

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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