



ST. JAMES CALEDON EAST

Planning your Wedding

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. JAMES CALEDON EAST

We at St. James wish you the very best as you prepare for your upcoming marriage. There are many people in the Church who will be involved with your wedding. All of them are happy to help ensure that your wedding is truly memorable.

On the following pages, you will find some helpful information as you prepare for your special day including:

- Early planning
- Wedding fees
- Marriage Preparation course information
- Application form
- Marriage ceremony details

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EARLY PLANNING

BOOKING THE CHURCH

We recommend that you book the church as soon as you know your wedding date. St. James is an active parish and often booked well ahead of time.

BOOKING YOUR REHEARSAL DATE

The rehearsal is usually held the Friday evening prior to your wedding. However, other times and dates may be arranged. Again, planning early will help to ensure your preferred time. We encourage you to invite the following people to the rehearsal: bride, groom, parents of the bride and groom, best man, maid/matron of honour, bridesmaids and ushers, flower girls, ring bearers, readers, intercessors, any other speakers, and children of the bride and groom, if applicable.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

You are encouraged to obtain your marriage license as soon as possible, generally about 3 months prior to your wedding. Once you have obtained the license, please be absolutely certain that it is in the Rector's office no later than the time of your rehearsal. Sooner is better.

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Recognizing the Spiritual nature of marriage, the Anglican Church asks that at least one of you be a baptized Christian. As we come together to prepare for your wedding, we will be talking about what it means to you to be married before God. Because we are members of the Anglican Communion, we will be using the Anglican Wedding Liturgy.

FLOWERS

There are several florists in the area. Our local florist is "Hummingbird". It is important to arrange the time of delivery of the flowers with the church and florist.

DECORATIONS IN THE CHURCH

The Sanctuary of St. James is quite beautiful and requires little if any decoration. If you are interested in bows for the pews please let us know in advance. If you were planning on additional candles, we do require that you check this out with the rector well ahead of time. The Church is old, and we are very cautious with the use of candles.

MORE PLANNING DETAILS

MUSIC

Music is often an important part of a wedding ceremony. Since your wedding will be in the Church, any music you choose is an act of worship, and as such, must be approved by the Rector well in advance of the wedding.

St. James has a listing of organists who may be available to play at your wedding; however, you may choose to arrange for your own organist, small group, or singer. Please remember to discuss these decisions with the Rector.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Often, brides and grooms like to provide an “Order of Service” for their guests. This order of service enables your guests to follow the service and to personally participate as your witnesses. The order of service also gives you an opportunity to name those participating in your wedding service, and, it becomes a lovely keepsake.

This order of service needs to be planned in advanced, in consultation with the Rector. Special covers may be purchased at Christian book stores, or perhaps created especially for you, if you know someone artistic.

Once the details are decided, you may choose to have your order of service produced by a professional, or to have us run them off here in the St. James office.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Photos and videos are allowed during the service, provided that there is no flash and that the photographer stays in one position and does not move around the church during the service. Photographers will be given an opportunity to move closer to take photos during the signing of the register or after the service.

WEDDING FEES

Use of the Church	\$175.00
Priest:	\$150.00
Organist:	\$125.00
Custodian:	\$ 50.00
Altar Guild:	\$ 50.00
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Total	\$550.00

YOUR WEDDING DAY

REHEARSAL

Please be sure to tell everyone involved with your wedding party the time and place of the rehearsal. Please remember to bring with you

- Your marriage license
- Your orders of service
- Any last minute questions!

LOTS OF WATER OR JUICE

It is a good idea to keep yourself well hydrated with water or juice, definitely not anything alcoholic. (Story to follow at your rehearsal)

WEDDING DAY FOR THE GROOM

Ideally the ushers will be at the church and ready to welcome your guests about 3/4 of an hour before the service time.

The Best Man and the Groom should arrive at least 1/2 an hour before the wedding is to begin. They will be invited to remain in the Rector's office until it is time for the wedding to begin.

WEDDING DAY FOR THE BRIDE

The Bride and her Bridesmaids should arrive at the church two minutes before the wedding is to begin. A designated "helper" will be at the doors of the church to greet you. Please remain in your cars until everything is ready for you. Your groom and the Rector will be notified that you have arrived and will then make their way into the church. Your "designated helper" will then arrange your bridesmaids for the procession and will help you with straighten your dress and veil before you walk down the aisle.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

WHY?

The bride and groom are expected to take a marriage preparation program prior to the wedding. Your decision to be married is more than plans for your wedding day.

Some couples are reluctant to explore areas in their relationship that could become problematic, leading to unnecessary difficulties in the early years of marriage.

You are about to take on one of the most complex and beautiful of all human relationships. We believe that preparing well now will bring you even greater joy in the years ahead.

THE PREPARE/ENRICH PROGRAM

Prepare/Enrich is well known, respected, and thoroughly researched. This program will enable you to identify areas of strength and areas of growth in your relationship and in your marriage.

PROCEDURE

The best way to proceed with the Prepare/Enrich program is for the two of you to make an appointment with the Rector, specifically to begin the process which will be more or less as follows:

First Session:

- Overview of Prepare/Enrich
- Answer inventory questions

Second Session (Upon Return of the Results of your Inventory):

- Identify areas of strength
- Identify growth areas

Third & Fourth Sessions:

- Balancing growth and strength areas

Fifth Session:

- Prepare for your future

The cost of this program is \$44.65, payable to Enrich Canada Inc.



YOUR WEDDING AT ST. JAMES

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Wedding Application Form

Bride's Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Religious Affiliation	
Baptized:	
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Groom's Name:	
Address:	
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Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Religious Affiliation	
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Date and Time of Wedding:	
Date and Time of Rehearsal:	



YOUR WEDDING AT ST. JAMES

THE BRIDAL PARTY

Maid of Honour

Bridesmaids

Best Man

Ushers

Flower Girls

Ring Bearer

THE WEDDING SERVICE

Liturgy

Holy Communion

Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Psalm

Gospel

Prayers of the People

Music