



## St Michael Catholic Church

458 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550  
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# Required Documents for Marriage

All Paperwork must be turned into the St. Michael Church office 45 days prior to event, otherwise it is subject to cancelation.

## Sacramental Certificates

Baptismal certificates must be original.

Original baptismal certificate that the church generates (within the months of marriage preparation).

Communion and Confirmation certificates can be copies.

## Form A document

Both bride and groom in person interview appointment with Clergy.

Form A documents get completed where bride and groom are registered parishioners.

Form A documents coming from a parish outside the Diocese of Oakland need to be sealed and notarized by the diocese where the parish is located.

Form A documents coming from a parish within the Diocese of Oakland only need the pastor's signature and parish seal and mailed directly to St. Michael.

If you are St. Michael parishioners please call the parish office at 925-447-1585 to set up the appointment.

## Form B document

Witness appointment with Clergy.

Bride and Groom have separate witness to complete the document (close family member).



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Form B documents can be completed where bride and groom are registered parishioners or where the witnesses are registered parishioners.

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## Marriage Preparation Certificate

All sacraments require adequate formation and preparation. The Sacrament of Matrimony is no different. For this reason, brides and grooms must complete an authorized Catholic marriage preparation class as a couple. Both must attend the same class. The options below are available to you:

### Witness to Love Program at St Michael

Witness to Love is a virtues-based, Catechumenate model of marriage renewal and preparation that integrates modern principles of psychology and the virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship. Contact Dave & Lisa Hipple at DavidHipple@StMichaelLivermore.com

### Classes at the Oakland Diocese

The Oakland Diocese offers several options, including a commuter weekend, overnight weekend or a series of evening classes. For details and to register, please visit <https://oakdiocese.org/marriage-preparation>

### Classes at Other Parishes or Dioceses

If you live outside of the Oakland Diocese, you may register for marriage prep classes in your own diocese.



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### Natural Family Planning Certificate

NFP improves communication between the husband and wife. Couples that use NFP testify that it encourages Christian marriage as an intimate partnership of life and love, a sacrament of mutual decision making and shared responsibility. This is probably why, based on available studies, NFP-using couples have an extremely low divorce rate (around 2%).

To learn more about Natural Family Planning classes, contact one of our instructors or [Mimi Streett](#), Coordinator for the Office of Marriage and Family Life. <https://oakdiocese.org/resources-nfp>

### Marriage License

#### How to Apply

To apply for a marriage license both parties must appear in-person and be 18 years of age or older. Government-issued picture identification is required. The license may be used only in the state of California, no later than 90 days after it is issued.

You may obtain your license at the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office, 1106 Madison Street, Oakland, CA 94607. No appointment is needed to apply for a marriage license. Requests for marriage licenses must be made before 4:00 pm.

Check the Alameda County website at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org) for further information.

#### After Your Wedding

Immediately after your wedding, your witnesses will be escorted to the sacristy to sign your marriage license. This is a legal document of extreme importance.

The Wedding Coordinator will file the license with the county.

### Freedom to Marry letter/s

If one or both bride and groom are not parishioners at St. Michael, we will need a Freedom to Marry letter. This letter acts as a means for the pastor where bride &/or groom are parishioners at to give permission for them to marry at an outside parish. A letter from each of parish will be



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needed.

## Letter of Suitability for Outside Presider

If you would like a priest from another parish or diocese outside of Oakland, you will need to provide a letter of suitability from his bishop stating that he is in good standing and may officiate your wedding.

## Dispensation (if mixed marriage between Catholic & non-Catholic)

The Catholic bride or groom must seek permission from the local bishop to marry a non-Catholic. If the person is a non-Catholic Christian, this permission is called a “permission to enter into a mixed marriage.” If the person is a non-Christian, the permission is called a “dispensation from disparity of cult.” The parish priest or deacon where the bride or groom is a registered parishioner will inform the local Ordinary for a dispensation.

Annulment certificate

Marriage certificate (if

convalidation) Death certificate (if

widowed)