

## **GUIDELINES for WEDDING CEREMONIES**

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Every sacrament involves proper matter and form, and the form that's provided for church is something that must be done at a Catholic wedding. The following guidelines have been established to assist you with your planning and assure that our church is used with care and respect. Father Bob and the staff are willing to work with you and your wedding co-ordinator so that your wedding in our parish will be a wonderful memory in your lifetime journey.

### **CHURCH BUILDING:**

Will be opened two (2) hours prior to the scheduled time of your wedding for the florist, photographer and bridal party.

Sacristy is used by clergy and parish staff only. **(cannot be used by Wedding Party and/or guests)**

**NO FOOD, DRINK or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed** in Narthex, Sanctuary or Bride's Room.

► **Exception: bottled water** may be consumed ONLY IN the Bride's Room.

The Bride's Room must be cleared of all items from the wedding (**clothes, make-up, etc.**) immediately after ceremony.

Groom and his groomsmen come dressed for the wedding ceremony. No space for men to dress at the church.

### **MAIN SANCTUARY:**

**NO FOOD or DRINK** in Sanctuary

**NO ADHESIVES**, thumbtacks, nails of any kind on woodwork or floors (**i.e.: Pews, Pillars, Windows**)

**NO AISLE RUNNER** down center aisle and **NO GLASS** for decoration of pews

**NO FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** in front of of the Altar

- a) Arrangements may be located at the sides but not in front of the Altar
- b) Trees or bushes may not be brought in for use in decorating Sanctuary or Narthex for weddings
- c) Liturgical season arrangements and decorations may not be moved (**i.e.: Christmas poinsettias, Easter lilies,**)

**MUST REMOVE** all Floral Arrangements brought in for the Wedding unless you have contacted and coordinated with parish Arts & Environment Directors

**DO NOT TOUCH MUSIC EQUIPMENT or SOUND SYSTEM** without the approval of Music Director

Christ Our Redeemer's Music Director must be contacted if music is planned (**even if outside musicians used**)

**DO NOT TOUCH or ADJUST MICROPHONE** (**i.e.: system calibrates itself automatically**)

**NO RICE**, Birdseed, Candy Confections, Sparklers or Bubbles may be thrown or used on church property

**ONLY "Service" dogs are permitted** in the church and no other animals are allowed

**CONSULT Celebrant** for placement of Wheelchairs/Walkers

**PROVIDE own Unity Candle** and holders if you choose to have one (parish provides small table for placement of candle)

**GIFT BEARERS** must be 6 years old or older

**BAPTISMAL FONT, AMBO, etc. MAY NOT be MOVED** - (wagons, toy cars, etc cannot be part of ceremony / procession)

**ALTAR and area** surrounding it is Sacred Space. (Only Priest, Deacon and Sacristan allowed-no photographers in **Altar space**)

*Thank you for respecting the Sanctuary as a Sacred Place and for abiding by these guidelines.*

**The Pastor reserves the final say regarding the use of the Church and facilities.**