



## Guidelines for Weddings in Light of COVID-19

*In keeping with county, state, and Archdiocesan guidelines, the following need to be observed for all wedding liturgies in the Cathedral.*

### Records and Numbers of Attendees

- The number of people in the building cannot exceed 25% of capacity. We are capping the number of guests at 200 people in the Church and 50 people in the Social Hall.
- There can be no receptions or gatherings before or after. Weddings are typically “high-touch” events, so special attention will need to be given to maintaining social distance throughout (i.e. no hugs, no handshakes!).

### Social Distance and Masking

- Social distance of six feet must be observed between family groups, both during the liturgy when gathering before or after the wedding. Ushers will be needed to welcome attendees and seat them appropriately in keeping with these guidelines.
- Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times by all attendees and liturgical ministers, with the exception of the priest presider and the bride and groom during the wedding liturgy itself.

Please be prepared for the impact this has on photos.

### Impact on the Liturgy

- The minimum number of people should be in the procession and social distance should be observed between those who are not in the same household, both as the ministers gather in the vestibule, and in the Parish itself.
- Congregational singing is not permitted at this time, so many parts of the liturgy will need to be spoken rather than sung. For this reason, we will not have cantors at weddings for the time being, though there will still be organ music. A soloist is also a possibility if arrangements have been made.
- The maid of honor and best man will need to keep social distance at all times, stepping closer only when essential (i.e. to hand the rings) and then returning to their places.
- Holy Communion is given only in the hand. Communion from the cup is not possible at this time.