

PLANNING CHECKLIST

Get Organized

- Purchase a 2" binder and dividers to keep all of your checklists, notes, contracts, and wedding information in one place.
- Create a folder on your computer dedicated to the wedding.
- Download the Spoken Bride Planning Workbook. Take time to thoroughly discuss each question to really solidify the expectations and visions you have for your wedding day.
- Organize an inspiration board on Pinterest or on paper. Be sure to include colors, flowers, textures, and details you love.
- Use the Budget Planning worksheet to determine spending priorities for your wedding and where you plan to allocate the biggest parts of your budget.
- Finalize a detailed wedding budget based on your priorities and decide who will be contributing and how much. Your budget should have one grand total and a dollar amount for each category.
- Create a master guest list and collect addresses.
- Pick 1-3 possible wedding dates after checking the calendar for feast days, holidays, and speaking with immediate family about their availability.
- Discuss the size and potential members of your bridal party with your fiancé and parents.
- Invite your bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girls, and ring bearers to be a part of your wedding party.

Wedding Coordinator

- Decide on how much help you'll need from a wedding coordinator: full service, partial planning, or wedding day management.
- Research wedding coordinators local to your church and venue.
- Meet with 1-3 wedding coordinators.
- Hire a wedding coordinator, sign a contract, and pay your deposit. Add their contact information to your vendor contact list.

Make it Sacramental

- Pray - thank God for the gift of your beloved and for this special time to prepare for your wedding and marriage.
- Consider ways to combine your spiritual lives.
- Contact the desired church for your wedding and make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.
- Meet with your Pastor to select a wedding date, go over the requirements of getting married in the Church, and to schedule marriage preparation meetings as needed.
- Contact the parishes you grew up in to request certificates of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (if requested by your parish).
- Consider having a Betrothal Ceremony.

Venue

- Research reception venues near your church.
- Visit 1-5 venues and get detailed pricing information.
- Secure a venue with a contract and deposit. And their contact information to your vendor contact list.

Attire

- Begin researching wedding gowns.

Honeymoon

- Preliminary honeymoon plans: research possible destinations, cost of airfare, and compare prices of resorts, hotels, and rental homes.

Engagement Party

- Provide addresses and guest list to host of engagement party.
- Purchase a gift for the host of your engagement party.
- Prepare a small speech thanking guests at your engagement party (just in case!)
- Send thank you notes for any gifts received.

Additional To-Dos

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Notes, Drawings, Ideas