

Guidelines for Weddings

MUSIC: Popular music is not appropriate for the Wedding in the Catholic Church. Too often the lyrics contradict the beliefs of our Christian Faith. If you wish to use popular music, it may be played or sung before the service at the seating of the guests. It would be good to contact someone who knows the Liturgy and can help you choose music. Call Donna Goss 913-884-2171.

CANDELABRA: Because candle lighting is not a part of our Catholic rite, candles should be lit about 10 minutes before the ceremony begins.

SAND: The use of sand is a part of the new Age movement and we feel it is not appropriate for Our Church.

PICTURES: The Church is not a studio. We need to be aware of the present of the Blessed Sacrament. It is strongly suggested that the family photos be taken at the reception. All are limited to one hour for photographs and which must be over ½ hour before the ceremony is to begin. Please Limited to 15 minutes after the ceremony. Please tell the person taking pictures that no pictures may be taken closer then 5 pews from the front.

RECEIVING LINE: All reception lines should be done at the Reception Hall since they are getting paid for this. Unless, You wish to pay the Parish the same price.

RICE: No rice, wheat, birdseed, confetti, etc. may be thrown in front of Church in deference to the safety codes. We did use balloons until one got stuck in the over head wires and shut down the city. So, we do not allow them any more.

TIME: Latest possible time is 12:00 noon on Saturday. This allows us time to prepare for the Saturday Evening Mass. We are not allowed to have a wedding on Saturday night or Sunday

DECORATIONS FOR CHURCH: Please set a time with Father, to go over this. Please do not move the flowers that are there unless you check with Father and **furniture may never be moved.**

Because of possible law suit and serious injury we ask that you **do not throw Rose Petals in the main aisle.** We had a situation at a wedding where they threw petals on the floor and the Grandmother slipped and almost broke her hip at the end of the wedding.

PLEASE NO FOOD IN CHURCH

Simple Reminder--**No Drinking before Mass: may invalidate your marriage: would have to postpone the wedding.**

You need to get you **Marriage License at least two (2) weeks** before the wedding date.

Hall Use –We need a signed contract and for you to meet with Roger (there is still no fee).