

Guidelines for Getting Married at All Saints Parish

Congratulations on your engagement!

Marriage is the deepest way that the two of you will show your love for and commitment to each other. For those of us who are Christians, your marriage is a sign not only of your life, but of God's also.

As Catholics we believe that marriage is a commitment the two of you will make and live in the presence of God. It is a life-long commitment that calls for mutual and lasting fidelity to one other person exclusively. It also involves your willingness to put yourselves at the service of God's continuation of the human race through your giving life and love to other human beings.

Because your marriage is important to you and to the Church, the Catholic Church in the St. Louis area expects you to participate in the marriage preparation program that will be explained to you.

Because we assume that you want your wedding to reflect your Christian commitment, we will work with you to prepare a celebration of the sacrament that will express, in as beautiful and faithful a way as possible, your ever-growing trust in God and your faith-hope-love in each other.

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To Begin With – Some Typical Questions

WHERE DO WE START?

You start by setting up an appointment with a parish priest or deacon of the parish (636-397-1440), who will work with you throughout the preparation period and who will witness the exchange of your marriage vows. It will be this priest or deacon who will ultimately confirm **the date for your wedding**.

WHEN SHOULD WE CALL?

Generally as soon as the two of you have decided to get married and have made this public to your family and friends. But you must call at least six months in advance of the date you are considering for your wedding. The earlier the better, since it gives you more time to take advantage of what you will learn in the marriage preparation program.

WHO CAN GET MARRIED AT ALL SAINTS?

Catholics may marry in the parish of either party. To be married in another parish than either of these requires the permission of the pastor of either the bride or groom and that of the parish to which they want to go. Registered parishioners who are at least 18 years old may celebrate their weddings at All Saints. However, the following requirements may apply in situations there are special circumstances.

- If one or both parties are under 19 years of age, there is an Archdiocesan policy that includes consultation with the parents and possibly with professional counselors to determine the couple's readiness for marriage;
- If the woman is pregnant, special inquiries must be made to determine the couple's readiness for marriage under these circumstances. Here again professional counseling may be helpful or necessary.
- **Catholics who live within the boundaries of the parish** but who are not formally registered or who do not attend Sunday Mass here regularly should first speak to one of the parish priests about establishing a relationship with the parish and then can begin to discuss the possibility of celebrating a wedding here.

- **Catholics who live outside the parish** (and this includes parishioners' children who have moved away from home and have established their own permanent residence elsewhere) may be married in our parish church if there are sufficient reasons. There are several conditions that need to be fulfilled, including the permission of their current pastor. Interested couples who have no previous connection to All Saints and are not registered are considered 'Non-parishioner' status and are subject to \$500.00 fee and must obtain their own priest/deacon for the wedding. Guidelines can be mailed upon request.

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HOW SOON CAN THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE WEDDING BE SET?

The date will be confirmed by the priest or deacon only after he has had sufficient opportunity to meet with you, to review the initial screening instrument (FOCCUS), and to assess your readiness for marriage.

WHEN CAN A WEDDING BE SCHEDULED?

Weddings at All Saints may be celebrated on any Saturday of the year, except during Lent, Parish Picnic Weekend, Quilt Socials, and Craft Bazaar weekend. Weddings may be scheduled on Saturdays at 10:00am, or 12:00 noon, or 2:00pm. A later time is not possible because of other church services.

HOW MUCH DOES A WEDDING COST?

The wedding fee, which covers all the costs of marriage preparation and use of the church, depends upon the relationship of the couple to All Saints Parish.

The **current fee:**

- for those who are **registered parishioners at the time of initial contact** is \$ 150;
- for those **residing within the boundaries but not registered at the time of initial contact** the fee is \$ 250;
- for **children who have been living away from home** but whose **parents are registered at the time of initial contact** the fee is \$ 250;
- for **those who are from other parishes** \$ 500.

To secure the date desired, this fee must be paid **within one month** after the date for the wedding has been set. The couple may also want to consider a personal gift to the priest who has worked with them in preparing for marriage.

WILL THE WEDDING BE ANNOUNCED IN CHURCH?

The parish will automatically include an announcement of the forthcoming wedding in the All Saints Parish bulletin on the Sunday before. If one party is from another parish, he/she is responsible for taking care of a similar announcement in his/her parish bulletin.

***God our Father,
open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendor of creation, in the beauty of human life.***

Touched by your hand our world is holy.

***Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters, and to
experience the joy of life in your presence.***

Steps Toward Christian Marriage

After the parish priest or deacon has had an initial interview with the engaged couple, he will schedule the couple to take **FOCCUS**, a premarital inventory designed to reflect a couple's communication and compatibility.

FOCCUS explores basic expectations of life and of each other, communication and problem-solving skills, and attitudes towards money, children, sexuality, in-laws, and religion. Conversation between the couple and the priest or deacon around these issues essentially helps to determine the couple's readiness for the Sacrament of Marriage. Reviewing the results will usually involve one or two sessions of about an hour each.

Following the successful completion of this phase, the priest or deacon will review the various options for a formal **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**. Diocesan regulations require a couple to participate in such a program. They may choose which program they want to participate in from among those listed at the bottom of this page. All deal with the same issues but in different formats. The couple has the responsibility for making the arrangements and for informing the priest when they have completed the program. They are also encouraged to take advantage of the program they choose as early as possible in their engagement.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

This program consists of a series of videotape programs for groups of up to 20 engaged couples. They are scheduled on different days of the week, on a continuing basis throughout the year at various parishes in the diocese. A fee is charged. Schedules are available from the priest or deacon with whom you are working. For reservations, call 314-792-7182.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Several weekend programs are available: Engaged Encounter (held at Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, Mo. and at King's House of Retreats, Belleville, Ill.) and St. Louis University's Marriage Preparation Mini-Retreat (held at St. Francis Xavier "College" Church on the campus of St. Louis University). These programs generally run from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Couples have separate private rooms and they are given a lot of opportunities for one-to-one discussion on a series of topics presented by married couples. The fee includes overnight lodging and meals. Schedules are available from the priest or deacon with whom you are working.

Celebrating Your Wedding Liturgy at All Saints Parish

HOW TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF CEREMONY TO HAVE?

If both parties are Catholic and have been regular churchgoers, the Church recommends that you celebrate your marriage in the context of a Mass.

If both parties are Catholic, but have not been regular churchgoers, or if one party is not Catholic (and thus cannot participate in Holy Communion), the Church recommends that the exchange of vows take place in the context of a Scripture service along with prayers and blessings, but not a Mass.

In each case the service will reflect the real situation of the couple, and in each case there is a Catholic wedding ceremony.

The expectation of the Catholic Church is that your wedding ceremony will promote the active participation of your family, friends, and guests.

All too many weddings become shows for people to watch, rather than prayerful opportunities for all those present to ask God's blessing on your marriage.

**ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS
IF A CATHOLIC WANTS TO MARRY A NON-CATHOLIC?**

Catholics are encouraged to marry Catholics, because we believe that sharing religious convictions and church practice supports and strengthens a couple's commitment to each other. However, with the approval of the Archbishop, a Catholic may marry another Christian, Non-Christian or even someone with no religious affiliation.

In these circumstances the Catholic party is asked to affirm his/her intention to continue living as a Catholic and to do all in their power to raise any children in the Catholic faith.

**MAY A COUPLE HAVE A PRIEST OTHER THAN ONE FROM OUR PARISH
TO WITNESS OUR EXCHANGE OF VOWS?**

Yes, another priest or deacon is quite acceptable. Of course, he should also be willing to take on the additional responsibilities of assessing the couple's readiness for marriage, guiding them in the selection of a marriage preparation program, and completing the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire. Details will be mailed upon request.

ARE THERE ANY DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE WEDDING PARTY?

Since your wedding is going to be a religious ceremony, you may want to consider whether the people you plan to have in your wedding party are comfortable with and do value the faith dimension that we expressed in this celebration. The two official witnesses for the Church need to be Catholics. If you have a ring bearer or flower girl, they must be able to walk down the aisle or be assisted by an adult.

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED?

A recent (within the last six months) copy of your **BAPTISMAL RECORD**, for Catholics and non-Catholics.

The official **PRE-NUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE** required for the church records, which will be completed with the help of the priest or deacon with whom you are working.

The **CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSE** which can be secured at any county courthouse in Missouri within one month of the marriage date. In St. Charles County you can apply at the Recorder of Deeds. There is a 3 day waiting period. Bring this to your rehearsal.

The engaged couple is also required to attend an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**. Our experience with couples is that they would really appreciate such a session as they go about deciding when and how many children to have. Further information is available from the priest or deacon with whom you are working.

HOW TO GO ABOUT PLANNING THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

In addition to these materials the priest or deacon with whom you are working will provide you with a planning book and guidance for planning your wedding liturgy.

**IF ONE PARTY IS NOT CATHOLIC, MAY HIS/HER MINISTER PARTICIPATE IN
THE WEDDING SERVICE?**

Yes, very definitely. We would welcome the other party's pastor and work out with him/her a role in the service.

WHAT OTHER MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEDDING SERVICE?

First of all, we need to remind ourselves that the bride and groom are the actual ministers of the sacrament of marriage. They begin their life-long celebration of the sacrament through the exchange of vows in the presence of the official witnesses (the priest and two other Catholics) and of the Church community.

You will need one to three **LECTORS** for the selections from Holy Scripture and petitions. You may ask family or friends, even members of the wedding party. They should be people who have the necessary gifts for proclaiming God's word effectively and reverently. People who are not accustomed to reading or speaking in public do not usually make good readers for occasions like this. The readers should attend the rehearsal.

If you are exchanging vows during Mass, you may also want **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**. If any of your family or friends serve in this capacity in their own parishes, they would be welcome to serve here. They should contact the presiding priest in the sacristy before the wedding Mass, so that he can familiarize them with the procedures to be followed.

Members of the wedding party and the families of the bride and groom may consider being at church early enough to greet the guests as they gather for the celebration. In doing this they exercise the ministry of hospitality. **USHERS** may also be chosen to assist with seating guests.

Finally, altar **SERVERS** will be needed, especially for the celebration of Mass. Usually these are selected by the priest from among the parish servers. If the couple wants any of their family or friends to serve, they should have had some prior experience. If parish servers are used, there is a customary offering of \$5 each for their services.

ARE THERE ANY PARTS OF THE SERVICE THAT NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION?

You may select the readings for your wedding from the book provided. You may also select from the same book the version of the marriage vows you want to use, the blessing for the rings, the prayer of the couple, and the blessing for the couple.

The couple should also be involved in preparing the Prayers of the Faithful. Members of the family or friends may be chosen to present the bread and wine, if there is a Mass. Moreover, among the costs incurred for most weddings, you may want to consider making a gift of food for the poor to be presented with the gifts for Mass.

While a visit to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary is customary, this is clearly an expression of personal or individual piety. It is not necessary to include this in the ceremonies.

Since all of the above involve various options, these need to be discussed and decided with the presiding priest or deacon at some point during the preparation process.

WHAT ABOUT MUSIC FOR THE WEDDING?

To help you choose and plan the music for your wedding, **the parish Director of Liturgy and Music has made available an information packet regarding guidelines for wedding liturgies and music at All Saints, which can be found at the end of this document.** You are responsible for reading and adhering to the information provided in this packet. As needed, our Director of Liturgy and Music is available to explain Church directives regarding music and clarify information concerning the possibilities and the requirements for music and liturgy for the Sacrament of Marriage. This information packet will address the selection of appropriate hymns, songs, and music for your celebration as well as musicians and cantors/song leaders. **All liturgical plans and music selections for your wedding must be approved by the Director of Liturgy and Music at least one month before the date of your wedding.**

WHAT ABOUT MUSICIANS?

Information concerning the selection of music ministers and fees for their services is included with the aforementioned informational packet at the end of this document.

WHAT ABOUT SCHEDULING A REHEARSAL?

The day and time for the wedding practice should be arranged with the priest or deacon anytime after the wedding date has been set. Wedding rehearsals may be scheduled on Thursday evenings at 5:00pm or 6:00pm, or on Friday evenings at 5:00pm, 6:00pm, or 7:00pm.

WHAT DECORATIONS ARE PERMITTED IN CHURCH?

Decorations such as flowers, bows/flowers on the pews, and candles in the aisle are generally acceptable. Where they are to be placed should be cleared with the priest or deacon in advance. It is a thoughtful gesture to leave the altar flowers for the weekend Masses. The throwing of rice or birdseed and the release of helium balloons is not permitted for safety and environmental reasons. Likewise the flower girl should not throw rose petals as she comes down the aisle.

CLEANUP?

The wedding party is responsible for making sure the church is returned to pre-wedding condition after the mass. Pew bows, runners, candles all should be removed before leaving church. All pews should be checked for any programs, or any other handouts from the celebration. Anything brought with you should be removed.

WHERE WILL THE WEDDING PARTY BE SEATED?

Several different arrangements are possible. You can arrange this at the final planning meeting with the priest or deacon.

ARE THERE ANY DIRECTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING AND VIDEOTAPING?

Photographers are expected to be respectful of the church setting and to be unobtrusive. Family and friends should be discouraged from taking flash pictures from the pews during the ceremony, since this tends to make the wedding a spectacle rather than a religious ceremony. Photographing after the ceremony must be limited to **one half hour**. Photographers should be advised to consider the advantages of other settings than the church for formal posing.

Videotaping may be done from one stationary position in the choir loft and/or from a position near the side church door, not blocking any aisle. Nowhere else is permitted.

WHERE CAN THE WEDDING PARTY DRESS?

You may come on your wedding day completely ready for the ceremony, or you may choose to rent our Music Room for the bride and bridesmaids to dress. Information concerning this may be found in the 'Wedding Coordinator Guidelines' included in this packet.

WEDDING COORDINATOR?

All Saints offers the services of a 'Wedding Coordinator' to be present at your rehearsal and the day of the wedding. Contact information and further explanation is included in this packet.

A Checklist for Engaged Couples

You will find more information concerning many of the items listed below in the “Guidelines for Getting Married at All Saints Parish” and the supplemental materials accompanying these guidelines. An **asterisk (*)** indicates that you should refer to these guidelines for more detailed information.

We encourage you to bring any further questions you may have to the attention of the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister with whom you are working to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Set Appointment for Beginning the Process of Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister who will be responsible for preparing you for the Sacrament of Marriage. Set up an initial appointment with him/her to begin the marriage preparation process.

Complete the FOCCUS Premarital Inventory for Marriage Preparation

FOCCUS means Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study. Typically it will be administered by the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister with whom you are working.

Complete Assessment Process with the Priest, Deacon, or Pastoral Minister

Typically the assessment of your readiness for the sacrament of marriage will be accomplished over a series of 2 or 3 meetings with the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister.

Schedule the Date, Time, and Place for the Celebration of Your Wedding

Typically this will be done during the assessment process after your 2nd or 3rd meeting with the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister with whom you are working to prepare for marriage.

Submit Payment of Wedding Fee for the Use of the Church (*)

To secure the date that you have reserved for your wedding this fee must be paid within one month after the date for your wedding has been set.

Schedule the Date, Time, and Place for Your Wedding Rehearsal

Scheduling your rehearsal can be done at any time once a date for the wedding has been confirmed. Available times are on Thursdays at 5:00pm or 6:00pm, and any time on Friday evenings.

Complete the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

This questionnaire will complete the information needed by the parish for the record of your sacramental marriage. Commonly the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister will interview you for this information.

Obtain Newly Issued Copies of Your Baptismal Records (*)

The parish record of your sacramental marriage requires a recently issued copy of your baptismal record. Contact the parish or congregation where you were baptized for this document.

Register for a Marriage Preparation Program (*)

The priest, deacon, or pastoral minister with whom you are working will inform you of the options from which you have to choose, and give you information on how to register.

- Inform the Priest, Deacon, or Pastoral Minister of the Program You Plan to Attend**

You will want to inform him/her of the particular type of program that you will attend as well as the dates and location of this program.
- Inform the Priest, Deacon, or Pastoral Minister When You Have Completed the Program**

After completing your marriage preparation program contact the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister in order to schedule your next appointment.
- Make appointment with Parish Coordinator of Liturgy & Music**

This session is required. You will receive information concerning the requirements for music and liturgy for the Sacrament of Marriage, and help in selecting appropriate hymns, songs, and music from the priest, deacon or pastoral minister preparing you.
- Return Your Music Planning Worksheet to the Parish Coordinator of Music (*)**

No later than one month before the wedding you must complete and return this worksheet to the parish Coordinator of Music for review and approval.
- Submit Payment for Musicians and Vocalist Serving as Music Ministers for Your Wedding (*)**

This payment is due no later than one month before your wedding and should be returned with your music planning worksheet when sent to our parish Coordinator of Music.
- Copy the Approved Music Planning Worksheet to the Presiding Priest or Deacon**

No later than one month before the wedding you must send a copy of your approved worksheet to the priest or deacon who will be presiding for your wedding.
- Meet with the Priest, Deacon, or Pastoral Minister to Plan the Wedding Liturgy**

You should arrange for this meeting no later than one month before the wedding. At this time you will receive materials and assistance for planning the liturgy of your wedding.
- Copy the Liturgy Planning Worksheet to the Presiding Priest or Deacon**

No later than two weeks before the wedding you must send a copy of your plans for the wedding liturgy to the priest or deacon who will be presiding for your wedding.
- Apply for and Obtain a Marriage License**

Contact the Recorder of Deeds for St. Charles County concerning the requirements for obtaining a marriage license in the State of Missouri. Your license will be good for 30 days from the date of issue.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Exchange of Consent / Vows **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Blessing of Rings **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Prayer of the Faithful **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Personally Composed _____

Read/Sung By _____

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Brought Forward By:

_____ **Bride and Groom**

_____ **Parents of the Newly Married Couple**

_____ **Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor**

_____ **Others**

_____ **Total Number of Persons Bringing Forward the Gifts** _____

Prayer Over the Gifts **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Nuptial Blessing **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Sign of Peace _____ **Bride and Groom Only**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party and Parents**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party, Parents, and Guests**

Rite of Communion **Indicate Who Will Receive Communion**

_____ **Groom** _____ **Bride**

Under Both Kinds: **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Prayer After Communion **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Final Blessing **Number** _____ **Page** _____

OPTIONAL RITUAL ELEMENTS

Entrance Procession Please refer to the information provided in the **Guidelines for Getting Married at All Saints Parish** concerning celebrating your wedding liturgy in our parish. Several plans for the entrance procession of your wedding are presented at the end of these Guidelines.

The Unity Candle Yes _____ No _____

Prayer of the Couple Yes _____ No _____

After Exchange of Rings _____ After Communion _____

Gift for the Poor Yes _____ No _____ (See Parish **Guidelines**)

Flowers for Parents Yes _____ No _____

Flowers for Mary Yes _____ No _____ (See Parish **Guidelines**)

Other Ritual Elements If there are other symbols or ritual actions based on cultural background or family history, you are encouraged to speak with the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister with whom you are working.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage – During the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word Liturgy Planning Worksheet

(July 2007)

Return this form to the presiding priest or deacon no later than **one month** before your wedding.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Day/Date/Time of Wedding _____

Day/Date/Time of Rehearsal _____

Place of Wedding: Name of Church _____

Name of Bride _____

Name of Groom _____

Wedding Party: Number of Couples _____

Name of Presiding Priest/Deacon _____

Best Man Yes ____ No ____

Maid or Matron of Honor Yes ____ No ____

Ring Bearer Yes ____ No ____

Flower Girl Yes _____ No _____

Servers Yes _____ No _____ **How Many** _____

We Will Provide _____ **Have Church Provide** _____

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Prayer **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Old Testament Reading **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Read By _____

Responsorial Psalm (*Sung – See Wedding Music Guidelines*)

New Testament Reading **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Read By _____

Gospel Acclamation (*Sung – See Wedding Music Guidelines*)

Gospel Reading **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Read by Presiding Priest or Deacon

Homily **Prepared and Delivered by Presiding Priest or Deacon**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Exchange of Consent / Vows **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Blessing of Rings **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Prayer of the Faithful **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Personally Composed _____

Read/Sung By _____

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Nuptial Blessing **Number** _____ **Page** _____

Sign of Peace _____ **Bride and Groom Only**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party and Parents**

_____ **Couple to Wedding Party, Parents, and Guests**

Final Blessing **Number** _____ **Page** _____

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How to Obtain a Copy of Your Baptismal Record

(July 2007)

We are very happy to help you in obtaining a copy of your baptismal record. Usually this is a rather easy task to accomplish and we would suggest the following steps.

1. In writing or by phone contact the Church of your Baptism and request to receive a copy of the record of your Baptism.

If the church no longer exists you may need to contact the Archives. The Archdiocese of St. Louis Archives can be reached by phone At 314-792-7020 or in writing at 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO. 63119.

2. Provide the following information:

- Your full name
- The names of your parents
- Your date of birth

(If you are sure – or even think – that you were not baptized soon after birth, try to provide an approximate date. This will greatly help to locate your record.)

3. Generally, your baptismal record will be sent to you by mail.

At times you may request or be asked to pick it up in person from the Church. Also, some Churches may request that you provide them with a self-addressed stamped envelope and/or small record fee. In any even, please allow sufficient time for the Church office to process your request.

After you receive your baptismal record present it to the priest or deacon with whom you are working to prepare for

the Sacrament of Marriage.

We would also like to encourage you to spend a little time reflecting on the meaning and importance of baptism in your life. The Church is made up of many members, and we certainly do need each other if we are to be able to better love ourselves, others, and God.

For your own information and future reference make a note here of the place and date of your baptism.

Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

City / State _____

Remember to celebrate that day each year and to pray for the people of the Church where you were baptized. If you are able, even a small gift to help care for the needs of the poor of that Church would be appropriate as a remembrance, now or in the future. Such generosity would be an expression of the virtue of charity.

Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting.

No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care.

In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ is fed.

In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increases it by giving it away.

The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself.

The holy apostle Paul tells us: "He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating, he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever."

St. Leo the Great on The Virtue of Charity

WEDDING COORDINATOR GUIDELINES

All Saints Parish requires the engagement of our Wedding Coordinator who provides essential services for your rehearsal and the day of the wedding.

The fee is \$75.00 and is to be paid directly to the Wedding Coordinator the night of the rehearsal. This is in addition to the fee paid for the use of the church.

Ms. Mary Mohan is the current Wedding Coordinator. Her role includes helping you locate the sound system and light switches. She also makes sure the wedding party is shown where to stand/sit during the wedding. She will be there the day of the wedding to set things up and assist the wedding party in getting down the aisle. Any other questions about the use of the church can be answered by Ms. Mohan at the rehearsal or by contacting the Parish Office. You are responsible to contact the Wedding Coordinator. **Contact information is included below and you must meet/contact her prior to the rehearsal to have details worked out.** This initial meeting helps you have a smoother rehearsal.

In addition, the Parish has available a room adjacent to the church (across the circle drive) for use by the bridesmaids and bride for getting dressed. The room is to the right of the Parish Center and is the music classroom. A restroom is also available. **The fee for the room to dress is \$25.00 and paid to All Saints and an additional charge of \$25.00 is to be paid directly to the Wedding Coordinator.** If you use the music classroom for dressing the total paid to the coordinator for both her services and room use would be **\$125.00**. A reservation for the room must be placed at the time of the church booking. The room will not be reserved for you unless you make the reservation. The Wedding Coordinator opens the room one hour prior to the wedding. The bride and bridesmaids should have hair and makeup done as the lighting and arrangement in the room is unsuitable for that preparation but suitable for changing clothes. No smoking is permitted in the room.

A family member or close friend must remove belongings, water bottles, etc. or anything belonging to or having been used by the bridal party. **These must be removed from the room prior to the start of the wedding as the room is locked when the bridal party moves into church.**

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Music Guidelines for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony



Music is a vital component of every Catholic/Christian celebration! Liturgical music, particularly at weddings, encourages congregational participation in these sacred celebrations. The family and friends, who will make up the congregation at your wedding mass or ceremony, will be anticipating beautiful, prayerful songs and instrumental music to deepen their sharing of your sacred day. So, it is essential that the musical aspects of your ceremony be given the same careful attention as all the others special details you have been planning (e.g. flowers, gown, reception, etc.).

Above all else, a wedding is a sacrament, and your music should reflect its sacredness and adhere to Archdiocesan guidelines. To accomplish this, it is absolutely essential that you hire individuals who are both professional musicians **AND** professional LITURGISTS (a person who has knowledge of and experience with the Catholic mass). For your wedding, you will be expected to choose musicians from the All Saints staff or music liturgists from another parish/congregation.

When planning the music for your wedding, **all** of the following guidelines must be followed:

- **Planning music for your wedding ceremony is the responsibility of the couple.**
- **All** music selections must be approved by the All Saints Director of Liturgy and Music **and** the presiding Priest or Deacon of your wedding.
- Generally, secular (non-sacred) music is prohibited. Exceptions must be approved by your presider and are only permitted BEFORE the ceremony itself; as prelude music. Generally, “canned” music (CDs, cassettes, etc.) is not permitted.
- You will need to hire a MINIMUM of two musicians: 1) an accompanist, and 2) a cantor/song leader. The accompanist is usually an organist, keyboardist or guitarist. Any number of singers and/or use of other types of instrumentalists, in addition to the accompanist, are possible depending on your budget and personal taste.
- **Hiring musicians is the responsibility of the couple and should be done at least TWO MONTHS prior to the wedding** (sooner if your wedding is in the spring or fall – these being the more popular times for weddings).
- All Saints is equipped with a pipe organ, grand piano, and sufficient sound equipment. Musicians contracted for other types of instruments are expected to provide those instruments (e.g. drums, trumpet, flute, etc). In addition, All Saints’ musicians have ample resources for wedding music (in most cases, it is not necessary to purchase sheet music or songbooks).

The music you select should enhance the prayerfulness of your wedding and should be treated as a vital part of this liturgical event. It will be a special part of what make this celebration memorable for you and all those who celebrate with you!

A l l S a i n t s S t a f f M u s i c i a n s

ACCOMPANISTS (\$125.00; checks made payable to the musician)			Weekend Masses played
Organ/Piano	Paul Foeller	314 – 838 – 9097	Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM (church)
Organ/Piano	Bob Schleinat	636 – 946 - 1405	
Guitar	Mark Koehler*	636 – 978 – 1555	Sun. 10:30AM (church)
CANTORS/SONG LEADERS (\$125.00; checks made payable to the musician)			
	Carol Conoyer	636 – 278 – 3848	Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30 and 9AM
	Clarice Daugherty	636 – 970 – 4931	Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30 and 9AM
	Matt Wulfert	636 – 240 – 8474	Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30 and 9AM
	Lynn Mikel	636 – 441 – 7944	Sun. 10:30AM (gym)
	Mark Koehler	636 – 978 – 1555	Sun. 10:30AM (church)
	Samantha Slape	314 – 707 – 8547	Sun. 10:30AM (gym)
	Lori Condict	636 – 970 – 2972	Sun. Noon
	Amelia Wright	636 – 294 – 2737	Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30 and 9AM
INSTRUMENTALISTS (These musicians negotiate fees individually; checks made payable to musician)			
French horn, trumpet, bass	Steve Aubuchon	636 – 397 – 2491	Sun. 10:30AM (gym)
Trumpet	Lisa Blackmore	636 – 745 – 8231	<i>Special Occasions</i>
Violin	Laura Schisler	314 – 406 - 3281	<i>Special Occasions</i>
Flute	Carolyn Reidy	314-497-0901	<i>Carolyn_reidy@yahoo.com – Special Occ.</i>
Flute	Pat Harrison	636 – 300 – 1808	<i>Special Occasions</i>

* denotes availability as either an accompanist or a cantor

All Saints strongly encourages couples to select wedding musicians from the above list. These music liturgists know the sound system, church policies, and routine of All Saints wedding ceremonies. They can also guide you through the musical selections that are most suitable for a Catholic wedding. Be prepared to pay for additional rehearsal time or a parish set-up fee if you choose not to select your musicians from this list.

Any questions can be directed to:

Amanda Suchara, Director of Liturgy and Music, (636) 397-1440 ext. 302 or via email: sucharaa@allsaints-stpeters.org.

Steps to Take

1. **Book your Musicians**

As stated earlier, you need 2 musicians: 1 to play the organ/piano/guitar (the accompanist) and one to lead the singing (vocalist). “Booking” musicians means more than just calling and checking their availability. If you intend to hire a musician, please make sure that you express that in your conversation. **Do not assume that by just “checking their availability” they have committed to your ceremony.**

2. **Meet with Your Musicians**

Find a time when you can sit down face to face with at least one of your musicians to plan your liturgy. Bring your suggestions, preferences, and questions to this meeting.

3. **Fill out your Liturgy Planning Sheet**

This is found at the end of this packet. There’s one specifically for full masses and one for ceremonies that are not full masses. Please print so your selections are clearly readable.

4. **Send in your Planning Sheet for Approval**

The address/addressee is listed at the end of this packet. Your form will be signed and returned to you.

Other Details:

Wedding Programs are optional. The Church does not prepare/supply programs. They may be as simple or ornate as the couple would like them to be. *The Director of Liturgy must be contacted if music and/or lyrics are going to be printed in the programs to ensure that copyright regulations are followed.*

Payment for the ministry of musicians is outlined in this packet. Musicians are paid directly by the couple who hires them. Payment should be sent to the parish office with your music planning worksheet. The Director of Liturgy will forward payment along to the music ministers—alternative payment arrangements should be arranged between the couple and the musicians.

If you have questions or any trouble connecting with musicians, please contact Amanda Suchara, Director of Liturgy, at 636-397-1440 ext. 302 or sucharaa@allsaints-stpeters.org.

M u s i c S e l e c t i o n s

The following is not a definitive listing of songs; this is just meant to provide a few of the **many** music options appropriate for wedding ceremonies. You may arrange your program from this list or use the text/style of these selections as guides when choosing from the vast sea of published wedding music.

Prelude Selections	<i>This part occurs 5-15 minutes before the liturgy begins. It's music that calls the congregation to gather and helps to set the tone of your celebration. Preludes are optional. You could have one selection or as many as you and your musicians would like to arrange.</i>	
	A Time For Building Bridges	
	All I Ask of You	<i>Andrew Lloyd Weber</i>
	Ave Maria	
	Beginning Today	<i>Balhoff, Ducote</i>
	Friends	<i>Michael W. Smith</i>
	God Who Created Hearts to Love	
	God, A Woman and A Man	<i>Lily Green</i>
	I Will be Here	<i>S.C. Chapman</i>
	In Love We Choose to Live	
	Like A Seal on Your Heart	<i>Carey Landry</i>
	Love Changes Everything	<i>Andrew Lloyd Weber</i>
	Love Which Never Ends	<i>Ernest Sands</i>
	May God Bless You	<i>Gricken</i>
	May Love Be Ours (Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels)	<i>Gather Hymnal</i>
	My Treasure	<i>John Denver</i>
	On this Day, O Beautiful Mother	
	One Hand, One Heart	<i>Bernstein</i>
	Only A Shadow	<i>Carey Landry</i>
	Perhaps Love	<i>John Denver</i>
	Rainbow Song	
	Sometimes	<i>Henry Mancini</i>
	United as One	<i>Owen Alstott</i>
	Wedding Prayer	<i>Gary Ault</i>
	Wedding Song (There is Love)	<i>Paul Stookey</i>
	When Love is Found	<i>O Wally Wally (text: Wren)</i>
	Where There is Love	<i>David Haas</i>
	Wherever you Go	<i>Weston Priory</i>

**Processional
and/or
Recessional
Selections**

This music is instrumental (nothing is sung). The number of selections needed depends on the number of processions. Rarely are there more than 4 selections. These would include: 1. Seating of parents/grandparents, 2. Wedding Party, 3. Bridal Entrance, 4. Final Recessional at the end of the Liturgy to leave the church. These pieces can also be used as Preludes.

Adagio from Sonata #2 (f minor)	Mendelssohn
Bridal Chorus	Wagner
Canon in D	J. Pachelbel
Four Season	Vivaldi
Grand March	G. Verdi
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	J. Bach
Largo	Handel
Marche	C. Gounod
Ode to Joy	Beethoven
Postludium	W. D. Armstrong
Prelude in Classic Style	Gordon Young
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary	Henry Purcell
Water Music Suite	G. F. Handel
Wedding March	Mendelssohn

To listen to some of the above listed instrumental pieces, the following website offers some links:

http://www.weddingmusiccentral.com/product_info.php?ref=4&products_id=30&affiliate_banner_id=5

The website is not an official site of the Roman Catholic Church for wedding preparation but is a good tool for listening to music before meeting with your musicians.

**Responsorial
Psalms**

This occurs after the First Scripture Reading. Because of the sacred tradition of the Psalm and the importance of having your congregation participate in your sacrament, the Psalm should always be sung.

All the Ends of the Earth	Haas or Haugen version
Be With me Lord	Any version
Forever I Will Sing	Schoenbachler
I Have Loved You	Michael Joncas
Taste and See	Any version
The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Any version
This Day was Made by the Lord	Any version
This is the Day	Any version
We Praise You O Lord	Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle
Your Love is Finer than Life	Any version

Any Psalm found in numbers **18 – 149** of the Gather book would also be appropriate.

Gospel Acclamations (Alleluia!)	<i>This comes after the Second Scripture Reading. It should always be sung.</i>	
	Alleluia!	<i>Celtic Mass</i>
	Alleluia! Give the Glory	<i>Mass of Glory</i>
	Alleluia!	<i>Mass of a Joyful Heart</i>
	Alleluia!	<i>Mass of Remembrance</i>
	Alleluia!	<i>Mass of Light</i>
	Alleluia!	<i>Mass of Angels and Saints</i>
	Festival Alleluia	

Almost any version of an Alleluia will be sufficient. The ones listed above are the most commonly used.

Unity Candle	<i>After the Homily, the couple will declare vows, exchange rings, and in some cases light a unity candle. The unity candle is optional. Music is permitted, but would have to be rather brief unless the couple desires to spend some significant moments of prayerful reflection in front of the candle. Instrumental music tends to work best.</i>
	<i>For Sung alternatives, refer to "Preparation of Gifts" list – all are similarly appropriate for the Unity Candle</i>

Hymn During the Preparation of the Gifts	<i>Only necessary to choose a selection if the Wedding Ceremony includes Eucharist (e.g. a full mass).</i>
	All Good Gifts
	I Have Loved You
	Like a Seal On Your Heart
	Love Which Never Ends
	May God Bless You
	Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels (<i>May Love Be Ours</i>)
	Only A shadow
	Prayer of St. Francis
	We Are Many Parts
	Wedding Prayer
	When Love is Found or Where There is Love
Wherever You Go	

Any song found in numbers **865 – 873** of the Gather book would also be appropriate.

Mass Parts: Holy, Holy Memorial Acclamation Great Amen Lamb of God	<i>Only necessary to choose a selection if the Wedding Ceremony includes Eucharist (e.g. a full mass).</i>
	Mass of Creation
	Jesuit Mass
	Mass of Glory
	Mass of Light
	Mass of Remembrance
	Heritage Mass
	Mass of the Angels and Saints
	Mass of a Joyful Heart

Any musical setting of the Mass will be sufficient. The ones listed above are the most commonly used.

Communion Hymn	<i>Only necessary to choose a selection if the Wedding Ceremony includes Eucharist (e.g. a full mass).</i>
	Blest Are They
	Gift of Finest Wheat
	One Bread, One Body
	Taste and See (any version)
	We are Many Parts
	We Remember
	You Are Near No longer permitted

Any song included as part of the "Hymn During the Preparation of Gifts" list or any song found in numbers **814 – 853** of the Gather book would also be appropriate.

Presentation of Flowers to Mary	<i>This component calls on the prayerful intercession of the Blessed Mother to bless your union as husband and wife. This is optional and can be a part of either a full mass celebration or a wedding validation ceremony.</i>
	Ave Maria – any Version
	Hail Mary: Gentle Woman – a shortened version would be advisable

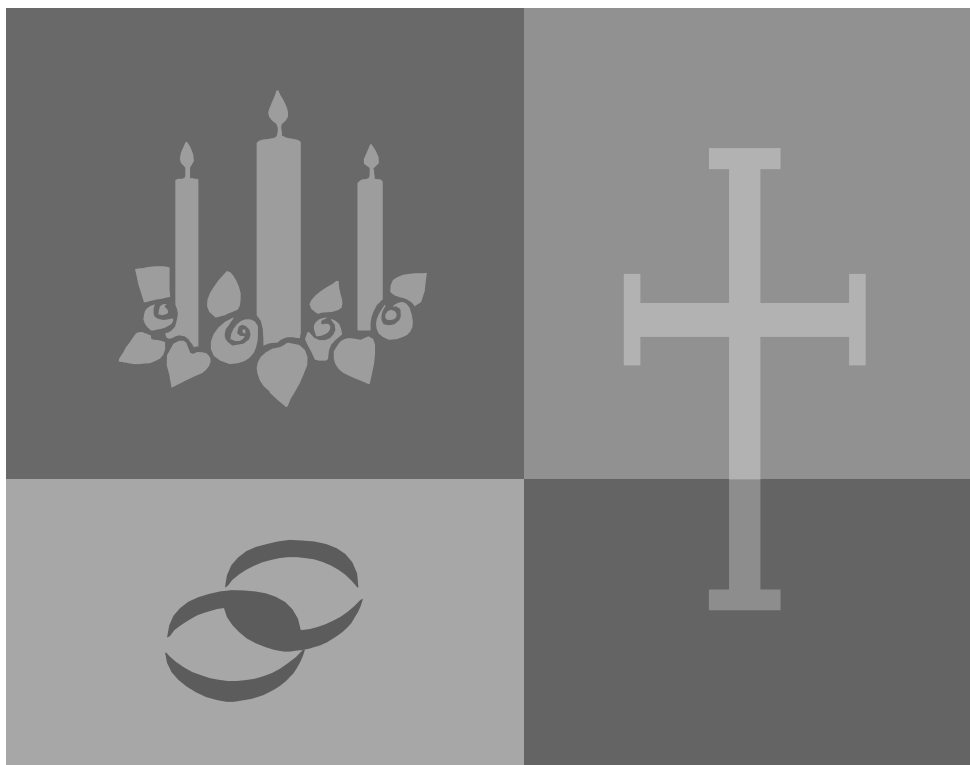
Any other Hymn or Instrumental Music honoring Mary would also be appropriate at this time.

Recessional

This comes at the end of the ceremony. It is instrumental (not sung) music that leads the married couple and the congregation out of the church. You may choose one selection or, if your musicians are in agreement, you could choose several pieces (postludes) that would continue on as people are filing out.

Refer to "Processional" list – all are similarly appropriate for the Recessional.

A hymn (a song meant to be song by everyone) is also acceptable for both the Entrance and/or the Recessional, if the couple would prefer. The couple should consult the Director of Liturgy or their accompanist for hymns that would be appropriate for the Entrance or Recessional if they would rather use this option.



Ministry of Music – Information Regarding Fees for Service

Our parish is committed to assisting you in preparing for this sacrament and in planning for the celebration of your wedding. In particular, our Director of Liturgy and Music wants to assist you with the selection of appropriate hymns, songs, and music as well as musicians and cantors for the liturgy of this sacrament.

All Saints Parish strives to follow the guidelines offered by the Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of St. Louis concerning compensation and fees for those who serve as music ministers in parishes. These women and men who serve in this Church ministry consistently give much of themselves on a weekly basis throughout the year. They are talented professionals, who are dedicated to this ministry. They are also committed to developing their knowledge and understanding of the liturgy as well as to continuing formation of their personal faith, musical interests, and abilities – certainly with the support of our parish but often at their own expense.

For these reasons, the following fees are customarily expected for their services:

Accompanist (Required-Organist, or pianist)	\$125.00
Cantor (Required-Song leader)	\$125.00
Additional Vocalists (optional)	\$125.00/each
Additional Musicians (optional: guitar, trumpet, flute, etc.)	* * * * *

**Specialty instrumentalists negotiate their own fees and are not governed by All Saints.*

Payment for Music Services

All Payments and Music Planning Forms are due NO LATER than ONE MONTH BEFORE the Wedding unless other arrangements have been made. Payment should be in the form of cash, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to the individual musicians you have hired and should be sent in with your music planning form.

Using Musicians who are NOT a part of All Saints Music Ministers Staff

All Saints Parish certainly welcomes music ministers from other parishes or congregations to be a part of your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. Often these are family members or friends, who are talented musicians or vocalists. Should you choose to invite or hire a family member, friend, or musician/vocalist to participate in your wedding as a minister of music, you, the couple must negotiate fees for their services directly with each person involved. This negotiation is not the responsibility of All Saints Parish.

In choosing to involve someone, who is not a member of our parish's music ministry, to participate in your wedding as a musician or cantor, you must fulfill the following conditions:

- Each person you involve in your music must have or must take steps to acquire at least a general knowledge of the liturgy for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church
- Prior to the day of your wedding, each person involved must contact the Director of Liturgy and Music to discuss/clarify the details regarding wedding liturgies at All Saints.

Planning Music for Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

The All Saints Parish Director of Liturgy and Music, together with members of our parish music ministry, will assist you in planning the music for the celebration of your wedding in our parish.

Wedding Music Information Packet

We want to do everything possible to inform you of the possibilities and requirements for music and liturgy for the Sacrament of Marriage. We will also assist with the selection of appropriate hymns, songs, and music for your celebrations as well as musicians and cantors/song leaders.

Our parish Director of Liturgy and Music has supplied this packet of information that summarizes all parish requirements for music at your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

- **The bride and the groom are RESPONSIBLE** for reading and understanding all the information in this packet (liturgical guidelines, hiring musicians, fees for music ministry, planning music for the celebration).
- Assisted by the presider, the couple should decide whether or not their wedding will occur in the context of a full mass. This packet supplies 2 forms: one for weddings celebrated **during** the Eucharist and one for wedding celebrated **outside of** Eucharist. The couple needs only to complete ONE of these 2 forms depending on their decision.
- Any instrumentalists and/or cantors(song leaders) participating in your wedding, who are not a part of the All Saints Parish Music Ministry, are required to contact the Director of Liturgy and Music to discuss

Questions regarding the information in this packet should be directed to the Director of Liturgy and Music (636-397-1440 ext. 302) Monday through Friday during office hours (9:00am – 4:00pm); or via email: sucharaa@allsaints-stpeters.org.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

4 to 6 months Before the Wedding

The engaged couple should receive their copy of the Music Information Packet and should begin the process of hiring musicians for their wedding.

2 to 4 months Before the Wedding

The engaged couple should plan the music for their wedding, guided by the information in the packet and the advice of the musicians they have hired. The couple should feel free to contact the All Saints Director of Liturgy and Music at any time for assistance during this planning process.

1 to 2 months Before the Wedding

The engaged couple should submit their completed Music Planning Worksheet and Payment for hired musicians to the Director of Liturgy and Music, who will review your selections and, if necessary, contact you concerning any needed clarification or changes

Send to: **Director of Liturgy and Music
All Saints Parish
7 McMenamy Road
St. Peters, MO 63376**

The Director will review/return your worksheet as soon as possible

2 to 4 Weeks Before the Wedding

Present a copy of your approved Music Planning Worksheet to the Priest or Deacon or deacon who will be presiding at the celebration of this sacrament.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage – During the Celebration of the Eucharist
MUSIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Wedding	Day:	Date:	Time:
Bride's Name			
Groom's Name			
Wedding Party	Number of couples:		
Name of Presiding Priest/Deacon			
Name of Accompanist			
Name of Cantor/Song Leader			
HYMNS/MUSIC FOR THE CELEBRATION			
	<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer Last Name</i>	
Prelude Music <i>(optional)</i> :	_____		
Entrance Processional(s):	<i>(Optional-Seating of grandparents/parents)</i>	_____	
	<i>(Optional-Wedding party)</i>	_____	
	<i>(Optional-Bridal entrance)</i>	_____	
Opening Hymn <i>(optional- if no processional)</i>	_____		
Responsorial Psalm:	_____		
Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia):	_____		
<i>Unity Candle Music (optional)</i> :	_____		
Preparation of Gifts Hymn:	_____		
Holy, Holy	_____		
Memorial Acclamation	_____		
Great Amen	_____		
Lamb of God	_____		
Communion Hymn 1:	_____		
<i>Communion Hymn 2:</i> <i>(if needed)</i>	_____		
Presentation of Flowers to Blessed Mother <i>(optional)</i> :	_____		
Recessional Music/Hymn:	_____		
<i>Postlude Music (optional)</i> :	_____		

R E Q U I R E D R E V I E W A N D A P P R O V A L

After reviewing the Music Planning Worksheet, the Director of Liturgy and Music will return it to the engaged couple, who should then present a copy to the Priest or Deacon or deacon who will preside at their wedding.

All Saints Director of Liturgy and Music

Date

Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage – Outside of the Celebration of the Eucharist

MUSIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Wedding	Day:	Date:	Time:
Bride's Name			
Groom's Name			
Wedding Party	Number of couples:		
Name of Presiding Priest/Deacon			
Name of Accompanist			
Name of Cantor/Song Leader			
HYMNS/MUSIC FOR THE CELEBRATION			
	<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer Last Name</i>	
Prelude Music <i>(optional)</i> :	_____		
Entrance Processional(s):	<i>(Optional-Seating of grandparents/parents)</i>		
	<i>(Optional-Wedding party)</i>		
	<i>(Optional-Bridal entrance)</i>		
Opening Hymn <i>(optional- if no processional)</i>			
Responsorial Psalm:			
Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia):			
<i>Unity Candle Music (optional)</i> :			
Presentation of Flowers to Blessed Mother <i>(optional)</i> :			
Recessional Music:			
<i>Postlude Music (optional)</i> :			

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All Saints Director of Liturgy and Music