

# *Weddings*



Church of the Redeemer

# *A Celebration and Blessing*

## *Welcome*

It is our joy to welcome you to the Church of the Redeemer. We are a vibrant, growing and progressive Christian community.

Your wedding day is a special event in your life and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we, as a church community, can help you start your life together as a married couple. Our staff—clergy, musicians, administrative and facility staff—will provide you with the support you need to ensure that your wedding ceremony is deeply meaningful for you and the friends and family who gather to celebrate with you.

In the pages that follow you will find the essential information about how we conduct weddings. There is information about the things we require of you and what you can expect of us. As well, there are details about the spaces available both for your ceremony and reception or other functions.

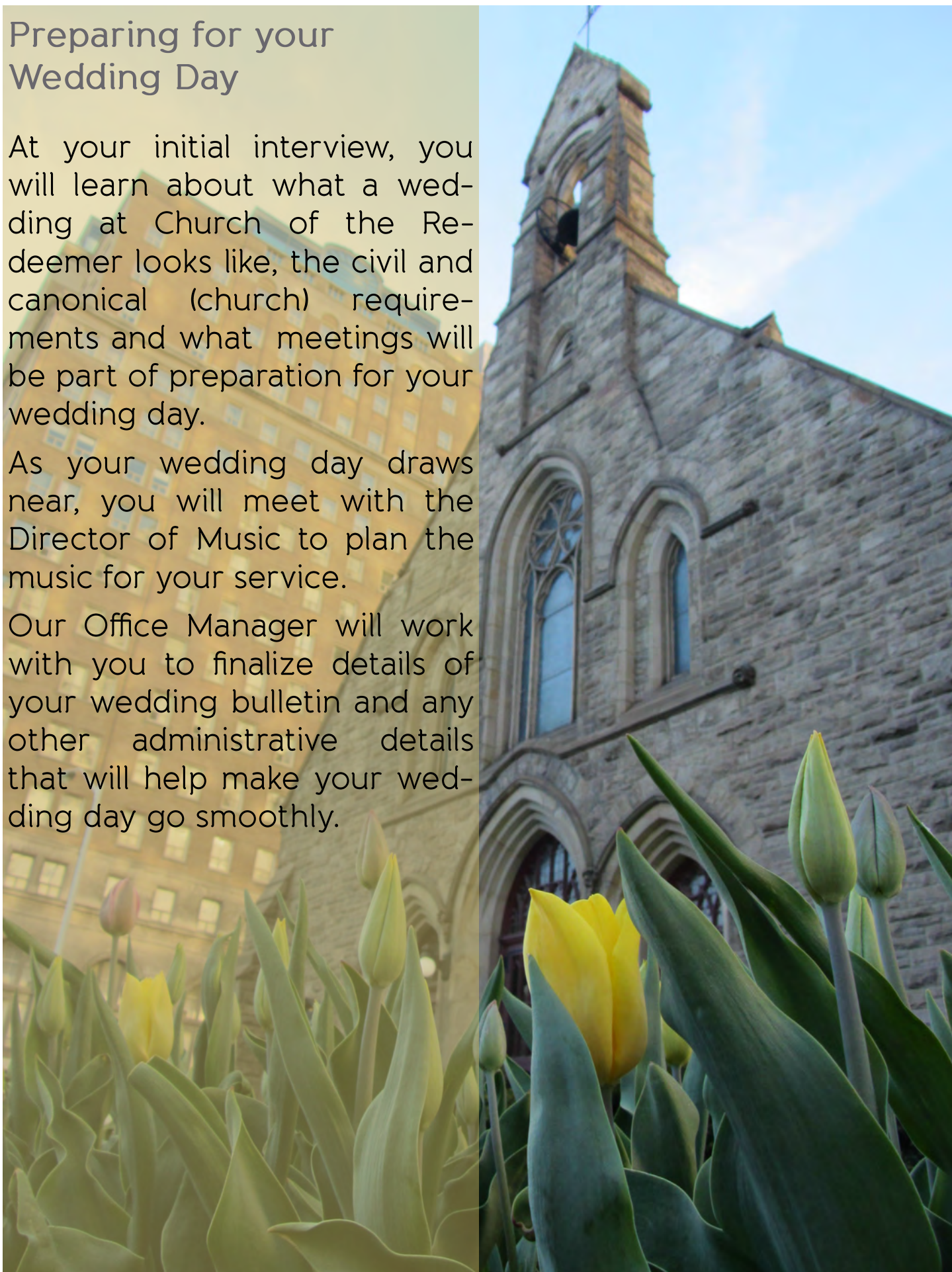


## Preparing for your Wedding Day

At your initial interview, you will learn about what a wedding at Church of the Redeemer looks like, the civil and canonical (church) requirements and what meetings will be part of preparation for your wedding day.

As your wedding day draws near, you will meet with the Director of Music to plan the music for your service.

Our Office Manager will work with you to finalize details of your wedding bulletin and any other administrative details that will help make your wedding day go smoothly.



# Your Wedding

## Legal and Canonical Requirements



Most couples will be married by license since provincial law allows marriage by banns (public church announcements) only if both parties attend church regularly. You can obtain a marriage license from any municipal office in the province. The license is valid for three months from the date of issue,

and you must deliver or send your license to the church office at least one week before your wedding.

In addition to the laws of the province, the solemnization of marriage in an Anglican church is governed by the *canons* or regulations of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Anglican Church of Canada requires a minimum of 30 days notice between the date of application for marriage and the service itself. Anglican weddings can take place in the church building or in a suitable alternative venue. All couples are required to undertake an approved program of marriage preparation. Divorced people seeking remarriage are welcome in the Anglican church.

## Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation courses provide you with some essential skills to continue to build a strong and healthy relationship. Details of the available options will be provided to you at the time of your initial meeting.

# The Wedding Ceremony

Church of the Redeemer has received the approval of the Archbishop to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies. The order of service that is included with this approval is the one that is used for all weddings here..

Our priests and musicians have experience in shaping the liturgy to meet the needs of each couple so that your ceremony will be a reflection of who you are and the community that surrounds you at this moment in your life together.

## Music

Music plays an important role at the Church of the Redeemer. Our Casavant three-manual pipe organ, a concert grand piano, the professional singers and instrumentalists who are part of our community are available to add joyful music to your wedding ceremony.

As you plan your ceremony, our Director of Music will be happy to suggest appropriate music and receive suggestions. The Director of Music, in consultation with the clergy, has discretion concerning the selection of appropriate music. The scope of options is very wide with the main criterion being that the music you choose should reflect that the ceremony is a worship service.

## Printed Wedding Bulletins

The officiating priest and our Office Manager will work with you to create a wedding bulletin that includes the order of service, the words to the readings and hymns, and participant names. This will help your family and friends join fully in the ceremony.

Printing is handled by the office if you use our standard format.



# Photography

The clicking of cameras and other electronics are a distraction—not least to the couple to be married—so photographs are not permitted during the service. Instead, we welcome wedding parties to come back into the church immediately after the service to pose for photographs. There are certain photographs that are allowed during the ceremony. The officiating priest will review this with your photographer. Please consult with the officiating priest if you are considering other means of recording your wedding service.

## Flowers

Altar flowers, for the shelf on which the cross stands, shall be arranged through the church's regular florist. These flowers are placed to the glory of God and are a gift to the church, and as such they remain at the church following the wedding ceremony.

If you would like additional floral arrangements, you may use any florist you like. You should discuss these arrangements with the officiating priest to ensure they are appropriate. If you desire, you may take these additional flowers with you after the service.



## Other Decorative Features

Confetti, bird seed, and flower petals are not permitted inside or outside the church building. There are a number of other options that are appropriate ways for your guests to celebrate with you. Speak with the officiating priest about whether what you have in mind will be possible. In addition, please confirm that the installation of other decorative features in the worship space can be included in your plans for your ceremony. Centre aisle runners cannot be accommodated.

# The Rehearsal

One of the scheduled appointments you will have will be the rehearsal with the priest who is officiating at your wedding. This is usually scheduled on the Thursday evening before your wedding day. To ensure that everyone is comfortable in the space and knows what to do and where to stand, it is important that all members of the wedding party attend the rehearsal.

If family members or friends will be doing one of the readings or leading the prayers of the people, it would be helpful for them to attend the rehearsal as well to become familiar with their role. The officiating priest or another member of staff will lead the rehearsal.

## Fees and Donations

To avoid confusion, you should place cheques for the amounts for the various fees associated with your wedding in separate, labelled envelopes and give or send them to the church office a minimum of two-weeks before the wedding. The officiating priest will be able to provide you with further guidance on these fees and donations.

### Fees

<i>The space</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Priest, staff and worship leadership</i>	<i>\$1,100</i>

*Please note: at your initial meeting, the details of the fees will be provided.*

*A deposit to reserve the date for your wedding on our calendar and a \$250 tardiness fee will be required at the meeting.*

*The tardiness fee is refundable if the wedding starts within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the service.*

# *Your Wedding Day*

At the rehearsal, the officiating priest will tell you what time the wedding party needs to be at the church before the ceremony and where to meet. Any known traffic concerns for the day will be highlighted so that you can arrive on time.

On your wedding day, a staff person will be on hand to assist before the start of the ceremony. They will guide family and members of the wedding party to the board room where they can wait for the start of the service, if needed. In addition, they also provide the cues for the timing of the procession for everyone in the wedding party,





# Our Church



Contributing to the Church of the Redeemer's welcoming atmosphere is its stunning Gothic revival architecture with stained glass windows and a wide nave. The intimate setting can comfortably seat 250 guests.

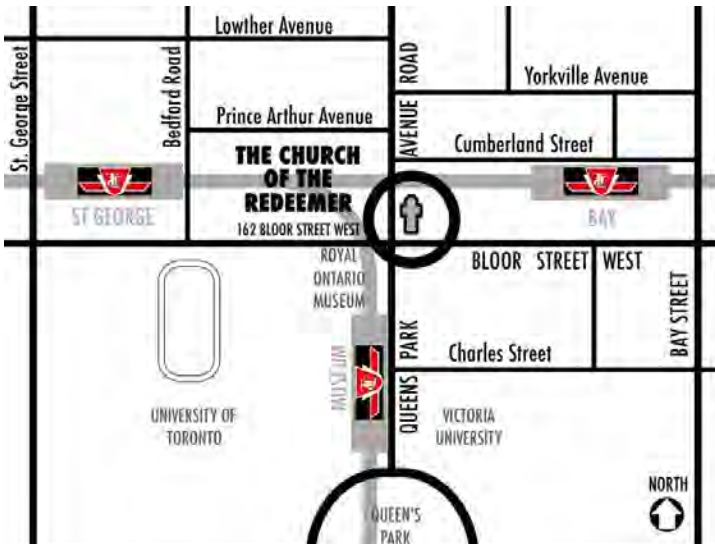
The bright, modern lower level in-

cludes a variety of spaces that can be used for receptions and other events as well as a commercial-grade kitchen. The Bloor-Yorkville neighbourhood boasts several hotels that can accommodate out-of-town wedding guests.

## Receptions and Other Events

The church is a convenient location for bridal showers, rehearsal dinners and wedding receptions. We can accommodate up to 100 people for a sit-down dinner or 150 for a cocktail-style event. You will need to arrange your own catering. Our Facilities Manager and office staff will work with you to ensure that your caterer has easy access to the facilities, which include a fully-equipped kitchen. Please call the church office to learn more about the rates for the use of the space.

# Our Community



We are a vibrant Christian community that celebrates diversity: singles, couples, gays, lesbians, children and the elderly. Almost half of us grew up in the Anglican Church, while the rest of us have come from every other denomination under the sun.

More and more, people with little or no church experience are

walking through our doors and finding a community of new friends and fellow seekers. You are welcome here! We hope you will find inspiration and meaning within our community.

## To learn more about us

Website: [www.TheRedeemer.ca](http://www.TheRedeemer.ca)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheRedeemerTO>

Twitter: @TheRedeemerTO

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