

Sample Wedding Program

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony within Mass

Note: Words or phrases in [brackets] indicate where to insert your selections. Topics labeled as (Optional) should be omitted from program, if not used.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant

Lectors

Cantor

Gift Bearers

Greeters

Servers

Wedding Party

Bridesmaids

Groomsman

Family of Couple

[insert names and relation, i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Joe
Smith, parents of the Bride]

Wedding Ceremony

Prelude

The Entrance Chant

Processional

[insert title and composer for entrance music]

Gloria

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word (Please Sit)

First Reading: [insert ex. Gen. 1:26-28, 31]

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: [insert ex. Ps 148:1-4, 9-14]

Please sing in response:

[insert ex. **Let all praise the name of the Lord.**]

Second Reading: [insert ex. 1 Cor. 12:31 – 13:8]

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (Please Stand)

Please sing in response: **Alleluia!**

Gospel: [insert ex. Mark 10:6-9]

Priest or Deacon: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: (Please Sit)

The Celebration of Matrimony *(Please Stand)*

The Question before Consent

The Consent

The Reception of the Consent

Priest: *Let us bless the Lord.*

All respond: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

Prayer of the Faithful

All Respond: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Liturgy of the Eucharist *(Please Sit)*

Music for the Preparation of the Altar/Gifts: *[insert hymn title and #]*

Preface

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

[Use these or similar words to catechize guests about who may receive Communion]

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are regrettably unable to receive Communion. At this time, please pray for the day when we may all be united in one Eucharist.

Communion Hymn: *[insert hymn title and #]*

Blessing [and Dismissal]

(include "and Dismissal" if Dedication to Mary not used)

(Optional)

Dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recessional:

[insert title and composer for exit music]

To Our Guests: Please, no flash photography during the ceremony. Pictures will be taken immediately following the ceremony. Due to time constraints, [bride] and [groom] will personally greet everyone at the reception.**

(**Note: Use this or similar message in your program to comply with our policy of no flash photography during the ceremony and no receiving line at the church. If the guests do not leave their pews right away, please advise your ushers or groomsmen to assist them in exiting.)