



SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY  
Roman Catholic Church

## For Couples Wishing to Marry

**Do not set a reception date until you meet with Father Marc**

### Initial Requirements:

- One of you must be Roman Catholic and registered at St. Joseph **OR** one of you must be a child of a parent registered at St. Joseph.
- The Catholic individual(s) must obtain a **NEW** baptismal certificate, **issued within the last six months**, from their church of baptism. The non-Catholic party must obtain a letter or baptismal certificate from their Christian church; this can be the original letter or certificate. If the non-Catholic party is not baptized in any religion, they must bring their birth certificate. When requesting a **NEW** baptismal certificate from the church of baptism, **please inform the parish that the new certificate is for marriage purposes. The church must make note of any prior marriage on the new certificate.**
- Obtain from St. Joseph, HOM parish office four Affidavits for Freedom to Marry forms, two for the bride and two for the groom. The affidavits must be completed and signed by different people who have known the bride or the groom since they were **sixteen years old or younger**. Parents can also complete and sign the form. **The witness signature must be notarized, or signed in the presence of a priest or a deacon and stamped with the Parish Seal.**
- If you are married civilly, obtain a **certified** copy of your marriage certificate, **not an abstract**, (we will be keeping this).
- If either of you were married before, obtain **certified** copies of your marriage certificate, **not an abstract**, and final divorce papers for each marriage (we will be keeping these documents). If your former spouse is deceased, obtain a certified copy of the death certificate.
- When all the above is complete, call Father Marc Howes at 363-1902 for an initial appointment.

Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_