

WEDDING REGULATIONS

- We have Masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.
- The rehearsal is always the Friday evening before the wedding at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise stipulated. Park in the parking lot in the back of the Church and go in the ramp entrance in the back.
- The Church, Sacristy, and Bride's Room will be opened a ½ hour before the wedding. If you need more time, please let the Parish Secretary or the Sacristan know ahead of time so that arrangements can be made. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!
- Parking should be in the back of the Church. Entrance thru the ramp, inside the gate facing the back parking lot.
- The Bride and her Bridesmaids can dress in the Bride's Room located on the south side of Church, on top of said ramp, door on the left. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED.
- The Groom and Best Man wait in the Sacristy until the ceremony begins.
- The Best Man is to give the rings to the Sacristan, who places them on the altar.
- No wedding coordinator is allowed in Church. Liturgy (from the procession to the recession) is directed by the celebrant NOT the coordinator.
- The wedding party has 30 minutes from the end of the ceremony, so that the photographer can speedily take pictures of the wedding party. Usually it is better to have the reception line in the Hall, not in Church.
- Flower decorations on pews: **NO** tape, wax or clamps without felt allowed on the pews. **NO** wet flowers against pews. Elastic or ribbon is acceptable.

Fire and Insurance Regulations

- No throwing of rice, confetti, flowers, bubbles, etc. on the couple in front of or in the church.
- No runners nor huge floral decorations that will be in the way of the celebration.
- No lights or candles on church pews or wherever they obstruct the flow of the celebration.
- No swags that obstruct the passage through the pews.
- Under no circumstances does the Ring bearer carry the real rings or the Flower girl throw flower petals.
- The Parish Hall is not rented out for Wedding Receptions.
- For the above reasons, the wedding couple should check with the parish secretary to avoid costly commitments to the florists! It is embarrassing and awkward for both the couple and the church to send the florist packing (with flowers and candles already paid), but better act beforehand than on the wedding day!

Ushers

The ushers sit the visitors (Groom's family and friends to the right pews & Bride's family and friends to the left pews). Family sits in the first pew, friends from the second pew back.

When escorting a couple, the usher offers his left arm to the woman and walks her to her pew, followed a step behind by the gentleman.

Photography Session

Photo session MUST be finished within the time allowed so that the sacristan can set up for the next Service.

- Pictures may be taken in the Church after the wedding but must not be any later than 3:30 (for 1:30 p.m. weddings) and 8:30 p.m. (for 7:00 p.m. weddings).
- Photography in the garden is allowed at any time.
- The pastor allows flash photography during the ceremony.
- Discuss with the couple what shots are wanted before the wedding, so that time is not wasted.