

## MARRIAGE / WEDDING REQUIREMENTS AT MUNYONYO MARTYRS SHRINE



### 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.
- 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)
- If both bride and bridegroom are Catholic with Sacraments it is required to register 3 months in advance.
- If one of the partners is not Catholic and wants to convert to Catholic they should register and non-catholic party should start catechism classes at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding

### MARRIAGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Marriage instructions are held on every Tuesday at 6pm to 7.30pm/ (During COVID19 Pandemic on every Sunday 2pm-3.30pm)
- It is required to attend them for three months.  
In special cases it is possible to attend Marriage preparation classes in another parish.

### 2. REQUIREMENTS

- 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/parents 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) It is allowed to bring Choir from another Catholic parish. However it is encouraged to use Choirs of Munyonyo Shrine. Songs should be discussed with the choir and they are not allowed to charge more than 200.000/=
- B) Decoration (flowers) is to be organised by a couple/ wedding organising committee. Its not allowed to use any nail or make permanent change in the church structure.
- C) Its not allowed to bring own public address system or additional speakers to the church unless agreed with parish priest!
- D) Cameramen are not allowed to connect their lights to the church sockets unless agreed with parish priest. 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.
- E) 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.
- F) Name of our church to be used on the invitations or booklet:  
“**Munyonyo Martyrs Shrine**” or “**Uganda Martyrs Basilica - Munyonyo**”
- G) If a couple wishes to invite a catholic bishop of another diocese to celebrate (preside) the sacrament of Matrimony. Parish Priest is to be informed at least two months in advance in order to get necessary permission from Kampala Archdiocese.
- H) 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 to the Parish Priest. The couple/organising committee is to provide Mass Intention/transport to the invited priest on private basis.

### 5. 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, 4PM 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: **0793 894 242**  
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