

MARRIAGE / WEDDING REQUIREMENTS
AT MUNYONYO MARTYRS SHRINE (updated 12.22.2022)



1. TIME OF REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION

- You can book your wedding date and time only with the Parish Priest on Tuesday during office hours or by appointment. (at the time of booking requirements are not necessary)
- For Ugandans residing outside the country, a “proxy” person (representative of the couple) is required to make sure all documents are delivered and procedures followed. (we do not handle registration by Internet)
- It is required to register at least 3 months in advance.
- Marriage instructions are held on every Sunday 2pm-4pm. It is required to attend them for three months. (To attend marriage instruction from another Catholic Parish special permission from Parish Priest is required)

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAL REGISTRATION

- A) BAPTISM CARDS or letter from the parish of baptism
- B) National ID Card (Ugandans), passport (foreigners)
- C) Letter from Parish Priest of the Parish of the residence (If Munyonyo Parish it's not needed)
PLEASE DO NOT BRING LETTER FROM THE PARISH “WHERE YOU PRAY”
- D) Letter from the father of the bride for no objection /or certificate of completed cultural celebration (Kwanjula)
- E) It is required that before celebration of marriage, marriage banns (announcements) from parish of baptism and parish of residence are returned to Munyonyo after signature of Parish Priest where banns were announced.

3. OTHER INFORMATION TO THE COUPLE /ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- A) Choir. We strongly encourage you to choose one of the Choirs of Munyonyo as they know the place and instruments:
 - Marian Choir (Sunday-7am) -contact person: Gertrude 0704919828
 - San Damiano Worship Team (Sunday 9am) -contact person: Viola 0705308233
 - St. Francis Choir (Sunday 11am) - contract person Mr.Kizito 0773322244
 - Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir (Sunday 12.30) -contact person Emma 0783077138
 - St. Andrew Charismatic Worship Team (Sunday 6pm). -contact person Resty 0701113051Choirs of Munyonyo should charge not more than 300.000/ugx (with comes with piano instrumentalist). If some wishes to have more professional instrumentalists like saxophone, guitars, drum set etc. additional facilitation could be required. Songs and and arrangements (including facilitation) should be discussed directly with the representatives of the Choirs. If Choir is from another parish, representative of the Choir should contact our technical person Mr. Emmanuel Oribariho 0783077138 / 0705716221 (in charge of music system) to get guidance on what kind of instruments can be connected. It's not allowed to bring own public address system or additional speakers.
- B) Decoration (flowers) is to be organised by a couple/ wedding organising committee. We encourage you to use “Munyonyo Catechist Association” to arrange flowers and decorations in the church as time when church is free to decorate is very limited. Arrangement should be agreed with catechists. It's not allowed to use any nail or make permanent change in the church structure or to use any sole tape or glue on the pews. If someone wishes to use external decorator he needs to make sure that the church is decorated strictly in agreed time (it's not possible to decorate church at night) and for all weddings planned for that day as there is little time between weddings.
- C) Camera operators are not allowed to connect their lights to the church sockets. (church is on solar batteries) They are requested to have own equipment powered from own source of power. We encourage couples to choose an experienced media coverage company familiar with Catholic church liturgy to avoid embarrassment.
- D) Couple CAN NOT be late for the planned wedding! If couple is late more than 15min, we will not allow Mass to move on, instead only Marriage Sacrament will be celebrated (without Mass). For each Mass we allocate 1:45min.

- E) Name of our church to be used on the invitations or booklet:
“Munyonyo Martyrs Shrine” or “Uganda Martyrs Basilica - Munyonyo”
- F) If a couple wishes to invite a catholic bishop of another diocese to celebrate (preside) the sacrament of Matrimony, Parish Priest Office is to be informed at least two months in advance in order to get necessary permission from Kampala Archdiocese. If a couple wishes to invite a catholic priest to celebrate (preside) the sacrament of Matrimony. The Parish Priest is to be informed at least two weeks before. Any change of a presiding priest **MUST BE** communicated. The couple/organising committee is to provide Mass Intention/transport to the invited priest on private basis.
- G) If there is any offertory *“in kind”*, baskets should be clearly marked which items are for Main Celebrant, others priests or parish. If there is no label or mark on the items donated it’s going to be considered that they are offered to the Basilica.

4. FEE

- A) No-one is allowed to charge any amount of money from the couple in order to receive Sacrament.
- B) There is no fee for the celebration of the Sacrament. However a **free donation from a couple is expected**. Donation should cover costs of the maintenance and cleaning the church, power, water used on that day, toilet attendant, catechist as well as costs of preparations, administration, preparation for marriage, registration at URSB (civil registration).

PARISH PRIEST IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON TUESDAYS 9.30AM-1PM, 2PM TO 6PM OR BY APPOINTMENT. PARISH OFFICE FOR ISSUES WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE PRESENCE OF THE PARISH PRIEST TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM-1PM 2-5PM, MOB OFFICE: **039 3242225**
office@munyonyo-shrine.ug

I have read and consented to the rules and requirements of MMS for the celebration of Marriage Sacrament.

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