

Catholic Mass Checklist 12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin to envision your ceremony. Would you prefer deep meaningful readings, or song to express the words on the day? Do you want to include communion
- Pick wedding date and time preferences. Depending on your church, there may be times of year, or even times of the day, which are off-limits..
- Choose a church and priest
- Arrange a meeting with the priest
- Ask about your churches requirement, i.e. will you be required to do a pre-marital course..
- If either you or your partner is not Catholic, ask your priest about intermarriage requirements.
- Ask your priest about dress requirements.
- Enquire about church rules i.e. some churches may not allow confetti.

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Consult with your stationer about invitations, mass booklets.
- Choose ceremonial music and musicians. It is important to consult with your priest on this. Some churches will only allow religious music and may frown upon you walking down the aisle to Madonna's latest tune (even if it was the song played when you first saw each others eyes.)

3-4 MONTHS BEFORE

Confirm with your priest you have sent off the notification to marry (This must be sent at least 3 months prior to the day).

Decide who will be part of the ceremony. Choose your readers.

Organize ceremony and reception decoration needs, such as a red carpet, flowers, and candles.

Organize when you have to complete the forms like a pre-nuptial declaration for the church.

Make sure you have your letter of freedom to marry, and your baptismal certs.

3-4 WEEKS BEFORE

Have a final meeting with your priest.

Finalize vows, readings, and other special ceremony details.

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE

Rehearse the ceremony