

Living in the Light: Sacrament Events Rite of Christian Marriage

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2011			
September 10 or September 11	10:00am – 1:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Church Church	*All Sacrament Event
October 23	5:00pm 7:00 pm Mass	Cafeteria Church	**Marriage Preparation (Group) **Rite of Acceptance
December 15	7:00pm	Church	*All Sacrament Event (Advent Reconciliation Service)
2012			
January 22	11:00am Mass 12 Noon – 2:00pm	Church Cafeteria	**Rite of Acceptance **Marriage Preparation (Group)
February 25	9:00am – 3:00pm	Cafeteria	*All Sacrament Event (Parish Retreat)
March 3	2:00 PM 4:30pm Mass	Cafeteria Church	**Marriage Preparation (Group) **Rite of Acceptance
March 15	7:00pm	Church	*All Sacrament Event (Lent Reconciliation Service)
June 9 or June 10	4:30pm 11:00am	Church Church	*All Sacrament Event (Rite of Sending)

***Couples preparing for Marriage are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the All Sacrament Events which are designed for all members of our community, especially those whose family will celebrate a sacrament in the upcoming year.**

****Couples preparing for Marriage are required to attend, prior to the celebration of Marriage, only one of the three scheduled Marriage Preparation Group sessions and Rites of Acceptance.**

We believe that all of the scheduled events will be an opportunity for you to grow together in faith.

September 2011 to February 2012: **All Sacrament Event (Volunteer Opportunities)**

Specific date and opportunity chosen by each family. Visit:
<http://christourlight.net/VolunteerOpportunities.html>

All Sacrament Events

September 10 or 11
-Sacramental Theology

December 15
-Advent Reconciliation Service

February 25
-Parish Retreat

March 15
-Lenten Reconciliation Service

June 9 or 10
-Rite of Sending

Please call the Parish Office to Register for the All Sacrament Events you and your family will attend. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

All Sacrament Events are for:

Children and adults receiving 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist and their families
Youth and adults receiving Confirmation and their families
RCIA candidates, their families and sponsors
Engaged couples preparing for Marriage and their sponsors
Parents bringing children for infant baptism and their sponsors
Catechists and team members for all sacraments
Members of the parish community

Rite of Acceptance and Group Marriage Prep:

Persons preparing for any sacrament participate in one of three Rites of Acceptance held throughout the year. Persons and families choose one prior to receiving the sacrament. For couples preparing for marriage the rite of acceptance is combined with the baptism specific preparation program.

Marriage Sacrament Events

October 23
-Marriage Group Preparation and Rite of Acceptance

January 22
-Marriage Group Preparation and Rite of Acceptance

March 15
-Marriage Group Preparation and Rite of Acceptance

Parish Marriage Mentoring Program

In place of Pre-Cana, couples preparing for marriage at Christ Our Light are to participate in a couple-to-couple mentoring program. This involves three sessions with a trained mentoring couple from the parish. Unitas: Preparing for Sacramental Marriage is the workbook that will be used.

Contact Deacon Joe Seaman (856-482-0367 or jseaman@christourlight.net) as soon as possible to make arrangements. If a couple lives outside of our area, they may make arrangements for traditional Pre-Cana in the area where they live.

Meetings with Priest or Deacon Doing the Wedding

Couples wishing to marry at Christ Our Light will need to meet with the priest or deacon doing the wedding a minimum of three to four times. This should be the first contact made in preparation for the wedding.

Additional Contact Information

Fr. Tom Newton or Fr. Jon Thomas
856-667-2440 x 321 (Office)