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Local pastor keeps tradition of free Valentine's Day weddings at Courthouse

The Rev. Joe Sullivan will once again offer free mass wedding ceremonies on the steps of the Bexar County Courthouse on Valentine's Day. The first ceremony will begin at 12:01 a.m. February 14, followed by ceremonies at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. All ceremonies will be on the north side of the Courthouse at 100 Dolorosa St.

Couples should obtain a marriage license 72 hours prior to the ceremony they choose to attend, unless:

- An applicant is a member of the U.S. armed forces and is on active duty; or
- The applicants complete a premarital education course approved by the state of Texas and provides the course completion certificate to the County Clerk; or
- A judge waives the waiting period for good cause.

Marriage licenses can be obtained from the Bexar County Clerk's Office on the first floor of the Paul Elizondo Tower at 101 W. Nueva St. The fee for a marriage license is \$81 (cash only) and both applicants must provide proof of identity and age as well as their Social Security number (if any).

Rev. Sullivan will sign all marriage licenses and return them to the Clerk's Office to be filed within one week after the ceremonies. For out-of-county or active duty military couples, the reverend will sign the license, but the couple must personally return the license to the appropriate courthouse. For more information on obtaining a marriage license, call (210) 335-2223 or visit https://gov.propertyinfo.com/tx-bexar/forms/InstructionsMarriageApp.pdf