

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is this Mass different than other Masses?

During Mass, anniversary couples will be invited to stand in their pews, face one another, and hold hands as they renew their vows and are given a special blessing by Cardinal Seán.

2. Where will I get the materials for the Mass?

The materials for the Mass will be distributed at the front entrance of the church. If you enter the church from either of the side doors, please make your way to the front entrance to pick up materials.

3. May family and friends come with us?

We encourage family and friends to celebrate with you. Guests do not need to register for the Mass.

4. Is there reserved seating for anniversary couples?

Anniversary couples and guests are invited to sit together and may sit anywhere they prefer, but there is no reserved seating for the general public. We will hold several seats near the altar for those who might may be in a wheelchair, use a walker, or need an ASL interpreter.

5. How will the photos be taken?

Our staff photographer will be taking photos of the Mass throughout the service, and trying to include as many couples and families as possible. Following the Mass, group photos with the Cardinal will be arranged by anniversary years.

6. Will we be able to obtain the group photos?

Complimentary photos can be viewed and downloaded at bostoncatholicphotos.com. Information will be provided on the Mass program.

7. Can a family or friend take a photo with our camera?

Yes, however, please advise family and friends to remain behind the professional photographer so the professional photos may be taken without interference.

8. When should we arrive?

You should arrive no earlier than 1:15 PM as the Cathedral is in use up until that time and our staff will be unavailable until 1:15 PM. We ask for all to honor this request as it becomes very crowded in the lobby entrance and is not safe for our guests when crowds are exiting prior services. Thank you!

9. Where should we park?

*Please click [here](#) for the complete list of Cathedral of the Holy Cross weekend parking options. **We recommend dropping off guests who are not able to walk distances.***

10. Is the church handicap accessible?

Yes, the church is handicap accessible. It is best to sit close to the sanctuary on the left to be close to the elevator which leads to the handicap restroom.

11. Will there be a reception following Mass?

Unfortunately, due to ongoing events, there is not a reception following the Mass.

12. Someone in my party is deaf, will an interpreter be provided?

Please email Emily Elliott to arrange for an interpreter. We will remain in touch with you to let you know when one has been arranged and where to sit. Emily's email is Emily_Ellott@rcab.org.

13. How long is the Mass? *Depending on attendance, and including group photography following the Mass, the event lasts approximately an hour and a half.*

*Congratulations on your special anniversary and
thank you for your witness to the vocation of marriage!*