

# Marriage Preparation WORKSHOP

## Registration

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## 2026 Schedule

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### English

#### January 17<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### February 28<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### March 21<sup>st</sup>

Saint Mark  
Wilmington, NC

#### April 25<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### June 20<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### July 18<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### August 15<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### September 19<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mark  
Wilmington, NC

#### October 17<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### December 19<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

### Spanish

#### January 24<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### February 21<sup>st</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### March 21<sup>st</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### April 11<sup>th</sup>

Saint Julia  
Siler City, NC

#### May 16<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mary of  
the Angels  
Mount Olive, NC

#### June 20<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mark  
Wilmington, NC

#### August 1<sup>st</sup>

Saint Mary  
Goldsboro, NC

#### September 12<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

#### October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Holy Family  
Hillsborough, NC

#### November 21<sup>st</sup>

Catholic Center  
Raleigh, NC

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# Love Never Fails

**"For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."**

Ephesians 5:31

## Marriage Preparation Steps

- 1. Meet with Pastor or Deacon**  
After you become engaged, contact your parish to set up a meeting with a priest or deacon to set the date and discuss your marriage preparation.
- 2. Marriage Preparation Inventory**  
A series of questions designed to assess each of your habits, expectations, and values, providing a personalized profile that will be reviewed with you by your pastor, deacon, delegate, or a designated mentor couple. Ask your pastor for information to register.
- 3. Marriage Preparation Course**  
The Diocese of Raleigh offers an excellent educational component, in English or Spanish, that is interactive and designed to introduce you to the rich teachings on the sacrament of matrimony, as well as important life skills.
- 4. Natural Family Planning**  
When you begin to start a family, you may have difficulties trying to conceive or want a healthy option for spacing children. Fertility awareness is not only effective for postponing pregnancy organically, it is also highly effective in overcoming obstacles that inhibit becoming parents.
- 5. Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
The Church invites all Catholics to prepare themselves spiritually prior to marriage by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Non-Catholics may also benefit from spiritual direction from a priest or deacon.
- 6. Final Meeting with Pastor or Deacon**  
Regularly communicate with your priest or deacon, and meet with him just prior to your marriage.



"It's true that there are difficulties, there are problems with children or with the couple themselves, arguments and fights ... but the important thing is that the flesh remains one, and you can overcome, you can overcome, you can overcome. [...] 'See, love is possible!' And love is capable of allowing you to live your whole life 'in love': in joy and in sorrow, with the problems of children, and their own problems ... but always going forward. In sickness and in health, but always going forward."

**Pope Francis, 2018**