

# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Groom \_\_\_\_\_

## The Christian Dimension of Love

When selecting music for your liturgy, please keep in mind the dignity, reverence and joy that characterize a Catholic Wedding. All songs should highlight the Christian dimension of love and be appropriate to the liturgy. Accordingly, secular music is not allowed. This guide will help you select music that is appropriate for your wedding. Again, it is simply a *guide*. If special requests are made, the Director of Music must approve all special selections before they are allowed. In order to ensure your wedding music enhances this joyous occasion, the following guidelines are provided for **all** weddings:

1. The Director of Music play the organ and/or piano at the wedding. If a “guest” organist is requested by the family, they must be of professional caliber, have a background in current Catholic liturgical practice and must be approved by the Director of Music and the priest who is presiding at your wedding. A standard “bench fee” paid to the Music Director of \$200.00 applies.

2. Guest musicians are welcome. However, they must be of professional caliber, have a background in *current Catholic liturgical practice* and be approved by the Director of Liturgy and Music. Mother of Sorrows Parish has many qualified instrumentalists that can enhance your wedding.

3. All participating musicians will rehearse 1 hour before the start of the wedding. If a guest musician requires additional rehearsal a fee of \$50.00 per hour applies.

4. Pre-recorded music, including accompaniment or “back-up tracks” is strictly prohibited.

5. The following music fees apply and should be paid at the time of the wedding rehearsal:

\$200.00 for the organist

\$100.00 per cantor (if more than one is chosen)

The Director of Liturgy and Music can provide a cantor if one is not selected.

## PRELUDES

As your guests enter the sanctuary, it is customary to set the atmosphere of religious joy and solemnity. This is accomplished through prelude music 10-15 minutes before the start of the wedding.

Up to 3 preludes may be sung or played.

It is highly recommended that one instrumental piece is chosen, since it can continue to be played in the event that more music is needed before the start of the procession.

### Vocal:

- How Beautiful
- Bridal Prayer
- Wherever You Go
- The Gift of Love
- Covenant Hymn
- Set Me As a Seal
- Ubi Caritas
- In This Very Room
- Wedding Song (There is Love)

### Instrumental

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
- Canon in D (arr. for piano)
- Sheep May Safely Graze
- Canon in D (arr. for organ)
- Wedding Song (There is Love)
- The Gift of Love (instrumental)

Number of attendants proceeding the bride: \_\_\_\_\_

## BRIDESMAID'S PROCESSION

- Canon in D (organ arrangement)
- The Gift of Love (instrumental)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
- Sheep May Safely Graze

## BRIDE'S PROCESSION

- "Air from Water Music (Handel)
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
- Ode To Joy (Beethoven)
- Canon in D (Purcell)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (please select from here rather than the Together For Life booklet)

- Blest Are Those Who Love You
- Forever I Will Sing
- Your Words Are Spirit & Life
- The Lord is Kind & Merciful
- Taste and See (Angrisano)

### PREPARATION of GIFTS

- May Love Be Ours
- Bridegroom And Bride
- When Love is Found
- *A selection from Preludes*

### SIGN OF PEACE (*music is optional but recommended*)

- Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
- Peace is Flowing Like A River
- Prayer of Peace
- Let There Be Peace on Earth

### COMMUNION

- We Have Been Told
- Behold the Lamb
- We Are Many Parts
- I Myself Am the Bread of Life
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Let Us Be Bread
- One Bread One Body
- I Have Loved You

### FLOWERS FOR MARY (*optional - please check with celebrant*)

- Ave Maria (Schubert)
- Covenant Hymn
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- other Marian hymn

### RECESSIONAL

- Allegro Maestoso (Handel)
- Love Divine All Loves Excelling
- Trumpet Tune
- Ode To Joy (Beethoven)
- Now Thank We All Our God
- Trumpet Voluntary