

The Church seats about 800 people. It features beautiful stained-glass windows depicting the Way of the Cross and other themes.

The Chapel can be used for smaller celebrations. It seats about 100 people. Saturday weddings, in either the Church or the Chapel, can be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The earliest time available for Saturday evening weddings is 7 p.m. Weekday weddings can be held any time between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Both the Church and the Chapel are available for rehearsal on Friday, either in the late afternoon or early evening.

Guidelines

- 1) To schedule a wedding, the pastor of the wedding couple must contact the pastor of St. Thomas by the Sea Parish. This should be done at least six months prior to the wedding. All preparation should be completed at the couple's home parish. If from outside the Archdiocese of Mobile, the paperwork must go through the Archdiocese office. If appropriate paperwork has not been received one month prior to the wedding, it will result in a cancellation of the ceremony.
- 2) Non-parishioners must supply their own celebrant for the wedding.
- 3) Weddings are not scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- 4) The use of runners, flower petals or rice/bird seed is not allowed inside or outside the church.
- 5) Flowers used to decorate the Altar are to be left in place for Masses that weekend.
- 6) A unity candle is not allowed, nor are candles on pews or down the aisle.
- 7) Consult the priest/deacon performing the ceremony regarding his preference for photography or videotaping the ceremony.
- 8) No outside wedding coordinators/planners are allowed, with **no exception**.

See the complete Wedding Policy on our web site, www.stthomasbythesea.com

CHURCH & CHAPEL FEES

Church—Parishioners—\$0

Non-parishioners—\$1,500

Chapel—Parishioners—\$0

Non-parishioners—\$750

Organist—\$150 to \$300,
depending on services

Wedding Coordinator—\$300

A deposit of half of the fee is required at first meeting; remainder due at rehearsal.

CHURCH HALL FEE

Parishioners—No charge

Non-parishioners—Not available

For insurance purposes, an application for 'special events coverage' must be made to the Archdiocese of Mobile for use of the Church Hall. Note that no alcohol is allowed inside the church building.

CONTACT OUR

WEDDING COORDINATORS

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