



Together for Life: Marriage Liturgy Preparation Sheet

Please fill in the following information and return this sheet to The Parish Priest.

Parish (circle): St. Patrick's St. John the Baptist Nativity of the BVM I. Conception

Groom's Full Name _____

Bride's Full Name _____

Best Man _____ **Maid of Honor** _____

Date of the Wedding _____ **Time** _____

Rehearsal Date _____ **Rehearsal Time** _____

Number of ushers/greeters _____ **Number of Bridal Party** _____

Are we using a Ring Bearer yes / no **Are we using a flower girl** yes / no

Are you inviting Altar servers yes / no

Old Testament Reading: (B1-B9) No. _____

Or other OT Scripture Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: (C1-C7) No. _____; **Or Psalm** _____

Will the Psalm be: Sung / Spoken **Proclaimed by:** _____

New Testament Reading: (D1-D13) No. _____

Or other NT Scripture Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

Gospel Acclamations: (E1-E6) No. _____

Gospel Reading: (F1-F10) No. _____

Or other Gospel Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: *The Priest or a Deacon*

Please discuss the **exchange of vows** with the presiding minister. There are three options. Two resulting in "I DO," and the other is a repeat line for line after the minister.

Option Chosen for Vows: _____

Will you be visiting Mary after the exchange of vows: yes / no
(Unity Candles are not part of the Catholic Tradition; please discuss this if it is a desire)

Gifts Brought forward by _____
(Bread, Wine, & Water only)

Organist/Pianist:_____ Cantor:_____

Organist Contacted yes / no Cantor Contacted yes / no

Important Information on hymns is on page #3. Please read this before making a selection

Hymns:

The Seating of the Family:_____

Bridal Party March:_____

The Bridal March:_____

A Meditation Hymn (if any) :_____
This would be sung while visiting a shrine

The Offertory Hymn:_____

The Communion Hymn:_____

The Recessional:_____

Check List: Have we....

- ☐ Made a good and holy Confession within the last few weeks
- ☐ Confirmed the date and time with the Parish Priest
- ☐ Contacted and confirmed music selections with the musical ministers
- ☐ Chosen a Stipend for the music ministers
- ☐ Given the Stipend to the Church Office for the use of the utilities (if needed)
- ☐ Chosen a lector(s)
- ☐ Discussed Altar Servers with the Parish Priest (if they are to be used)
- ☐ Found a Host Couple(s)
- ☐ Discussed any local parish regulations on decorations with the Parish Priest
- ☐ Spoken with the Photographer
- ☐ Have the Marriage License

Other Notes:

The selection of Music:

Concerning Sacred Music Saint Augustine accurately wrote; "Music, that is the science or the sense of proper modulation, is likewise given by God's generosity to mortals having rational souls in order to lead them to higher things." Sacred Scripture calls for us to have music. From Exodus to the Psalms to Ephesians we hear that music is made for the Lord and people sing to God. Sacred Music must thus be safe guarded to ensure that it helps people encounter the Divine, while enhancing Theology in the Liturgy. When we attend Holy Mass, we step outside the self and the world into the Divine.

As such the Holy Catholic Church has some guidelines on Sacred Music for any Liturgical Function:

- **All Music Selections must be of Liturgical Origin. NO secular music such as country songs, pop songs, rock songs, etc.. may be used, even if it is a song about God or marriage.**
- Hymns that oppose Catholic Tradition are not allowed, even if they claim to be Christian.
- Classical songs are normally appropriate in addition to what is found in the hymnal.
- Instruments are also important. We adhere to the teaching of Jesus in His Church. Thus, the organ takes precedence. The piano is allowed. You will need to talk to the Parish Priest if you think a guitar is really necessary.
 - Small quartets or ensembles of classical instruments may be used.
 - Outside of this no other instruments may be used.

Please ask the music minister you have selected to contact the presider, prior to making music selections to avoid any conflict.

Some suggestions can be found on the next page. Please note; many suggestions can fit in different parts of the Wedding Ceremony. These suggestions are meant to guide you. Please remember that any musical selections not found in the hymnal or not from Traditional Catholic origin needs to be discussed with the Presiding Priest.

Seating / Processions or Marches:

- Pachelbel's Canon (entrance)
- Panis Angelicus
- Trumpet Voluntary
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- Ode to Joy
- Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (JS Bach)
- 354 How Beautiful
- 483 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
- 479 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- 602 Love Dive, All Loves Excelling
- Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (JS Bach)
- Arioso (Bach)
- Goodness of God (Bethel)
- 459 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
- 474 All Creatures of Our God and King

Meditation:

- Ave Maria
- As I Kneel Before You (Ave Maria)
- 793 O Heart of Jesus
- 770 O God of Loveliness
- 556 Lord of All Hopefulness
- 183 As the Deer Thirsts
- 250 Come Down, O Love Divine
- 260 O Sea of Light, Blessed Trinity
- 276 Let it Be Done

Offertory:

- 479 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- 760 Be Thou My Vision
- 602 Love Dive, All Loves Excelling
- 474 All Creatures of Our God and King
- Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
- 258 All Hail, Adored Trinity
- 260 O Sea of Light, Blessed Trinity
- 337 O Beauty, Ever Ancient
- 427 Take My Life and Let it Be
- 432 When Love is Found
- 435 Come Lord to My Song's Wedding Feast

Reception of Holy Communion:

- Panis Angelicus
- 526 Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
- 344 This is Jesus
- 390 O Sacrament Most Holy
- 213 Worthy Is The Lamb
- 346 Humbly We Adore Thee
- 771 Soul of My Savior
- 345 Soul of Christ
- 371 See Us Lord About Thine Altar
- 400 O Lord, I am Not Worthy
- 782 More (I find my life) (Celtic sounding)
- 770 O God of Loveliness
- 191 Lamb of God

Recessional:

- 454 O God Beyond All Praising
- 230 Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem Rise
- La Rejouissance
- Trumpet Voluntary
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- Ode to Joy
- 760 Be Thou My Vision
- A Nuptial Blessing
- 459 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
- 492 How Great Thou Art
- 624 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
- 642 Christ Be Beside Me
- 723 Te Deum
- 722 Cantic of Zechariah

*We are very excited for you and this new journey as one flesh in the Lord.
Know of our prayers in this great time of preparation and of joy!*

Order of Service Examples:

These orders of service show the progress of events. Most programs will edit them to include the exact readings, hymns, Bridal Party, and family.

<u>With The Holy Mass:</u>	<u>Excluding the Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Word</u>
Prelude: - The Seating of the Family - The Procession of the Groom - The Procession of the Bridal Party - The Bridal Procession - Opening Collect Prayer Liturgy of the Word: - The First Reading: Proclaimed by: - The Responsorial: Proclaimed/Sung by: - The Second Reading: Proclaimed by: - The Gospel: - Homily Rite of Marriage: - The Affirmation of Consent - The Exchange of Vows - The Blessing of Rings - Visiting a Shrine Liturgy of the Eucharist: - Presentation of the Gifts Brought forward by: - The Eucharistic Prayer - The Lord's Prayer - The Nuptial Blessing - Offering the Sign of Peace - Reception of Holy Communion Concluding Rite: - Closing Collect Prayer - The Blessing - The Presentation of the Couple Recessional:	Prelude: - The Seating of the Family - The Procession of the Groom - The Procession of the Bridal Party - The Bridal Procession - Opening Collect Prayer Liturgy of the Word: - The First Reading: Proclaimed by: - The Responsorial: Proclaimed/Sung by: - The Second Reading: Proclaimed by: - The Gospel: - Homily Rite of Marriage: - The Affirmation of Consent - The Exchange of Vows - The Blessing of Rings - Visiting a Shrine - The Lord's Prayer - The Nuptial Blessing Concluding Rite: - Closing Collect Prayer - The Blessing - The Presentation of the Couple Recessional: