

St. Cornelius Catholic Church

Congratulations, you are in love and God has called you to celebrate and seal your love with the Sacrament of marriage. We are happy to celebrate this special occasion with you at St. Cornelius Church, and we pray that God, who called you together and blesses your love in this Sacrament, bless you always, and that Jesus who was a guest at the wedding in Cana be always with you in your marriage.

*~ Fr. Jay Cunnane
Pastor*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Recent copy (less than six months old) of Baptismal certificate. You can contact the church you were Baptized at to obtain a new copy.
- Letter of freedom signed by parents or two other competent witnesses stating that you have never been married.
- First Communion & Confirmation Certificates, if possible.
- Valid civil marriage license. The marriage license is valid for 90 Days and may be obtained at:

*Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder
County Clerk Main Office
1200 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 462-2137*

Or at the Orange County Courthouse for residents in the OC Area.

PRE-MARRIGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Interview with priest
- Attend a Marriage Preparation Session. In order to assist in making the best decision regarding marriage and to help couples prepare properly for the Sacrament of Matrimony, a Marriage Preparation program has been established for every couple entering marriage in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The program should be understood primarily as one of assistance, to help couples to know their own strengths and weaknesses. Arrangements to attend these conferences should be made as soon as possible. Contact the Parish Office for dates and locations.

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

- **The parish Wedding Coordinator is Tricia Mora.** You may reach her at the rectory office. Please call her as soon as your wedding date is confirmed by the church.
- **Rehearsals** are normally held the Thursday before the wedding but can be scheduled with Tricia Mora any day of the week. All and only the members of the wedding party should be present at the rehearsal. We have no facilities for the bridal party

to dress before the ceremony. The members of the bridal party, parents and guests who are Catholic are encouraged to receive Holy Communion at the Nuptial Mass. We hold Confessions here at St. Cornelius Thursday and Friday after the 5:00pm Mass and on Saturday at 8:00am and 4:00pm-4:45pm.

- **Music Arrangements** A list of available musicians will be provided in the wedding packet provided to you. The regulations of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles regarding music at weddings state that the music must be suitable for divine worship, reverent and sacred. The Musicians /Singers can help you choose music for your wedding. If you don't plan to use our musicians but still need to use our sound system a \$75 fee is applied. Please advise your wedding coordinator.
- **Decorum and Dress** The church is a sacred house of prayer. During the rehearsal, as well as before and after the ceremony a spirit of reverence should prevail within the church at all times.
- **Photographs** may be taken during the ceremony. The photographers should not be a distraction to the ceremony and should check in with the Celebrant before the ceremony.
- **Church Decorations** should be discussed with Tricia Mora. She will inform you of the guidelines.
- **Florist** are welcome to St. Cornelius. They cannot however use pins, tape or tacks to attach flowers or any other decorations to the pews. Pew clips may be used.
- Two weddings may be scheduled on any Saturday. For this reason, and in the interest of safety, the use of rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals or runners are **not** permitted.

PUNCTUALITY Please be on time as the church and Priests may be schedule for other activities.

WEDDING FEES

- WEDDINGS ARE \$550.

This Cost includes the Deposit of \$100 to reserve the date and time for the church. The Balance is due one month prior to the wedding and should be paid in the Rectory Office.

