreciated, with two months being the minimum. If either party to the proposed marriage has been divorced, special permission which may take extra time is required before the marriage can take place.

Wedding fees are as follows: Church \$400.
 Minister: \$150.
 Music: (make your own arrangements about this)

TOTAL \$550. (plus marriage preparation & music)

Please submit a \$100.00 deposit with your registration form to confirm your booking, payable to St. Mary & St. George Church and mail to Box 838, Jasper, AB, T0E 1E0.

Please also note that our church building seats about 120 people comfortably, with 23 pews in the nave. The washrooms (not wheelchair accessible unfortunately) are in the lower church hall next door. A further 20 people could be seated at the front in the choir pews. No confetti or rice may be strewn on our property because of clean-up difficulties, and national park regulations.

Summary:

The process for seeking marriage at the Anglican Church of St. Mary & St. George, Jasper, Alberta is as follows:

1. Contact the Minister at 780-852-4505 or by writing to Box 1537, Jasper AB, T0E 1E0 or e-mailing to jasper.anglican@telus.net as soon as possible, and at least 2 months before the anticipated date of the wedding.
2. Arrange for an initial appointment with the Rector where the requirements for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony will be discussed with the couple seeking marriage. An electronic copy of the Anglican marriage service is available on request.
3. Fill out the registration forms provided and send them to the parish along with a \$100. deposit to confirm your reservation.
4. The couple must seek out and register in a recognized marriage preparation course. **Evidence of completion of course must be provided**, or commitment to a series of at least two counseling sessions with an Anglican priest in your vicinity – more may be required.
5. Obtain a Province of Alberta civil marriage license through a public licensing agency.
6. If you are a member of another Anglican parish, please provide a letter from your Priest/Minister to indicate that they know your wedding plans for our Jasper church.
7. Other ordained Christian clergy may officiate or assist with the ceremony if you so wish.
8. The final decision regarding the permission for any wedding to take place in the Parish of St. Mary & St. George rests solely with the Rector.
9. **Bring your Alberta marriage license and the balance of your fees to the wedding rehearsal. The rehearsal will be delayed until these items are provided.**

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Anglican Church of St. Mary & St. George

Registration for Marriage

Dates & Times

Marriage.....

Rehearsal.

BRIDE:

Surname.....

Given Names.....

Marital Status.
(never married, divorced or widowed)

Religious Denomination.....

-- Active or past member?

Baptized (yes or no)

Denomination.....

Birthdate.....

Age at Marriage.....

Address.....

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Phone: Residence.....

Business.....

Mother

Surname & Given Names:

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Maiden Name.....

Father

Surname & Given Names:

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Details:

Marriage Preparation:

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GROOM:

Surname.....

Given Names.....

Marital Status.
(never married, divorced or widowed)

Religious Denomination.....

-- Active or past member?

Baptized (yes or no)

Denomination.....

Birthdate.....

Age at Marriage.....

Address.....

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Phone: Residence.....

Business.....

Mother

Surname & Given Names:

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Maiden Name.....

Father

Surname & Given Names:

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