



THE SHRINE OF OUR  
LADY OF LA LECHE  
AT MISSION NOMBRE DE DIOS  
— Saint Augustine, Florida —

## Wedding Guidelines

### Thank you for your interest in scheduling a wedding at the Shrine & Mission!

All weddings at the Shrine & Mission must be performed by a Catholic priest, and all marriage preparations are made through the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Weddings are scheduled at 4pm and rehearsals scheduled the day prior. We offer three locations on site for wedding ceremonies; the Historic Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of La Leche (30-35 adults), the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche Church (up to 240 people), and the outdoor Rustic Altar (up to 200, and chairs must be rented). Weddings are not permitted at the Great Cross or other sites on the Mission grounds. *\*The Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche Church is back-up to the Rustic Altar in the event of inclement weather.*

**Please visit the Cathedral Basilica web site at [www.thefirstparish.org](http://www.thefirstparish.org). Click on the Weddings tab, at the top of the home page. The web site should provide you with answers to most, if not all of your questions. If you have a question that could not be answered on-line or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact Deacon Chuck Kanaszka, at (904)824-2806 or [ckanaszka@gmail.com](mailto:ckanaszka@gmail.com).**

Weddings at the Shrine & Mission require the services of a sacristan and advisor who will be available for questions, present at the rehearsal, and who will stay with the wedding party at the time of the event. This person is assigned by the Shrine and Mission. The wedding couple is responsible for providing a stipend in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the Shrine & Mission after the wedding is approved by the Cathedral Basilica and will be required to reserve your date.

To determine an available date in advance, please call the office of the Shrine & Mission, Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (904)824-2809 or 1-800-342-6529. It is important to note that this information is tentative and no reservation will be confirmed until you begin the process for scheduling your wedding with the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

***Important: the Shrine & Mission is rustic and we have no “bride’s room” or other areas for the wedding party to use other than our public restrooms. It is suggested that the wedding party come dressed for the ceremony. We do have areas available for keeping the bridal party out of sight prior to the ceremony. Also, keep in mind we have people from all over the US and world who come to visit, and the time of your wedding might be their only opportunity to experience our shrine and mission grounds. It is quite possible someone could light a candle in the Chapel, sit quietly to pray, or perhaps even take a picture. We do use signs to ask those present to please show respect for the sacrament in progress and the assigned sacristan stays with the wedding party for the entire time of the event.***

*A wedding at the “most sacred acre” in the United States is special. We enjoy sharing this very holy place with those who wish to celebrate the sacrament of marriage here, and we offer our congratulations and best wishes as you prepare for your wedding!*