

WEDDING LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE

*This planning guide will ensure that all aspects of your wedding ceremony at
St. Mary's, St. Mathias, and St. John the Baptist will be complete.
Please take with you when meeting with the Wedding Music Coordinator.*

RETURN TO YOUR WEDDING COORDINATOR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO WEDDING.

MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CHURCH FEES TO BE TURNED IN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO WEDDING.

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mothers Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Fathers Name: _____

Wedding Date: _____

Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____

Time: _____

Arrival time of the wedding party (no earlier than 11:00am for a 2:00 pm wedding): _____

Arrival time to be a minimum of 30 minutes prior to start of ceremony.

Pictures will begin at: _____

Will the ceremony be videotaped: _____

Photographer: _____

Videographer: _____

Organist/Pianist: _____

Cantor: _____

Additional musicians: _____

Expected number of guests at ceremony: _____

Seating: General _____ Bride/Groom side _____

Will you have a program? Yes ___ No ___

Who will distribute? _____

Alter serves (for marriage with mass):

Provided by: Parish _____ Bride/Groom _____

Name of Alter Server(s) if not provided by parish: _____, _____

Personal Attendant(s): _____

Person(s) in charge of removing all items from church and parish basement:

Usher: _____

PRE-CEREMONY

Will you have a unity candle? Yes ____ NO ____

Candle lighting option:

____ Parents of Bride and Groom walk together to front of church and light side taper candles together

____ Mothers alone walk together to front of church and light side tapers

____ Wedding coordinator to light side tapers when lighting alter candles

Prelude Music: _____

Seating of Grandparents

Typically, the grandparents are seated in the front pew with your parents. Please ask them to wait in the back of church prior to seating.

Bride's grandparents: _____ Ushered by: _____

Bride's grandparents: _____ Ushered by: _____

Groom's grandparents: _____ Ushered by: _____

Groom's grandparents: _____ Ushered by: _____

Seating of Parents

Typically, the groom's mother is ushered in by groom, with his father walking along side (if not escorting groom in procession). The bride's mother is the last to be seated (if not escorting the bride in procession).

Groom's Mother ushers in by: _____

Bride's Mother ushers in by: _____

Music for seating of Grandparents and parents: _____

PROCESSIONAL

*Note: Aisle runners will not be permitted in the church
Artificial flower pedals may be dropped during procession, however, please ensure to have someone responsible for the removal of the flower pedals after the ceremony.*

Procession options

- Alter servers, Presider, Groom (with or w/out parents) wedding attendants, Bride (with or w/out parents)
- Alter servers, Presider, wedding attendants, Groom (with or w/out parents), Bride (with or w/out parents)
- Alter servers, Presider and Groom, wedding attendants, Bride (with or w/out parents)

Processional Music: _____ Optional piece for bride: _____

Attendants- Please list in order, furthest from center will process first

Bridesmaids	Groomsmen
Maid of Honor	Best Man
Flower girl	Ring Bearer

Bride escorted by: _____

LITURGY

Gloria (for full mass): _____

Hymn Number: _____

Opening Prayer: Presider

First Reading: _____ (see Together for Life) Proclaimed by: _____

Sung Responsorial Psalm: _____ Hymn Number: _____

Second Reading: _____ (see Together for Life) Proclaimed by: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____ sung, led by cantor with assembly response.

Gospel Reading: _____ (Together for Life) Proclaimed by presider.

Homily by Father

if no mass, this is a place for an optional reflection song to be inserted.

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

- Freedom of choice questions
- Exchange of vows
- Blessing and exchange of rings
- Nuptial blessing (*location without mass, with mass after Our Father*)
- Lighting of Unity Candle (*optional*)

○ Music selection: _____

Prayers of the Faithful: _____ (Together for Life) Proclaimed by: _____

**If you are not having a wedding mass, skip to Concluding Rite*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts: two to four gift bearers

Music selection: _____

SUNG EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Singing the acclamation is priority to which the Church calls us. Parish acclamations will be used and led by the cantor. Acclamations are printed in the Wedding Liturgy Guide.

1. Holy, Holy, Holy 2. Memorial Acclamation 3. Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

- The Lord's Prayer: Recited by the entire assembly
- Nuptial Blessing
- Sign of Peace: Instrumental music will be provided.
- Lamb of God: Led by cantor
- Communion

Eucharist Ministers:

Bread: _____

Cup: _____

Communion Song: _____ Hymn Number: _____

**Optional Reflection Song:* _____ *Hymn Number:* _____

CONCLUDING RITE

- Final Blessing and Introduction.

Would you like a receiving line in the: Yes ___ No ___ Location: vestibule _____ outside _____

Other: _____

Dismissal of guests by: ushers _____ Bride and Groom _____ Other _____

Recessional Music: _____

Please keep in mind that all music selections must be approved by the presider.

Notes: _____
