

WEDDING MUSIC PLANNING

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Music is a basic, central, and integral part of Catholic Worship, and so it should be for the wedding liturgy as well. Music is not a frill, but a basic and important element that cannot be overlooked. The most important moments for music in the wedding celebration are the times for congregational song and participation. Unfortunately, that is often the last type of music couples consider.

The music during your wedding liturgy is the time for those who gather to celebrate with you to rejoice in song. Allowing musicians to “perform” all the music at your wedding liturgy is not compatible with Catholic liturgy. There are other, more appropriate times during your wedding celebration to invite others to perform. Choosing songs and refrains the assembly can sing, and printing the songs, or at very least, the song numbers from the hymnal in your Order of Worship, will allow the assembly to express their joy and participate more fully in the liturgy.

When selecting music for your wedding, there are three basic criteria:

- 1) Music must be able to be sung by the assembly.
- 2) Music must fit the spirit and structure of the liturgy.
- 3) Music must be of high quality and appropriate content.

To put it another way, the music must fit the context of faith and the dignity of the occasion. The texts should speak of a Christian concept of love and marriage, not a romantic one. Every generation has its love songs, and some of them are great music. They may have a place in your wedding day, but that place is not your wedding liturgy. This includes **ALL** secular music.

Sts. Peter and Paul has a number of musicians who are willing to assist you by providing music for your celebration. We strongly encourage that you select musicians from our parish, as they are most familiar with our liturgical rites, music, and acoustical environment.

Any guest musicians must be approved ahead of time, are required to adhere to our wedding music guidelines, and must work directly with the parish office

All fees are due before the wedding rehearsal begins.

SUGGESTED MUSIC **FOR YOUR WEDDING**

Gathering Songs/Processionals:

Canticle of the Sun
Gather Us In
God, We Praise You
Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Holy, Holy, Holy
I Want to Praise Your Name
Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Laudate, Laudate Dominum
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
O God, Beyond All Praising
Sing of the Lord's Goodness
We Are Called
We Gather Together
What Is This Place
You Are the Voice

Responsorial Psalms: (33, 34, 103, 112, 128, 145, 148)

Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul
Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us
Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord
Psalm 40: Here I Am, Lord
Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting
Psalm 66: Let All the Earth

Preparation of the Gifts:

All That We Have
Dwelling Place
Faith, Hope, and Love
Glory and Praise to our God
God is Love
I Have Loved You
I Sing A Maid
Love One Another
Magnificat
No Greater Love

Communion Songs:

Blest Are They
Bread for the World
Bread of Life
Eat This Bread
Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life
Let Us Be Bread
Lord, When You Came
Now in This Banquet

Songs Specifically for Weddings:

A Nuptial Blessing
Blessing the Marriage
Covenant Hymn
God in the Planning
In Love We Choose to Live

Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful
Psalm 121: Our Help Comes from the Lord
Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing
Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things
Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You
Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name

Only This I Want
Seek Ye First
Shepherd of My Heart
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Love of the Lord
The Summons
Ubi Caritas
We Are the Light of the World
We Praise You, O Lord
Where Charity and Love Prevail

Now We Remain
One Bread, One Body
Pan de Vida
Seed, Scattered, and Sown
Take and Eat
Taste and See
Unless a Grain of Wheat
We Have Been Told
We Remember

Love Is the Sunlight
The Servant Song
We Will Serve the Lord
When Love is Found
Wherever You Go

****Please note: Other than the Responsorial Psalms, many other music suggestions can be appropriate for more than one moment during the Liturgy.****

Example: "I Have Loved You" is listed as an appropriate song for the Preparation of the Gifts. However, it could be used appropriately for the Gathering Song or Communion Song instead.

OTHER MUSIC SUGGESTIONS:

Instrumental (Processional/Recessional):

Air (Handel)
Air on the G String (Bach)
Allegro Maestoso (Handel)
Canon in D (Pachelbel)
Hornpipe (Handel)
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

Largo (Handel)
Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
Prelude to Te Deum (Charpentier)
Rondeau (Mouret)
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)

MUSICAL SELECTIONS NOT ALLOWED!

Wedding March (Mendelssohn)
Bridal Chorus (Wagner)

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

- Each wedding celebration at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is encouraged to have an order of worship to assist your guests in participating in the wedding liturgy. This order of worship should include all of the music and the responses which are prayed by the assembly gathered for prayer. The Office will help you to create and assist with the production of your Order of Worship.
- **It is your responsibility to take the completed and approved Order of Worship to a printer to have it duplicated, folded, and stapled.**

LITURGY PLANNING WORKSHEET

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Procession form:

(Circle your selection)

A.

B.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Old Testament:

Second Reading – New Testament:

Gospel Reading:

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(If you're not having Communion, skip this section and go to "The Concluding Rites")

Optional – Flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

(Circle your selection)

Yes

No

THE CONCLUDING RITES

GATHERING RITES

PRELUDE MUSIC:

Reception of the Couple

PROCESSIONAL/SONG OF GATHERING:

Sign of the Cross/Greeting, Introduction

SONG OF GATHERING (OPTIONAL):

Penitential Rite, Kyrie, Glory to God, and Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Second Reading

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel, Homily

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

*Address to Couple, Questions before the Consent,
Consent (Exchange of vows), Reception of the Consent*

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Explanatory Rites, Blessings of Rings, Exchange of Rings

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Universal Prayer/Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS:

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: SANCTUS, MYSTERY OF FAITH, GREAT AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION SONG:

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Solemn Blessing, Dismissal

RECESSIONAL/SENDING FORTH:

MUSIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass (Liturgy of the Word Service)

Date: _____

Time: _____

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Contact Info: _____

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Celebrant (Priest or Deacon): _____

Accompanist: _____

Cantor: _____

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