



**St. Joan of Arc**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

*Tradition with Vision*

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN MATRIMONY



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*Living in Faith with Courage and Integrity*

## **Marriages at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church**

### **The Nature of Liturgical Celebrations**

Liturgical services are not private functions, but are public celebrations of the Church, Therefore liturgical services pertain to the whole body of the Church. They manifest the Church and have effects upon it. The rites should be distinguished by a noble simplicity; they should be short, clear and unencumbered by useless repetitions. Marriage between two Catholics is normally celebrated within the context of the Mass, after the homily. If the marriage is between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, the marriage takes place in the context of a Liturgy of the Word without the Eucharist. Please keep in mind the fact that all liturgical celebrations in the church are first and foremost acts of worship to God the Father, through the Son, in union with the Holy Spirit. These various rites celebrated in the Church accomplish a work commanded by God, namely, the union of man and woman in the bond of matrimony.

### **The Sacrament of Christian Matrimony**

“Christian spouses, in virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, signify and partake of the mystery of that unity and fruitful love which exists between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5: 32). The spouses thereby help each other to attain to holiness in their married life and by the rearing and education of their children. And so, in their state and way of life, they have their own special gift among the People of God (1 Corinthians 7:7).  
– *Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #11.*

### **Arranging Your Wedding**

At the initial meeting with one of the priests of the parish, a tentative date and time for the wedding may usually be set. Diocesan policy requires that there be an interval of at least six months between this initial meeting and the wedding liturgy. In addition, the parish requires registration and participation in the parish for a period of three months before a date will be arranged. Please note that only a tentative date can be set until requirements are met, and approval, if needed, is given by the diocese.

It is the couple's responsibility to: provide documentation, fulfill all requirements in the time specified, and inform the priest of any change of mailing address, email address, and telephone number, etc., in writing.

### **Scheduling Your Wedding**

Either the bride or groom must be a Catholic and a registered member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. Alumni of St. Joan of Arc School may also marry at St. Joan of Arc Church. Weddings are celebrated on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There are NO Sunday weddings celebrated here. Ordinarily, rehearsals are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. the day before the wedding.

No other wedding plans (i.e., reserving a hall, arrangements with photographer, etc.) should be made before the initial meeting with the priest. At the initial meeting, a wedding date can be set, once it is determined that both parties are free to marry in the Catholic Church. The priest or deacon will inform the couple about the requirements for marriage and the process of marriage preparation. Once the wedding date has been scheduled on the parish calendar, it may only be changed at the request of the couple and with the approval of the priest at St. Joan of Arc Church who is overseeing the couple's preparation.

### **Proper Disposition for Matrimony**

Because Matrimony is a sacrament of the Church, the Church expects its participants to be in right relationship with Christ and one another. It is therefore recommended that those to be married participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to their wedding day. In this way, individuals experience the abundant mercy of God that fosters healthy relationships for all involved.

The Church presumes that those who are seeking a Catholic wedding are regular participants in Sunday worship.

### **Parish Registration**

If the bride and groom intend to register at St. Joan of Arc as a couple once married, please contact the Parish Office.

## Marriage Requirements

| Event                                                       | Due Date                                                                                           | Date Scheduled for Completion | Completed? |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Prenuptial Questionnaire<br>(see page 6)                    | To be completed at initial meeting with priest.                                                    |                               |            |
| Marriage Preparation Day<br>(see page 7)                    | Held at SJA usually in September & February (dates may vary).                                      |                               |            |
| FOCCUS<br>(see page 9)                                      | As soon as possible; no later than 9-6 months prior to wedding.                                    |                               |            |
| Liturgical planning meeting with priest<br>(see page 21)    | 4 to 6 weeks prior to wedding.                                                                     |                               |            |
| Music planning with Director of Music<br>(see page 18)      | No later than 4 weeks prior to wedding.                                                            |                               |            |
| Final interview with priest                                 | Typically 1 week prior to wedding.                                                                 |                               |            |
| Baptismal certificates for bride and groom<br>(see page 10) | No earlier than 6 months prior to wedding.                                                         |                               |            |
| Witness Affidavits<br>(see page 10)                         | 3 months prior to wedding.                                                                         |                               |            |
| Marriage License For DuPage County<br>(see page 11)         | To be obtained no earlier than 60 days prior to wedding, and no later than 1 day prior to wedding. |                               |            |

## Prenuptial Questionnaire

The arranging priest will complete a prenuptial questionnaire with both the bride and groom. This is a simple document, taken under oath, that verifies the couple's freedom to marry, their intent, and faith readiness. The items on the questionnaire can be found below:

1. How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you regularly participate in the practice of your faith? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever been married before (either in church, civilly, or by common law)? ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If "yes" please give complete information on reverse side. A civil marriage being validated should also be indicated.)
4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage or legal adoption? ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If "yes" please submit a diagram or explanation of the relationship.)
5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, crime, public propriety, impotence)? ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency? ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservations:
  - a) to enter a marriage that is for life: ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) to give your spouse the right to have children: ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your spouse: ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
10. (For a person under 18) Do your parents consent to this marriage? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_

## Marriage Preparation Day

Couples preparing for marriage at our parish are required to participate in the St. Joan of Arc Marriage Preparation Day, held bi-annually, generally in September and February. Please see the next page for information and registration. In the event that one of the parties is unable to attend, the couple can discuss other options with the priest.

### WHY?

The Marriage Preparation Day is required because the importance of this sacrament deserves the time that will be spent throughout the day in prayer, reflection, sharing, and drawing from the wisdom of the presenters.

### WHAT IS IT?

The St. Joan of Arc Marriage Preparation Day is a day of reflection designed to:

- Deepen one's knowledge of the Sacrament of Matrimony
- Enhance communication skills
- Deepen the couple's understanding of each other
- Discuss various areas pertinent to married life in the Catholic faith
- Inform couples on Natural Family Planning

### HOW SOON?

The couple is encouraged to participate in the workshop six months before their marriage. In this way, your months of engagement may be well used in light of the knowledge and skills you learn during the workshop. With the many other details of the wedding, which will demand your time later, our hope is to offer you the workshop at a time free of the other demands.

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>DATES:</b>        | CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR UPCOMING DATES                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>TIME:</b>         | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (We will attend 9:30 a.m. Mass)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>PLACE:</b>        | St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, 820 Division Street, Lisle, IL 60532                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>COST:</b>         | \$50.00 per couple (Make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc).                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>RESERVATIONS:</b> | Complete the registration form on the next page, indicating the preferred workshop date, and submit payment and registration form to: <b>St. Joan of Arc Parish, Attention: Parish Secretary, 820 Division Street, Lisle, IL 60532.</b> |
| <b>QUESTIONS:</b>    | Contact the Parish Office at 630-963-4500.                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Requested Workshop Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF WEDDING \_\_\_\_\_

PRIEST ASSISTING IN YOUR PREPARATION \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE ENTERED IN FOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED CERTIFICATE TO (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## FOCCUS Inventory

The FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study) Pre-Marital Inventory is an instrument, completed online, that is designed to help deepen the couple's knowledge of one another and foster communication skills. It is not a test, nor is it meant to be a predictor of success or failure in marriage. It is a tool to help couples name and work through issues before marriage.

To register for the FOCCUS Inventory, complete the detachable card below and give it to the arranging priest. The couple will then receive an email from FOCCUS with the questionnaire.

You will have ninety (90) days to complete the questionnaire. It does not need to be completed in one sitting; you can save your work and return at a later time. The questionnaire must be taken alone by each party. The parties should not discuss the questions/answers with one another.

After completing and submitting the questionnaire, FOCCUS will send the results to the Parish Office and the arranging priest will contact the couple to review the results.

If you have any questions about the FOCCUS, please contact the Parish Office at 630-963-4500.



### **FOCCUS Inventory Registration Form**

**Wedding Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the above section to Barbara Banach in the Parish Office.**



## Documentation

### Sacramental Certificates

Catholics to be married are required to provide a **recently issued** Certificate of Baptism (dated within six months of the wedding date). A baptism certificate may be requested by contacting the parish where the person was baptized. If one was Confirmed, a notation of the sacrament should also appear on the Certificate of Baptism.

Non-Catholic parties are also asked to provide a recently issued Certificate of Baptism. If this is not possible, they may submit a photocopy of their original Certificate of Baptism.

### Witness Affidavits

The bride and groom will each be required to have two witnesses, who have known the bride/groom most of the bride/groom's lives, to attest to the party's freedom to marry. Witnesses may be parents, relatives, or friends. The witness affidavit form is to be taken by the witness to a Catholic priest or deacon, who completes it out with them, under oath. The affidavit is then returned to the arranging priest.

### Dispensations

The arranging priest will advise the couple if documents other than those outlined above may be required. Under certain circumstances, Diocesan approval may be required for the marriage to be celebrated, for example:

- Dispensation for disparity of cult: Required for a marriage between a Catholic party and a non-baptized individual.
- Dispensation from form: Permission to be married in a non-Catholic Christian Church.
- In a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, the Catholic party is required to sign a document stating that he/she will do everything possible to raise their children Catholic.
- If one of the parties have had a previous marriage annulled, a copy of the declaration of nullity is required.
- If a couple has been married civilly and is seeking validation in the Catholic Church for the marriage, a copy of the civil marriage license is required.

## Marriage License

The civil marriage license is to be obtained from the DuPage County Clerk's Office, located at 421 County Farm Road (about one mile north of Roosevelt Road) in Wheaton, Illinois. The license may be obtained within 60 days of the marriage, but must be obtained at least one day before the wedding date. Both parties must appear at the Clerk's Office and present proof of age and proper identification and a license fee.

For current information regarding office hours, the license fee and acceptable forms of identification, call the County Clerk's Office at 630-407-5500.

The couple submits the license at the final interview with the priest.

Only the priest signs the marriage license following the wedding. He will fill in the names of the witnesses on the license. The Parish Office returns the license to the Clerk's Office, where it is kept on permanent record.

**Previous Marriages:** The Clerk's Office must know how a previous marriage ended, including the month, date and year, county and state in which it ended. If a prior marriage has ended within the last six (6) months, you must provide a certified copy (a photocopy is not sufficient) of the death record, dissolution or annulment decree.

## Wedding Stipends

- Church: \$300

- Priest celebrant: \$100

- Musician: \$400

*This includes the organist and a cantor.  
Additional vocalists and/or instrumentalists' fees vary according the individual musician.  
Any other requirements, such as extra meetings and/or additional rehearsals, will incur an additional fee.*

- Altar servers: \$20 each

- Liturgical Coordinator: \$100

## Rehearsal

Rehearsals are generally scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the day before the wedding, and are typically one hour in length. Rehearsal day and time are arranged with the priest at the time when the marriage date is confirmed. The couple will plan the liturgy for the celebration of the marriage with the priest prior to the rehearsal. By the day of the rehearsal, all plans are final, and no changes or additions may be made to the Rite. At the time of the scheduled rehearsal, all participants should arrive on time, bringing their fees with them. Fees for servers can be left with the priest, in an envelope, with the names or purpose on the outside.

The following individuals are required to be present at the rehearsal:

- Bride and groom
- All members of the wedding party, including flower girl and ring bearer
- Parents of bride/groom  
(If they will be in the opening procession.)
- Readers  
(Those who will proclaim the scriptural texts and read the Universal Prayer [Prayers of the Faithful])
- Ushers  
(Individuals who will greet guests and distribute programs. Attendance is optional)
- Gift bearers  
(Those who will present the bread, wine, and water for the Eucharist. Attendance is encouraged)

## Instructions to Photographers and Videographers

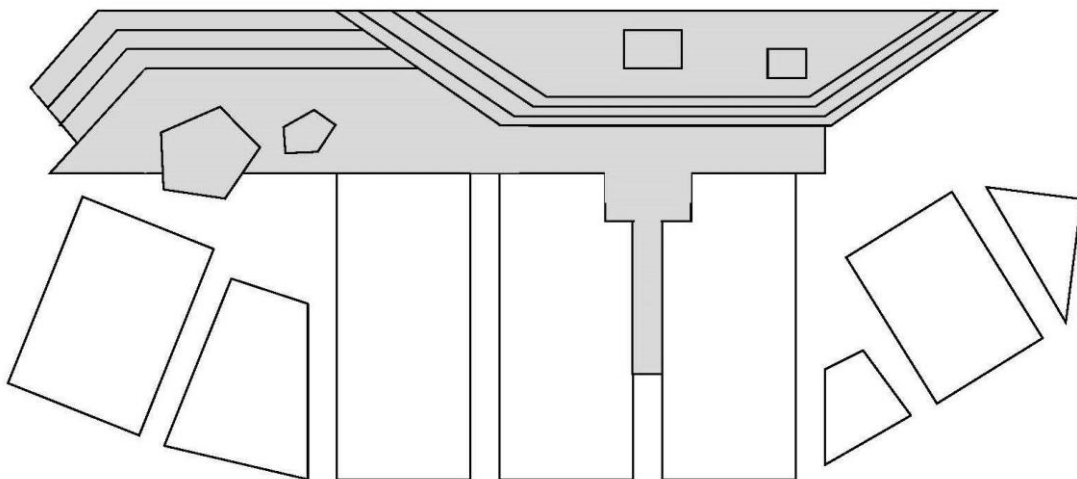
The couple is asked to hand this information to their photographers and videographers prior to the wedding.

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To preserve the dignity of the rite, photographers and videographers must remain courteous, professional, and as inconspicuous as possible. These instructions apply to all videographers and photographers. They are asked to observe the following:

1. Photographers must remain behind all of the front pews of the church. If they are using the center aisle to photograph the entrance procession, they may not be a visual obstruction.
2. You may utilize the area within the pews, provided you are not an obstruction to the assembly. Please see the diagram below.
3. Flash photography is permitted only during the opening procession. During the rite, photography should be kept at a minimum and as quiet as possible. The repeated clicking sound of cameras is disruptive to the rite and can be a distraction to the assembly.
4. For an 11:00 a.m. Saturday wedding, the photography must be finished by 12:30 p.m. For a 2:00 p.m. Saturday wedding, the photography must be finished by 3:30 p.m.
5. While taking pictures after a 2:00 p.m. wedding, ensure that there is no talking other than quiet instructions to the bridal party.
6. The photographer should check in with the wedding coordinator or celebrant upon arrival at the church.

**You may NOT stand in the gray areas to take photographs.**



## The Wedding Liturgy

The wedding liturgy is a sacramental rite of the church. As such, its primary focus is on God, whose love is made visible in the marriage covenant of the bride and groom. While this liturgy provides an ideal opportunity for friends and relatives of the bride and groom to come together in joyful celebration, it is not fundamentally a family reunion. In planning their wedding liturgy, the bride and groom should avoid thinking that every significant friend or relative must have a specific role in the ceremony regardless of their competence to undertake that role. All members of the liturgical assembly have the privileged role of witnessing this marriage in the context of the Church's worship.

### **Liturgical Coordinator**

St. Joan of Arc parish has designated Liturgical Coordinators, one of whom is assigned for each wedding. If a couple hires a Wedding Coordinator for other details of their wedding celebration, this person does not have a role in the church celebration and may not interfere with the Wedding Liturgy in any manner.

### **The Entrance Procession**

There is only one procession in the Wedding Liturgy that includes the following individuals in this prescribed order:

- The Altar Server carrying the processional cross
- The Lectors who will proclaim the Biblical Readings
- The priest who will accept the promises of the bride and groom in the name of the church
- The bridal party – bridesmaids and groomsmen who walk together
- Optional -- The flower girl and ring bearer
  - Both the flower girl and ring bearer must be 6 years of age or older. There may be only one of each. They must be capable of walking in the procession in such a way that is not demeaning to them. Their presence is not to solicit humor from the assembly, therefore anything designed to portray them as cute or funny is to be avoided. For example, they may not be pulled down the aisle in a wagon or cart. Nor may they wear clothing that features trite statements or graphics such as, "I'm handsome and available." To maintain the integrity of their roles, the flower girl must carry an actual bouquet of flowers but may

not drop petals down the aisle. If flowers will later be taken to the statue of Mary, the flower girl might be the one who carries this bouquet at the beginning of the liturgy. The ring bearer must carry the actual rings that the bride and groom will exchange. He will be instructed as to where the rings should be placed at the beginning of the liturgy.

- The groom who may be accompanied by one or both of his parents
- The bride who may be accompanied by one or both parents.
- Since the bride and groom are the true celebrants of the wedding liturgy, it is fitting that they take their places at the end of the procession.
- To express the dignity of all the liturgical ministers as well as the equality of the bride and groom the same instrumental music is used for the entire opening procession for which the assembly stands (as opposed to standing only for the bride.)

If couples wish to have particular relatives (e.g., grandparents) escorted to their pews, this is to be done by 5 minutes before the liturgy begins.

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

The proclamation of the Scriptures should be done by readers who are familiar with this ministry and who are comfortable reading before an assembly. It is preferred that they be practicing Catholics. If they are not however, they should at least be people of faith who believe the biblical texts that they are asked to proclaim.

### **The Consent – The Marriage Vows**

The Consent or profession of Marriage Promises happens immediately after the homily. Typically the bridesmaids and groomsmen come out of the front pew and stand facing the bride and groom who take their places in the sanctuary in front of the altar. If there is a lighting of the Unity Candle, this occurs after the exchange of rings. The Universal Prayer follows. These petitions may be read by another reader or by the priest. The prescribed petitions of the Church are used.

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

If the wedding is celebrated in the context of the Mass, the gifts of bread and wine may be presented by members of the assembly.

After the Lord's Prayer, the Nuptial Blessing is offered by the priest followed by the Sign of Peace. The bride and groom exchange this greeting with each other and, if desired, with the best man, maid of honor and the parents of each. It is not exchange with the entire wedding party.

For Holy Communion, the priest will bring the Eucharistic Bread to the bride and groom and then distribute Communion to the other members of the assembly. Only practicing Catholics are invited to receive.

### **The Concluding Rite**

If flowers are to be taken to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this is done by both bride and groom after the Post-Communion Prayer.

### **Recessional**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the priest announces the newly married bride and groom who may then embrace and kiss while the assembly joins in applause. The wedding party then recesses following the bride and groom. In order to secure adequate time for photographs, the wedding party should exit down the main aisle, through the lobby and then back into the church by a side door. There is no receiving line after the Liturgy.



## Other Options and Concerns for the Wedding Ceremony

### **Presiding Priest or Deacon**

Ordinarily, a priest or deacon from St. Joan of Arc Church will prepare the couple for marriage and preside at the wedding liturgy. When one party is non-Catholic, the wedding is not celebrated within the context of the Mass, so as to eliminate any visible divisions between those who may or may not receive Holy Communion. With the approval of the pastor, a couple may invite a visiting priest or deacon to preside at the wedding. The visiting priest or deacon must be present for, and preferably conduct, the wedding rehearsal. If the priest or deacon is not from the Diocese of Joliet, a letter of suitability is required from his particular diocese or religious congregation.

### **Music for the Wedding Ceremony**

The music used for the wedding Liturgy (before, during and after) must be suitable for the sacred nature of the liturgical rites. Couples are to meet with the parish Director of Music **before** making any other music arrangements or plans. Our Director of Music is Jim Susic. He can be reached at (630) 353-4529 or [jsusic@sjalisle.org](mailto:jsusic@sjalisle.org).

Music at the wedding must be at the service of the liturgy so that it does not dominate the Rite, is prayerful by nature, and eschews any appearance of performance. Music at Mass is prayer, and not a performance looking for the approval of an audience. Within the range of liturgical music, there is a rich variety of styles.

### **Guest Musicians**

If guest musicians (instrumentalists or singers) are requested, the guest musician must observe the following requirements:

- A thorough knowledge of Catholic liturgy
- Musical proficiency and a professional appearance and demeanor
- Willingness to rehearse one hour prior to the wedding liturgy

Guest musicians should not be engaged until discussed with and approved by the Director of Music. (If an additional rehearsal is requested, an additional fee is charged.)

## **Liturgical Texts**

The scriptural and ritual texts must be taken from the approved liturgical sources. The wedding rite specifies which scriptural texts may be used. Copies of these texts will be provided at the initial meeting with the priest.

## **Proper Reverence for the Church Facility**

The church building is both the house of God and the house of the Church. It is set aside for sacred use and therefore deserves reverence and respect.

The baptismal font located in the Narthex is also a sacred object. People should not be seated on it, nor place any objects around or on it.

## **Wedding Party Preparation**

No bride's room is available at the parish. A folding screen is placed across the Link (hallway joining the church and school buildings) for the bride's privacy prior to the liturgy. Neither the guests nor the wedding party may congregate in the sacristy.

## **Wedding Attire**

Since the wedding liturgy is a sacred rite, modesty in dress is essential. For both brides and members of the bridal party, shoulders should be covered by way of the dress itself, or by a jacket or wrap of some sort. All liturgical ministers are also to adhere to this type of attire.

## **Flowers**

If desired, flowers may be provided by the wedding party. They may not be placed in front of the altar nor be an obstruction to ritual movement. The parish can provide two flower stands for your use.

If floral arrangements are placed on pews, they may not be nailed, tacked, taped, or glued. Flowers must be real; artificial flowers are not permitted.

### **Flowers for the Virgin Mary**

The presentation of flowers to the image of the Virgin Mary is not an official element of the Roman Rite. If a couple wishes to incorporate this ritual, they are asked to provide their own flowers.

### **Food, Alcohol, and Tobacco**

As an expression of reverence for the church, we ask that wedding participants refrain from bringing food, chewing gum, water bottles, or drinks of any kind into the space either during the rehearsal or wedding. ***The use of alcohol and tobacco is strictly prohibited*** while wedding participants are on parish property.

### **Aisle Runners**

The use of aisle runners is a trip hazard and is therefore prohibited.

### **Candelabra**

Candelabra may not be used in church.

### **Unity Candle**

The unity candle is not an official part of the Roman Rite, and therefore its use is discouraged. However, if a couple wishes to incorporate this symbol, they are asked to provide their own pillar candle. The two side “taper” candles and the stand are provided by the church. Nothing may be placed on the altar table itself.

### **Rice, Bird Seed, Etc.**

The throwing of rice, bird seed, confetti, balloons, rose petals, sparklers, doves, etc. is hazardous and therefore not permitted.

### **Arrival and Departure**

The entire wedding party is asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before the wedding liturgy. Before departing the church, please remove all unwanted items.

# Three Forms of Celebrating Matrimony

| 1. Within Mass                             | 2. Without Mass                                         | 3. Between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Introductory Rites</i>                  | <i>Introductory Rites</i>                               | <i>Rite of Reception</i>                                  |
| Welcome                                    | Welcome                                                 | Welcome                                                   |
| Procession                                 | Procession                                              | Procession                                                |
| Gloria                                     |                                                         |                                                           |
| Collect                                    | Collect                                                 |                                                           |
| <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>                 | <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>                              | <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>                                |
| Old Testament                              | Old Testament                                           | One or two readings *at least                             |
| Responsorial Psalm                         | Responsorial Psalm                                      | one must explicitly speak of                              |
| New Testament                              | New Testament                                           | marriage                                                  |
| Gospel                                     | Gospel                                                  | Homily                                                    |
| Homily                                     | Homily                                                  |                                                           |
| <i>Celebration of Matrimony</i>            | <i>Celebration of Matrimony</i>                         | <i>Celebration of Matrimony</i>                           |
| Introduction                               | Introduction                                            | Introduction                                              |
| Questions before Consent                   | Questions before Consent                                | Questions before Consent                                  |
| Consent                                    | Consent                                                 | Consent                                                   |
| Reception of Consent                       | Reception of Consent                                    | Reception of Consent                                      |
| Blessing and Giving of Rings               | Blessing and Giving of Rings                            | Blessing and Giving of Rings                              |
| [and Arras]                                | [and Arras]                                             | [and Arras]                                               |
| Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful    | Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful [Lord's Prayer] | Universal Prayer/ Prayer of the Faithful                  |
|                                            | [Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or Veil]              | [Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or Veil]                |
|                                            | Nuptial Blessing                                        | Nuptial Blessing                                          |
| <i>Liturgy of the Eucharist</i>            |                                                         |                                                           |
| Preparation of the Altar                   | [Holy Communion]                                        |                                                           |
| Eucharistic Prayer                         | Lord's Prayer                                           |                                                           |
| Lord's Prayer                              | Sign of Peace                                           |                                                           |
| [Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or Veil] | Communion                                               |                                                           |
| Nuptial Blessing                           |                                                         |                                                           |
| Sign of Peace                              |                                                         |                                                           |
| Communion                                  |                                                         |                                                           |
| Prayer after Communion                     |                                                         |                                                           |
| <i>Conclusion of the Celebration</i>       | <i>Conclusion of the Celebration</i>                    | <i>Conclusion of the Celebration</i>                      |
| Solemn Blessing                            | Blessing                                                | Blessing                                                  |
| Recessional                                | Recessional                                             | Recessional                                               |