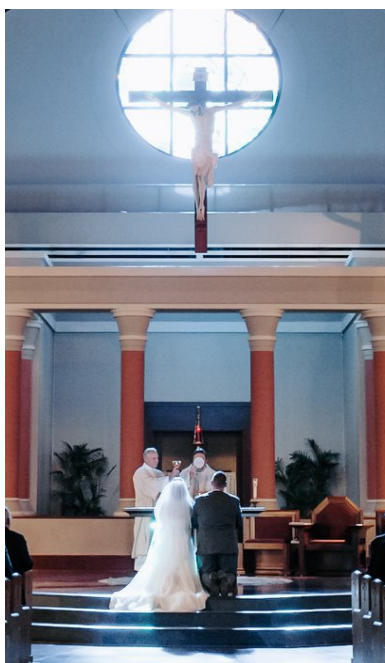




St. Anthony of Padua  
**PLANNING YOUR**  
*Wedding Day*

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# WEDDING FEES & HONORARIUMS

St. Anthony of Padua is pleased to celebrate your marriage ceremony at our Parish. As with everything else, there are costs associated with keeping our beautiful Church operational and properly maintained. The Reservation Fee can be paid via Credit Card, Cash, or Check. Payment plans are available. **All wedding fees must be paid in full 2 weeks before the Wedding Date.**

## TO BE PAID ONLINE

*The Marriage Coordinator will send you an email with instructions to pay the online fees.*

**Parishioner** = the Catholic individual or their parent(s) are registered members of St. Anthony's for at least 6 months prior to the request for a wedding date.

### 1. CHURCH RESERVATION FEES

- Wedding in the Church or OLA Chapel (Parishioner): \$ 750.00
- Wedding in the Church or OLA Chapel (Non-Parishioner): \$ 1,000.00
- Wedding in the Adoration Chapel / Small Wedding in Church  
*Less than 40 people* (Parishioner): \$ 300.00
- Wedding in the Adoration Chapel / Small Wedding in Church  
*Less than 40 people* (Non - Parishioner): \$ 500.00

### 2. MARRIAGE PREPARATION FEES

- Prepare & Enrich Assessment \$ 35.00  
*This is a one-time payment for the couple to take the Prepare and Enrich Assessment.*

## TO BE PAID VIA CHECK OR CASH 2 WEEKS BEFORE WEDDING

*Deliver these payments to the Parish Office at least 2 Weeks before the wedding. Please notify the Marriage Coordinator a few days in advance to when you will be delivering the envelopes.*

*Place each payment in a SEPARATE envelope marked with the following information: Groom & Bride Names, Wedding Date, Payment for: Clergy (Indicate whether, Clergy, Altar Server, Accompanist.. etc.)*

### 2. WEDDING CEREMONY FEES

- **Clergy Offering** \$ TBD By Couple
- **Altar Server** (Required for Mass) \$ 25.00

### 3. MUSIC & AV FEES

- **Accompanist** \$ 200.00
- **Cantor** \$ 150.00
- **Outside Musician(s)** \$ TBD By Couple

**Technician Fee** \$ 75.00

*Technician Fee may be applied if additional set up is required or an Outside Musician is used.*

# CEREMONY OPTIONS

When you exchange your vows you publicly proclaim your unending love for each other and your intention to remain together for life. By doing so, the love you received as a gift from God becomes a gift to the whole Church and the whole world. When the Church says marriage is a sacrament, it means that your visible love and faithfulness to each other become a witness and an effective sign of God's love and care for all people. Your marriage is a sacramental sign not just to each other, to family and friends, or to the Church, but also to the entire world. There are three forms of celebrating matrimony.

## 1. Matrimony within a Mass

*(Includes: Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Celebration of Matrimony)*

## 2. Matrimony without a Mass (Liturgy of the Word)

*(Includes: Liturgy of the Word and Celebration of Matrimony)*

## 3. Matrimony between a Catholic and a Non-Christian/Unbaptized.

**(Liturgy of the Word)** *(Includes: Liturgy of the Word and Celebration of Matrimony)*

# MINISTERS

## • OFFICIANTS/PRESIDERS

Our Priests and Deacons are happy to Preside at your Wedding. If you have a specific Priest or Deacon that you would like to Preside, please contact the Adult Sacraments Coordinator **at least 6 months in advance**. If you wish for a Priest or Deacon who is not one of our Parish Priests or Deacons, to preside at your Wedding, you will need to contact them personally and make the request. For a full list of our Parish Clergy, please visit : [ap.church/clergy](http://ap.church/clergy)

## • ALTAR SERVERS

An Altar Server is **required** if the marriage is being celebrated within a Nuptial Mass. The server will be assigned by the church. **There is a \$25 fee to be paid in cash on the day of the wedding.**

## • LECTORS

The readers you choose should be given the chosen texts well before the wedding date to rehearse. They must be at the rehearsal. If it is a Mass the lectors must be Catholic. If it is without mass, then non-Catholic readers are allowed. In both cases the lectors are expected at the Rehearsal.



- **EMHC'S**

If your wedding will include a Nuptial Mass you are encouraged to provide Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from among your guests. These ministers must be Catholic and are expected at the rehearsal. The Wedding Coordinators can also function in this role if needed.

- **USHERS**

We encourage at least 2 gentlemen, separate from the groomsmen, to serve as ushers. Their primary responsibilities are to welcome and seat guests and family members. This is a great opportunity for the groomsmen to help out and welcome the community to the wedding ceremony.

- **MUSIC AND MUSICIANS**

When a date for the ceremony has been set, the couple must begin thinking of If you are wanting Music for your Wedding Ceremony, please contact our Music Department **at least 6 months in advance** to your wedding date. Other instrumentation can add to the beauty of the music, and our Music Department can give you contact information for various instrumental ensembles. Please fill out the “**Request for Music**” at [ap.church/marriage](http://ap.church/marriage) and our Music Ministry Coordinator will contact you for further details.

If you are planning on contracting the service of **outside musicians**, please fill out the “**Request for Music**” at [ap.church/marriage](http://ap.church/marriage) and our Music Ministry Coordinator will contact you for approval of your request. Please note that there may be a **technician fee** charged to set up the equipment for the outside musician.

***Please refer to music/liturgy section of this book for more details on the ceremony.***

- **WEDDING COORDINATORS**

St. Anthony's Wedding Coordinators will be on site for the rehearsal and on the wedding day to ensure the celebrations proceed smoothly, promptly, and according to guidelines. Outside Wedding Coordinators hired by the couple are not needed but if present, will *always*, defer to the Parish Wedding Coordinator, for direction. You will receive a call for your wedding coordinator no later than two weeks before the ceremony to go over details of the rehearsal and wedding day. This is why it is imperative that we receive the reading selections in a timely manner.

# WHAT HAPPENS DURING A MASS?

# WHAT HAPPENS DURING A LITURGY OF THE WORD?

## MASS

### ***Introductory Rites***

Welcome  
Procession  
Gloria  
Collect Prayer

### ***Liturgy of the Word***

Old Testament (First Reading)  
Responsorial Psalm (sung)  
New Testament (Second Reading)  
Gospel  
Homily

### ***Celebration of Matrimony***

Introduction  
Questions before Consent  
Consent (Vows)  
Reception of Consent  
Blessing and Giving of Rings  
*Blessing and Giving of Arras - Optional*  
Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful

### ***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

Preparation of the Altar  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Lord's Prayer  
*Blessing & Placing of the Lazo or Veil - Optional*  
Nuptial Blessing  
Sign of Peace  
Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
*Flowers to Mary - Optional*

### ***Conclusion of the Celebration***

Solemn Blessing  
Recessional

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ***Introductory Rites***

Welcome  
Procession  
Collect Prayer

### ***Liturgy of the Word***

Old Testament (*First Reading*)  
Responsorial Psalm (*sung or said*)  
New Testament (*Second Reading*)  
Gospel Reading  
Homily

### ***Celebration of Matrimony***

Introduction  
Questions before Consent  
Consent (Vows)  
Reception of Consent  
Blessing and Giving of Rings  
*Blessing and Giving of Arras - Optional*  
Universal Prayer/Prayers of the Faithful  
*Blessing & Placing of the Lazo or Veil - Optional*  
Nuptial Blessing  
Lord's Prayer  
*Flowers to Mary - Optional*

### ***Conclusion of the Celebration***

Blessing  
Recessional

# LITURGY SELECTIONS

As Catholics, we believe that God is always with us and that we encounter him in many ways. And yet, God has chosen to be present with us in a most particular way through scripture and the sacraments. The Liturgy of the Word is the part of Mass when we listen to scripture readings and a homily, recite together the creed, and pray the General Intercessions or Prayer of the Faithful. In this part of the liturgy, we celebrate Christ present to us in the Word.

Based on ancient patterns of worship in Jewish synagogues, our Liturgy of the Word juxtaposes several passages from the Bible alongside one another and invites us to listen for how God continues to speak to us today. For weddings, as for Sunday Mass, three readings are normally chosen. The first reading is usually chosen from the Old Testament, followed by a Responsorial Psalm then the second reading taken from the New Testament. There is then a reading from one of the four gospels, preceded by an Alleluia or another sung verse.

Please use the **Rite of Matrimony Guidebook** found at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources) to guide you through this selection process.

## SELECTIONS TO BE MADE

1. One Reading from the Old Testament
2. One Responsorial Psalm
3. One Reading from the New Testament
4. One Gospel Reading
5. Your Consent (Vows)

## SUBMITTING YOUR SELECTIONS

**Once you have chosen the above, you will need to fill out the Liturgy Selection Form at least 2 months before your wedding** at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources). That way, your Wedding Coordinator can contact you to discuss details of your rehearsal and wedding day. Any questions please contact : Jess Lambert at [jlambert@ap.church](mailto:jlambert@ap.church)

# WORSHIP AIDS

Worship aids should be more than just a program with names in the ceremony. Worship aids should serve as a source for Catholics and non-Catholic alike who are invited guests to your wedding so that they may actively participate in the prayers that are being offered during your wedding ceremony. It can also provide music lyrics for them to follow along and sing.

There are a lot of great options for wedding programs/worship aides. If you want some helpful tips or even program templates you can purchase, visit [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources) for more information!

# THE WEDDING PARTY

All members of the wedding party (attendants, ushers, parents, readers, etc.) should be encouraged to attend the rehearsal. During the rehearsal the wedding coordinator will go over placement, how to approach and leave the altar/ambo/lectern, procession and dismissal with all involved, and where to sit and stand during the celebration.

- **The Bride and Bridesmaids are asked to please be mindful of the necessary modesty of dress that is appropriate for the reverent respect for the Church and the liturgy.** If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for approval. If you plan on doing anything unique regarding the dress for either the Bride, Groom and/or bridal party, please consult with the Coordinator for approval from the Pastor. (ex. ~ tennis shoes for groomsmen, overalls, etc. are not allowed)
- **Wedding Party:** Bridesmaids and groomsmen should be kept within a reasonable number (between 1 and 8). Why? There is not an ample amount of room on the pradaella for more than this number and having a large wedding party can detract from the bride and groom.
- **Children in the wedding party:** Flower Girls and Ring Bearers should be of an appropriate age of maturity. We highly recommend 5+.
  - Wagons, signs reading “Here Comes the Bride”, pets, etc. **are not allowed.** If anything outside of the allowed matrimonial liturgical procession is wanting to be used, you must receive approval from the Coordinator of Marriage Preparation.
  - **Throwing loose flower petals is not allowed!**
- **Ushers :** We encourage at least 2 gentlemen, separate from the groomsmen, to serve as ushers. Their primary responsibilities are to welcome and seat guests and family members. This is a great opportunity for the groomsmen to help out and welcome the community to the wedding ceremony.





# PROCESSION & RECESSIONAL ORDER

A Catholic wedding takes place in the context of the Sacred Liturgy. The Procession is the order that the Wedding Party enters the Church at the beginning of the Liturgy, whether it is a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word. Below you can see the order and the options for the Bridal Entrance. The Recessional is the order that the Wedding Party exits the Church at the end of the Liturgy.

## LITURGICAL PROCESSION (ENTRANCE)

- Seating of **Grandparents**
  - Seating of **Mothers or Parents**
  - **Cross Bearer/Altar Server** (for nuptial mass)
  - **Priest and/or Deacon** (optional: with groom)
  - **Bridal Entrance Options:**
    - Both bride and groom accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids, groomsmen, and presiding clergy.
    - Both bride and groom accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen.
    - Bride accompanied by parents, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen.
    - Bride accompanied by father, preceded by bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- \*\* If there are any flower girls or ring bearers, the Wedding Coordinator will discuss when you want them to process in, before the Bridesmaids/Groomsmen, or before the Bride.*

## LITURGICAL RECESSIONAL (EXIT)

- **Groom and Bride**
- **Groomsmen/Bridesmaids** [as couples]
- **Parents** (as married couples, if applicable)
- **Altar Server** [if any], **Priest and/or Deacon** (may exit from to the side)
- **Guests**

*\*\*If a couple choose to include the tradition of the Arras (coins), Lazo or Bible – those individuals will come in [in that order] after the priest and/or Deacon or can be seated on their own before the procession begins.*

*\*\*Padrinos (“godparents”) do not need to be part of the processional, but if desired, the most appropriate place is just before or just after the grandparents and parents.*



# USE OF THE CHURCH, BRIDES ROOM, CRY ROOMS

## USE OF THE CHURCH

- **Time Allowed:** The Church is reserved **three hours** for your wedding, this includes the ceremony. This reservation begins 1 hour prior to your scheduled wedding. The time before the ceremony can be used for floral decorations and picture taking. **Weddings must begin at the scheduled time to retain time for pictures after the ceremony.** All pictures and clean up must be concluded at the end of the three-hour reservation.
- **Clothing:** No clothing may be delivered directly to the Church or Church offices.
- **Guest Register:** (*Optional*) A guest register may be placed in the Narthex (gathering area just outside the entry to the Church).
- **Receiving Lines:** No receiving lines are held at the Church.
- **No Smoking, Food or Drink** (other than bottled water) is allowed in the Church.
- **Rice, Birdseed, Confetti, Flower Petals, etc.** may not, under any circumstances, be thrown on the Church grounds or inside the Church.
- **Aisle Runners:** For your safety, aisle runners may not be used in the Church or on the Church grounds.
- **Worship Aids:** May be placed on the round table in the Narthex for guests as they arrive.

## USE OF THE BRIDES ROOM

We invite the Bride and her attendants to use the Brides Room and adjacent restroom for dressing. The following policies are to be observed:

- The Brides Room is available for the Bride and attendants one (1) hour before the wedding.
- **NO SMOKING** in this area or any area of the complex. **ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK** (except bottled water) in this area or any area of the complex.
- For safety and security, please designate a family member or friend to care for your personal belongings. Wedding parties must remove all personal belongings from the area prior to the start of the wedding ceremony.
- Please leave the area neat and clean as you found it upon your arrival once the ceremony has concluded.

## USE OF THE CHURCH FAMILY ROOMS (CRY ROOM)

We invite the Groom and his attendants to use the Church family room and adjacent men's restroom for waiting. The following policies are to be observed:

- The Cry Rooms are available for the Groom, groomsmen & bridesmaids one (1) hour before the Wedding. Please note that there are not any blinds on the windows. This area may be used for waiting or use of the adjacent restroom for changing.
- **NO SMOKING** in this area or any area of the complex. **ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK** (except bottled water) in this area or any area of the complex.
- For safety and security reasons, please designate a family member or friend to care for your personal belongings.
- Please leave the area neat and clean as you found it upon your arrival once the ceremony has concluded.

# FLOWERS, CANDLES, DÉCOR

Decorations used at weddings should be appropriate to the space and a quality that reflects the dignity of Christian Marriage. The following policies are provided in order that the beauty of the Church be respected and maintained.

## POLICIES:

- No decorations are required. The natural beauty of the Church and its décor already enhance the dignity of the wedding ceremony.
- Décor for weekend Masses including special seasonal décor (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) may not be changed or moved. During these times, additional décor should be appropriate to the season. Please consult with the Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for this information.
- All existing plants, flowers and pedestals in the Church are to be left in place unless specific permission has been given to remove them. Contact the Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for permission. If moved, return all items to their original place after the ceremony.
- The Church is available for floral setup no earlier than one (1) hour before the wedding. Florists, please respect this schedule.
- Florists are responsible to reclaim any pedestals, etc., they provided immediately after the ceremony. The Church should be left in the same order it was found. Florists are responsible for cleanup of any leftover pedals, twigs, etc.
- **FLOWERS:** One (1) or two (2) arrangements may be used in the sanctuary space (altar area). Sanctuary flowers should be large enough to be visible but never obstruct the action of the liturgy. Flower arrangements may be used at the baptismal font. Please refer to the Chapel/Church Layout at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources) for placement of arrangements.
- **POTTED PLANTS:** Plants used must have waterproof pot covers or placed in saucers to protect the carpeting. Suggestion: Use potted plants instead of flowers and then use the potted plants in the couple's first home.
- **PEW DECORATIONS:** Pews must not be scratched. Use of plastic clips, tape, Velcro, staples, clamps, floral pins, etc., is not allowed. Bows, greenery or floral sprays may be used only if attached with a ribbon loop. Please consider the weight of the flowers. Heavier bouquets do not hang well.
- **FLOWER PETALS:** Flower petals (real or artificial) may not be thrown or dropped down in the aisles. Rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, etc., may not under any circumstances be thrown on the Church grounds.
- **RUNNERS:** Runners are not allowed.
- **CANDLES:** Existing sanctuary candles are used in the wedding ceremony. Candelabrum may be used. Florist must provide adequate plastic floor covering under the candelabrum to protect the floor. Candelabrum must be non-drip. See Chapel/Church Layout for placement of candelabrum. Aisle candles may only be used if they are battery operated.
- **UNITY CANDLE:** (optional) Couples are responsible for providing the candles and candle stand. The lighting of the Unity Candle by the Bride and Groom is not part of the Roman Catholic ritual and therefore is omitted.

# PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Photographs provide lasting memories of the wedding ceremony. **The taking of these photographs, however, must never distract the bride, groom and their guests at the wedding from the prayerful dignity of the liturgy of Christian Marriage.** Careful observance of the following policies is expected. All policies cover the church and chapel.

The photographer and/or the videographer must read and sign the **Photography Agreement Form**. You can find it at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources)

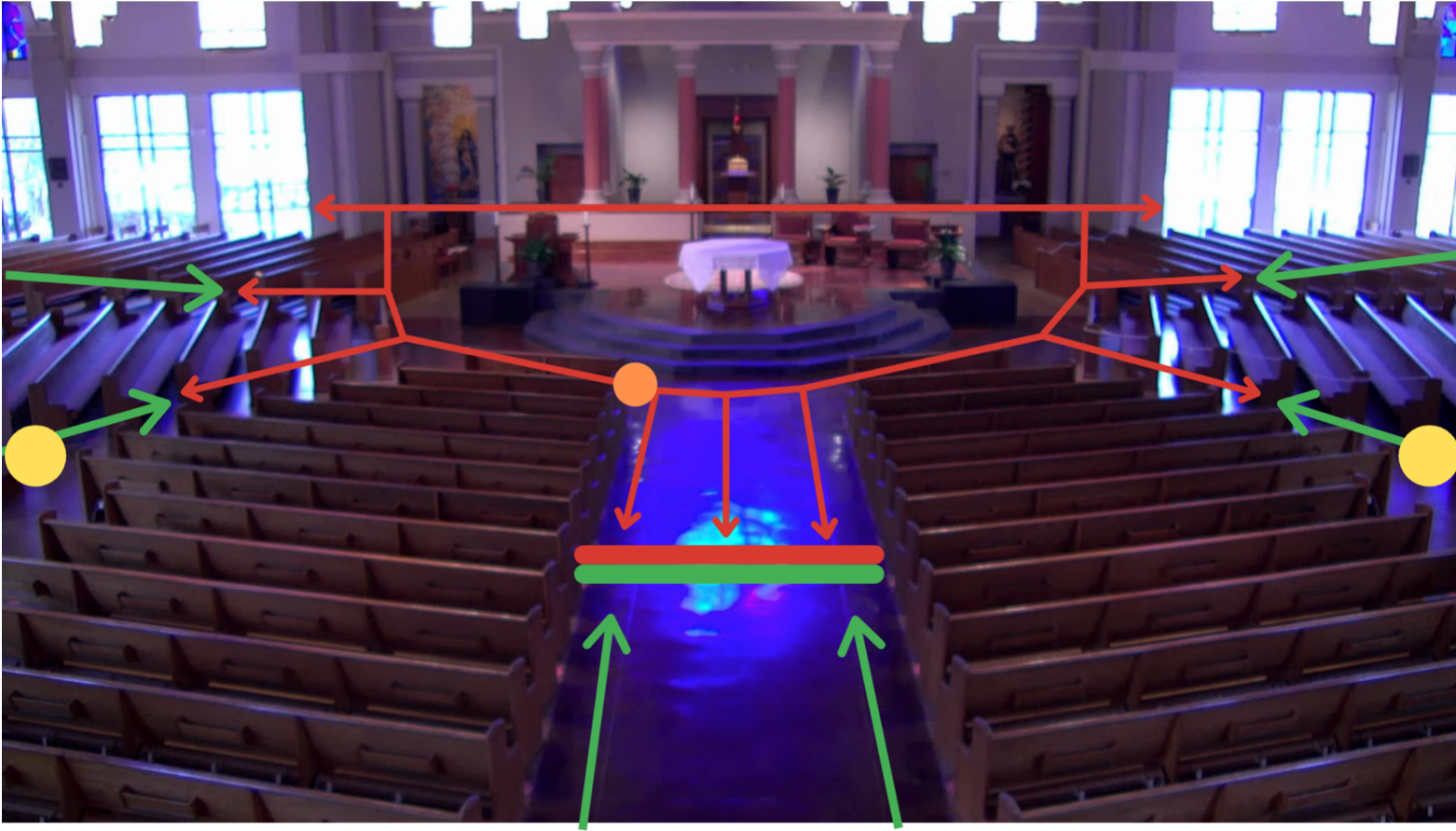
## POLICIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS:

- **Photographers MUST abide by the location map provided.** The photographer is not allowed in the altar area for the taking of pictures or videos during the ceremony. A still-photographer is permitted to move during the ceremony as long as he/she remains out of the view of the congregation and the celebrant. The Photographer/Videographer should not be distracting or take away from the ceremony. **A good rule of thumb is to remain AT LEAST 5 pews back on the side aisles. And at least 8 pews back in the middle aisle.**
- The Church is available for photography no earlier than 1 hour before the wedding. **Setup of photographic equipment must be completed 30 minutes before the wedding begins.**
- **NO FLASH** photography nor special lighting is allowed DURING THE CEREMONY. After the ceremony flash and special lights may be used/setup. Picture taking after the ceremony is limited immediately following the wedding. Everyone must exit, and equipment cleared from the church at the end of the 3-hour church reservation.
- Please remember that you are in a sacred space and proper and appropriate attire is expected.

## POLICIES FOR VIDEOGRAPHERS:

- Video equipment may be **set up in the Church at least 30 minutes before the wedding.**
- A Chapel/Church Layout is provided at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources) with the area marked where video cameras are permitted. **Videographers are to remain stationary and located in front of the columns by the choir area & the left pie area.** In the chapel they must be in the back and out of the way of the guests.
- Neither professional nor guests taking video are permitted on the altar during any part of the wedding ceremony.
- Persons making videos using cordless microphones must check with the Creative Services Technician to insure there are no conflicts with the Parish cordless microphones *no later than two weeks before* the wedding ceremony. Jay Martin [jmartin@ap.church](mailto:jmartin@ap.church)
- Bright lights on video cameras are not allowed.

## WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER APPROVED LOCATIONS DURING CEREMONY



● **ONLY** During the entrance of the Wedding Party and Bride can the photographer be here (On the edge of the first pew) .  
Once the Liturgy starts, they must move to one of the green areas.

● These Yellow Dots are the **ONLY** acceptable place for videographers. They must stay at least 5 pews back on each side.

# MUSIC GUIDELINES

A wedding ceremony is first and foremost a sacred celebration, a liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. The integrity and dignity of the Catholic liturgy must be respected and maintained.

Our office is here to assist couples with music preparations for weddings. Music is a normal part of any Sacrament and we want to make sure that all music needs are met, so advance planning is important. Your answers to the questions below will help us assist you in choosing musicians for your wedding. Once confirmed, those musicians will then help you choose the music for your wedding.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- If there is to be music in the liturgy, it can only be **Live Music**. You are not allowed to play music through a streaming site such as iTunes, Spotify, etc
- If you are not planning on using St. Anthony Musicians, but would rather have a family member or friend sing for your wedding, it **MUST BE APPROVED** by our Music Ministry Department. You still need to fill out the request for music form. The reason being is that all the music selected must be approved. There is set up required for all the equipment which requires a St. Anthony's Technician to be present. **We cannot accommodate any last-minute "I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to sing a few songs at our wedding." It all has to be approved by our Music Ministry Department at least 6 months in advance.**

## REQUESTING MUSIC

- If you are wanting Music for your Wedding Ceremony, please contact our Music Department **at least 6 months in advance** to your wedding date. Other instrumentation can add to the beauty of the music, and our Music Department can give you contact information for various instrumental ensembles. Please fill out the "**Request for Music**" at [ap.church/marriage](http://ap.church/marriage) and our Music Ministry Coordinator will contact you for further details.
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## MUSIC & AV FEES

*Deliver these payments to the Parish Office at least 2 Weeks before the wedding. Please notify us when you will be delivering the envelopes. Place each payment in a SEPARATE envelope marked with the following information: Groom & Bride Names, Wedding Date, Payment for: Clergy (Indicate whether, Clergy, Altar Server, Accompanist.. etc.)*

- **Accompanist** \$ 200.00
- **Cantor** \$ 150.00
- **Outside Musician(s)** \$ TBD By Couple
- **Technician Fee** \$ 75.00

*Technician Fee may be applied if additional set up is required or an Outside Musician is used.*

# WHEN DO THEY PLAY MUSIC?

## MUSIC BEFORE THE CEREMONY

The organist or other instrumentalists are instructed to begin playing approximately twenty minutes before the ceremony is to begin. Couples may request special music at this point or leave it to the discretion of the musician. One or more vocal selections may be sung at this time.

## PROCESSION/GATHERING

The seating of the mothers will commence at the hour the ceremony is to begin. Appropriate music could be either vocal or instrumental. Some couples choose to have an instrumental procession followed by the singing of a hymn. (This is especially helpful if the wedding party is large.) **Note:** For reasons of sacred integrity, "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's Lohengrin ("Here Comes the Bride") is not allowed.

## THE GLORIA

The Gloria is sung or said at all Ritual Masses. Weddings celebrated Outside of Mass are not required to proclaim the Gloria.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

These are the ancient songs and hymns of the Scriptures. Please choose your responsorial psalm from the Liturgy Selection Guide found at [ap.church/brideresources](http://ap.church/brideresources)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION / EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

The Gospel and Eucharistic Acclamations will be selected by the Music Department from among those which would most likely be familiar to most of the people present. If a couple has a specific Mass setting they would like to use, they should make such request at the time of their music consultation.

## THE OUR FATHER (LORD'S PRAYER)

The singing of this prayer at weddings may discourage participation by those who may not know the musical setting or who may not care to sing. For this reason, it is spoken rather than sung at weddings. Under no circumstances will the Lord's Prayer be sung as a solo.

## COMMUNION SONGS

The purpose of the Communion Song is to express the unity within the members of the body of Christ that is experienced in the reception of the Eucharist. Here, once again, a song is needed that invites and allows for the singing of the assembly. A solo, such as "Panis Angelicus" is a song for Eucharistic adoration and not communion and would be inappropriate. Many suggestions are listed in the appendix.

## RECESSIONALS

The recessional music should suggest the joy of the occasion. Any of the hymns suggested for the Gathering would also be appropriate here. An instrumental recessional may be selected in place of a hymn. Many excellent selections are given in the appendix.