



# *Notre Dame de la Mer Parish*

## *Wedding Planning Guide*

### Twelve Months before the Wedding

1. Meet with priest or deacon to initiate marriage preparation process and set the date of the wedding
2. Register for your Marriage Preparation program. If not hosted at the parish the program options include:
  1. Living in love to register for “Preparing to Live in Love” mentor OR “Beginning to Live in Love” group sessions
  2. Engaged Encounter Retreats for retreat weekend dates & registration
  3. Register for a Natural Family Planning class series and pray together for God’s blessings as you prepare for marriage

### Nine months before the Wedding

- Complete the F.O.C.C.U.S. inventory & meet with the witnessing priest
- Read about the marriage covenant & Church teaching on marriage & family.

### Six months before the Wedding

- Complete the Marriage Preparation instructional program. Be sure to obtain your certificate!
- Begin the Natural Family Planning class series
- This is a great time to pray a rosary together for your future marriage & family

### Three months before the Wedding

- Meet with the priest or deacon to plan the wedding ceremony
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if Catholic)
- Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament; this will be a great opportunity for you to reflect on your marriage vows & your new vocation