

MUSIC IN THE WEDDING LITURGY

- ❖ The purpose of any Catholic liturgy, including the wedding liturgy, is to give glory to God and to sanctify the worshipers. Your wedding music should reflect that purpose; in other words, it should help the assembly to pray and to give thanks to God for your marriage.
- ❖ The Music Director at St. Rose will assist the couple in choosing music that is tasteful, beautiful, and appropriate for the wedding liturgy.
- ❖ The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed in their 2007 publication, *Sing to the Lord: Music in the Divine Worship*, that: “Secular music, even though it may emphasize the love of the spouses for one another, is not appropriate for the Sacred Liturgy. Songs that are chosen for the Liturgy should be appropriate for the celebration and express the faith of the church.”
- ❖ Because music in the liturgy involves an active relationship between the pastoral musician and the assembly, the use of recorded music before or during the liturgy is inappropriate.
- ❖ Consult with the Music Director about musical selections you are considering before making any final decisions.

MUSICIANS FOR YOUR WEDDING

St. Rose Church is proud to be home of one of the city’s finest professional sacred music programs. Our roster of professional musicians comprises nationally and internationally acclaimed singers and instrumentalists. To ensure the music performed at your wedding is of the highest quality and in line with our standard of musical excellence, we do not permit guest musicians of any kind (including organists, singers, or instrumentalists) under any circumstances. The music director is solely responsible for selecting, hiring, and booking all musicians for your wedding.

The music director will be the organist at most weddings. If the music director is unavailable, a substitute organist will be provided. Guest organists are not permitted at St. Rose.

You will also need a cantor for your wedding. You may indicate a preference for a male or female cantor on the wedding planning form. All cantors and any additional singers will be selected by the music director. Guest singers are not permitted at St. Rose.

While the organ is suitable for all the instrumental music at your wedding liturgy, the use of additional instruments can add another musical dimension to the ceremony. The use of trumpet is especially festive, while other instruments such as strings, flute or oboe add beauty and lyricism. Small instrumental ensembles, such as string quartets, may also be contracted. Guest instrumentalists and instrumental ensembles are not permitted at St. Rose.

It is also possible to hire the Choir of St. Rose, which is comprised of ten professional singers, for weddings. Fees are determined according to musical demands of each wedding. If this option is of interest to you, please contact the music director for further information.

FEES

The basic fee for an organist is \$250, which includes one one-hour rehearsal with one additional musician and the wedding ceremony. This fee covers the organist only and does not include any additional musician's fee. An additional fee may be charged (1) if more than one musician requires accompaniment and/or (2) if an additional rehearsal session is needed. *In some cases, as determined by the music director, it may not be necessary to hire a cantor. In these cases, the organist will both sing and play. In these cases, the organist's fee will be \$300.*

The basic fee for a cantor is \$200, which includes one one-hour rehearsal and the wedding ceremony. An additional fee may be charged if an additional rehearsal is needed.

Fees for instrumentalists and instrumental ensembles vary. The music director will provide you with a quote, to which must agree, prior to booking additional instrumentalists or instrumental ensembles.

PAYING THE MUSICIANS

Unless the music director instructs otherwise, please follow this procedure when paying the organist and cantor(s):

- ❖ Make a check payable to St. Rose Church for the total combined amount.
- ❖ On the memo line, write the date of your wedding followed by "Wedding Music".
- ❖ Mail the check to St. Rose Church, Attn: Trevor Kroeger, 2501 Riverside Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202.
- ❖ This check must be submitted in full **three weeks prior** to the wedding.

Payment procedures vary for instrumentalists and instrumental ensembles. In most cases, these additional musicians will be paid, by cash or check, on the day of the wedding. Payment must be given to each musician at least **45 minutes prior** to the ceremony. In any case, the music director will confirm the payment protocol for all musicians in advance of the wedding ceremony.