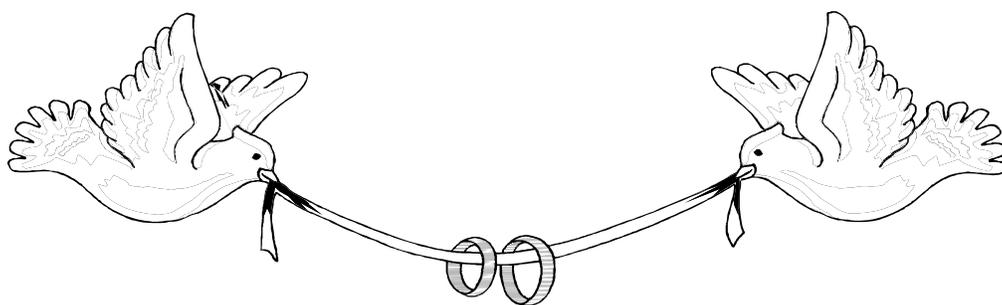


Preparing for Your Wedding

Parish Guidelines and Outline



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Wedding Music Planning Outline

Prelude Program /Introductory Rite

***** The Prelude Program can consist of instrumentals, or songs chosen from the booklet.
The prelude program will be anywhere from 10 to 15 minutes prior to the wedding
beginning. *****

Prelude Music: _____

Bridal Party Processional (*Pick One*): _____
Bride Processional (*Pick One*): _____

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm (*Pick One*): _____
Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Only within the confines of a Wedding Mass)

Presentation of the Gifts (*Pick One*): _____
Eucharistic Acclamations: *Will be the sung acclamations currently being used at St. Anthony's*
Sign of Peace: Instrumental Selection
Communion Hymn (*Pick One*): _____

Concluding Rite

Flowers to the Blessed Mother: _____
Recessional (*Pick One*): _____



Wedding Music

An important step in preparing for the sacrament of Marriage is choosing the music for your liturgy. To assist you in this process, our Parish Director of Music/Liturgy will consult with you. You can contact the Director of Music at the Parish Center, as soon as you have secured a date for your wedding.

The wedding music outline provided in this booklet is designed to help you choose music for your very special day. It contains a sampling of a variety of music of many different styles to assist you in creating the wedding you desire. Of course, these are not the only pieces available for weddings. You may also choose hymns from any of the Catholic Hymnals or, if one partner is not Catholic, perhaps you have a favorite hymn or song from their own faith tradition.

Please note: You are not limited by the recommended selections. Any music used during the ceremony or Mass must refer to God. Prelude selections can be more secular, but **MUST** be approved by the Director of Music.

If you wish to use a friend or relative as a singer it is suggested that you listen to them sing before committing to have them sing at your wedding and have them personally contact the Director of Music. If you do not have someone in mind, St. Anthony's will gladly find a soloist for you.

Each section in this booklet is broken down into categories to give you a better understanding of what type of music fits where in the ceremony. The first page of this booklet consists of a planning guide in regards to planning a Wedding Mass and/or Wedding Ceremony. This way, when planning your music or wedding booklet, you have a general idea of what selections you have chosen and when they will be played at your wedding ceremony.

I. Prelude Music

*The following pieces can be used throughout the wedding ceremony whether they serve as Prelude music, or Preparation of the Gifts. Also, any of the music listed in this booklet may be used before or during the service. **Please select up to four (4) from the list below.***

1. When Love is Found-Wren
2. The Wedding Song (There is Love)-Public Domain
3. Every Morning In Your Eyes-Cooney
4. Wherever You Go-Haas
5. Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels-Joncas
6. Come and Journey With Me-Haas
7. Bridegroom and Bride-Haas
8. The Covenant Hymn-Daigle
9. My Song Will Be For You Forever-Haas
10. Wherever You Go-Norbet
11. One Hand, One Heart-Bernstein
12. Grow Old Along With Me-Lennon
13. The Lord's Prayer-Malotte
14. Like a Seal on Your Heart-Landry
15. O Perfect Love-Barnby
16. I Have Loved You-Joncas

II. Processional & Recessional

*The **Processional** is an instrumental piece that is used at the beginning of the wedding ceremony. There are 2 parts to the procession: 1)Bridal party and 2) Bride. The **Recessional** is used for when the Bride & Groom in addition to their bridal party, friends and family exit the church. This should be a piece that mirrors the joy in your hearts as you walk down the aisle for the first time as Husband and wife. **“Here Comes the Bride” is NOT an acceptable piece for weddings.***

1. Canon In D-Pachelbel (Bridal Party or Bride)
2. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring-Bach (Bridal Party or Bride)
3. Trumpet Voluntary in D Major-Clarke (Bride or Recessional)
4. Trumpet Tune-Clarke (Bride or Recessional)
5. March Nupitale II-Caron (Bride or Recessional)
6. Ode to Joy-Beethoven (Bride or Recessional)
7. Allegro Maestoso-Handel (Bride or Recessional)

III. Responsorial Psalm

The psalm is a sung prayer in response to the selected readings chosen from the wedding liturgy. The Psalm is a sacred song or Poem, mostly known from the book of Psalms in the bible. Please select one (1) from the list below.

1. Psalm 34, Taste and See-Hurd
2. Psalm 103, The Lord is Kind and Merciful-Cotter
3. Psalm 128, Blest Are Those who Love You-Haugen
4. Psalm 145, I Will Praise Your Name-Haas

IV. Eucharistic Acclamations

The Eucharistic Acclamations are the sung parts during the Eucharistic prayer. They consist of the Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Lamb of God. The Eucharistic acclamations used at weddings will be the sung acclamations currently being used at St. Anthony's.

V. Sign of Peace

During the Communion Rite of the Mass, the priest will invite the parishioners to offer each other a sign of peace. At this time the Bride and groom can address members of their wedding party, in addition to their parents either with an exchange of a handshake or hug. An appropriate instrumental piece that focuses on the theme of peace will be played during this rite..

VI. Communion Hymn (only applies if celebrating a Wedding Mass)

*This is the consummation of the Sacrifice of the Mass and it is the actual high point of your Catholic Wedding. Not only are bride and groom united by the vows they have exchanged, but also in the Body and Blood of Christ. **Please select one (1) of the appropriate hymns below.***

1. Panis Angelicus-Franck
2. Panis Angelicus-Lambillote
3. Taste and See-Moore
4. Eat This Bread-Taize
5. We Remember-Haugen
6. Prayer of St. Francis-Temple

VII. Flowers to the Blessed Mother

*This is the time when the bride, by herself, or accompanied by her groom, carries a single rose to the statue of the Blessed Mother and dedicates her newly married life to Mary, the Mother of God. That is why the "Ave Maria" which is the prayer "Hail Mary" in Latin is mostly commonly used at this point. Taking flowers to the Blessed Mother Statue is a tradition that you may or may not choose to observe. **Please pick one (1) piece from the list below.***

1. Ave Maria-Schubert
2. Ave Maria-Bach
3. On This Day O Beautiful Mother-Lambillote
4. Hail Mary, Full of Grace-Landry



Guidelines for Weddings

Your wedding at St. Anthony of Padua Church will be one of the most important days your life. Your parish priest realizes this and will stand ready to help you make your wedding day and your married life proper, lasting, reverent, beautiful and inspiring. The goal of this booklet is to assist in that process.

Please review these guidelines carefully. They will help you in understanding the requirements necessary for your wedding and your marriage. These guidelines will help you plan your wedding liturgy as a couple intent upon receiving God's grace and special blessing, in a ceremony surrounded with dignity and grace.

Requirements for the Church

The Church requires all Catholic parties considering marriage to be **Registered, Practicing Catholics**. This is weekly attendance at Mass, regular reception of the Sacraments, and parish financial support.

Setting the Time of Your Wedding

Weddings are normally celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 PM. Because of the community nature of Sunday, weddings on Sundays are NOT scheduled. Saturday afternoon weddings DO NOT fulfill your obligation or your guests obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, or Saturday evenings.

Setting the Rehearsal

Rehearsals for weddings usually take place the eve of the wedding, however, another time could be scheduled if it would conflict with the schedule of the Pastor and the parish.

Interfaith Marriages

Non Catholic Clergy are always welcome at your wedding. This will add to a fuller celebration for the non-Catholic party. Please feel free to extend this invitation. The visiting clergy will be welcome to participate as fully as Catholic guidelines permit. Please check with the Pastor to see the extent of your visitor's participation.

Wedding Photographs

Wedding couples are invited to have photographs taken as a reminder of their marriage ceremony. Care should be taken, however, that the liturgical celebration is not disturbed or interrupted by the taking of pictures. During the Wedding Ceremony, photographers are NOT permitted in the Sanctuary, nor in the center aisle after the bridal party has entered the sanctuary. We recommend the photographer use the choir loft. Flood lighting is NOT PERMITTED. Reverence is to be observed by all. After the ceremony, photographers will be permitted to take photographs at the altar until **2:30 PM**.

Video Taping of Your Wedding

Please follow the same guidelines as mentioned above. Special lighting may be a disturbance to the priest and guests. We again, recommend the use of the choir loft.

Rice, Confetti, Bird Seed, Balloons, Doves

Due to insurance regulations, wedding couples are asked not to release doves. They are also asked to inform their guests **NOT** to throw rice, confetti, bird seed, flower petals or any other similar substances either inside or outside of the Church. This practice always dirties the Church and its surrounding areas, and it causes hazardous walking conditions, especially when the weather is inclement. Releasing balloons into the atmosphere is harmful to the environment and wildlife. This practice is also dangerous to local air traffic. For these reasons alone Balloons are **NOT** permitted.

Wedding Flowers

The inherent beauty of the Church calls for good taste and a measure of restraint in the use of flowers and other decorations in the Church. Concern for the cost is also important. Please adhere to the following guidelines for flowers.

1. Flowers should NEVER be placed on the Altar. If flowers are placed in front of the Altar they should never be higher than the top of the altar.
2. The florist should never touch or rearrange any of the Sanctuary furnishings.
3. Please do not use scotch tape or any kind of tape to place anything on the pews. Pew ribbons should only be tied to the pew ends.
4. White Aisle Runners are not permitted.
5. Flower deliveries should be made one hour prior to the scheduled time of your wedding at the church. If the florist cannot deliver the flowers at this assigned time, please call the Parish Center (*Monday – Thursday 9AM to 3PM, Fridays: 9AM until 12PM*) prior to your wedding to make special arrangements.
6. If your florist requires special arrangements for your wedding, please have the florist contact the Parish Center far enough in advance to work out the details.
7. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we **do not recommend** flowers in order to maintain the nature of these sacred times in the Church.
8. If giving flowers to the church, please make the Pastor aware of your offering.

Checklist for Required Documents

Diocesan

___ One year preferred Notification of intent to marry at our Church.

___ Participation in Marriage Classes (Pre-Cana)

Parish

___ Baptismal Certificates for all Christian parties. Catholics, please obtain one dated within six months of the wedding from the Church at which you were baptized

___ Certificate of Completion of Marriage Classes. (Pre-Cana)

___ Any Declaration of Nullity from a former marriage, if this is a second marriage for either party. (*This is necessary even if the party is non-catholic*)

___ A copy of the death certificate if the first marriage of either party ended with the death of the former spouse.

State

___ Marriage License

Wedding Rehearsal Plans

Please complete the proper pages in the book "Together for Life" and return them to the Pastor at least one week prior to the rehearsal. These pages should be included with the license and offering envelopes. Thank You!

Wedding Offerings to the Church
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Offerings for weddings at St. Anthony's are to be made according to the following schedule. Please place the offerings in the proper labeled envelopes that you received from the Pastor. These envelopes, together with the Marriage License, should be in the office ***No Later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled wedding rehearsal.***

Breakdown of Wedding Offerings

Church Offering:	\$ 250.00
Altar Servers:	\$ 40.00 (\$20 to each server)
Sexton of Church:	\$ 50.00
Church Organist:	\$ 100.00
Church Music Director:	\$ 20.00
Church Soloist:	\$ 100.00