Congratulations on your engagement! Your decision to enter into the vocation of married life is a sign of love, hope, and strength for the entire community.

Christ the King University Parish welcomes wedding celebrations of its parishioners and students, staff, faculty, and alumni of King’s University College and the University of Western Ontario. We are not always able to accommodate all requests from others and encourage you to celebrate at your own parish church.

The following guidelines serve to provide to you an understanding of what is required in planning your particular celebration. Please note from the outset that we make the arrangements with the bride and groom and NOT with their parents.

**Wedding Preparation**

An adequate preparation time is necessary to ensure everything is in order for your wedding celebration. Couples generally contact the parish one year in advance of their proposed date.

Several meetings with the pastoral team are necessary to ensure all the paperwork is completed and to plan the celebration.

The Diocese of London requires that all couples preparing for marriage in the parish are required to attend a “Marriage Preparation” course. This program of preparation is offered through the parish in a combination of individual and group setting.

At the time of your first meeting, you will be required to present your baptismal certificates. Ones that have been issued within the last six months are required. This can be obtained through a simple phone call to your church of baptism. We ask for a recent certificate as it will also provide a record of all other sacraments which you have received.

**Booking:** Please do not book a venue for your reception until a date for the wedding has been confirmed with the church. Besides determining the availability of the worship space, each couple will need to meet with the pastor to ensure that there are no impediments prior to the celebration. Christ the King University Parish has three Worship Spaces available for weddings. Each location provides a unique setting and seating capacity for your celebration.

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Your Wedding Liturgy
The usual times for our wedding celebrations are Saturdays at either 1:00 PM or at 3:00 PM.

Although the wedding liturgy is a set ritual, there are a variety of options available within the liturgy. We encourage you to actively participate in planning your celebration by choosing your readings, writing your intercessions, choosing the music, the entrance procession, and by involving family and friends to proclaim the readings and intercessions. At the beginning of the preparation process we will give you the book Celebrating Your Love, which will assist you in all of these aspects. Members of the Pastoral Team will also guide you through these options.

Music: Music at your wedding is to reflect the nature of the celebration. We encourage music from The Catholic Book of Worship III or other instrumental pieces of a classical nature. The parish has many qualified musicians available to serve. Outside musicians are welcome, but must follow the prescribed guidelines for the parish. The three different worship spaces provide different options/opportunities for your music. Once you have completed the Prenuptial Investigation (Form 1) you will be directed to meet with someone on the pastoral team who will assist you in this regard. A separate pamphlet on music in the liturgy is available to guide you through the selection of music for the ceremony.

The Rehearsal: Rehearsal times are usually held the night before the wedding at either 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM. The wedding party, parents and liturgical ministers (particularly readers) should be present for the rehearsal.

Flowers: Fresh flowers can be used in the liturgical space to enhance the festive atmosphere of the day. These arrangements should be tasteful and should not dominate the space. Pew bows or flowers may be attached to the pews or chairs. Since each location is unique in what it already ‘offers’ as part of its natural environment, care should be taken in choosing what is more appropriate to the space. All flowers can be removed at the end of the wedding and taken to the reception. Flowers should be delivered to the location between 11:00AM and 12:00 PM the day of your wedding.

Photography and Videography: Photographing and/or filming during your wedding is permitted but should never cause distraction or interruption to the flow and focus of the celebration, nor should it obstruct the view of your guests. Photographers and videographers should contact the presider 30 minutes before the celebration begins to ensure they understand the parameters and locations from where to shoot.

Parish Facilities
For the safety of all those who live at Windermere on the Mount, we cannot permit the throwing of petals, rice, soap bubbles and the like.

As these facilities are places of worship, we cannot permit the movement of the altar, the ambo/lectern, the baptismal font or the place of the presider. In our community, each holds a particular significance.

Parking: Parking is available at both locations. Since Windermere on the Mount is a residence, the reserved parking in front of the building is for residents only. Guest parking is available to the East and West of the building. At King’s University College, all parking lots are available for use.
Fees and Other Information

As the parish does not own ‘The Chapel’ at Windermere on the Mount, the rental fee for the facility is $500.00. The appropriate rental fee should be paid at least two (2) weeks prior to your marriage.

There is no set fee for the priest at your wedding. The gift is at your discretion but should be in consideration with fees that you are paying to others involved in your day.

Fees for musicians and cantors are in the range of $150/each for the celebration. The exact fee depends on the complexity of the piece and the instruments required.

No couple will ever be turned away for the inability to meet the above fees. A lovely and simple celebration can be arranged for a nominal cost.

Other Information:

The pastoral team will only speak with the bride and groom as the marriage is being prepared. Parents are not included in these conversations.

While couples have access to the property for photographs, the rest of the facility at Windermere on the Mount is for the exclusive use of the residents. The bride and groom are encouraged to remind their guests not to park in the reserved parking. Cars may be towed if residents of the facility cannot get in or out of the parking place.

Our experience has taught us that aisle runners are not only unnecessary but they are often a hazard for the bride, groom, children and the elderly.

The Rite of Marriage in the Catholic Church does not use what is often referred to as the “Unity Candle”. They are an unnecessary expense for the bride and groom and do not adequately symbolize the commitment which is being made.

Marriage License:
Couples are required to obtain a civil Marriage License that is filed after the marriage. They can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office or at most municipal offices in the province. Fees for Marriage Licenses are set by the Province of Ontario. The marriage license must be provided to the parish office at least two (2) weeks prior to your marriage.

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