

Guidelines for Roman Catholic Weddings

All Saints Parish



There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. –John 2:1-2

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Congratulations!

Let me, be among the first to congratulate you on your upcoming wedding, and for deciding to be united as one within the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Your decision to be married in the Catholic Church is a beautiful decision because you and your future spouse are created in the image and likeness of God and are making the decision to live your life according to God's plan. It is our hope that these "Wedding Guidelines" will help in your planning and preparation for making a lifelong commitment to one another within the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

In His Priesthood,

Rev. Jonathan P. Meyer

Prerequisites for marriage

- We ask that at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date you call the Parish Office at (812-576-4302) to reserve your date. The secretary will check the availability of the church and pencil your date in. Once the priest or deacon has been contacted and confirms their availability, your date will be permanently reserved.
- You and your spouse will be asked to obtain a copy of your baptismal certificate from your church of baptism. Once these are submitted to the parish secretary, you will be contacted to start the process of filling out the Marriage Preparation Form. This will take approximately 30 minutes and can be done in person or over the phone. The paperwork will be given to the priest or deacon who will then contact you for your first meeting.
- The meetings with the parish priest or deacon helps to create familiarity between you and your spouse; they will allow an opportunity for open, confidential, and frank discussion about the importance of marriage and the theological and practical implications.
- You and your spouse will each be asked to complete an online Dynamic Catholic Better Together inventory which also includes a video series. The results of the inventory will guide conversations around your greatest strengths and areas of improvement in your relationship.
- You and your spouse will also be assigned a sponsor couple to mentor you and assist you in your marriage preparation process. You will meet with them for 3 visits.
- Lastly, you and your spouse will be given appropriate resources in "Natural Family Planning." The Catholic Church teaches that artificial birth control is not in line with the joy and beauty that God planned for marriage. "Natural Family Planning" is the Church's approved form of family planning and spacing of children.

Spiritual Preparation

It is our sincere hope that you and your future spouse attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. If this is not the case right now, through marriage preparation you will hopefully gain an understanding of the importance of God and His Church as being a vital part of your relationship. Preparation of Marriage, a Sacrament in the Church, must be fostered by a life of prayer and regular reception of Holy Communion and Sacramental Confession. Asking to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony presupposes your regular participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Cohabitations and Wedding Size Restrictions

Since marriage is special not only in the eyes of God, but also in the eyes of the Church, living together (cohabitation) prior to marriage is extremely discouraged. Studies have shown that 78% of couples who live together prior to marriage end up getting divorced. Living together presupposes sexual activity outside of marriage, which is a mortal sin. We are willing to work with you if you are in this predicament and will strive to assist you to conform to the beauty of God's plan for you and your marriage. The church is even willing to assist you in finding a separate place of residence for one of the spouses during the six month preparation process.

The Church sees in marriage two people coming together to form a lifelong commitment **beginning** on their wedding day. If you and your spouse have been living together, and other arrangements cannot be made for the six-month preparation period, your wedding should be celebrated with less solemnity. This means a simple ceremony: The **maximum** number of bridesmaids is one (1) and groomsmen is one (1); this would be your maid of honor and best man. The ceremony would be best celebrated with only **immediate** family. Living in sin is a public matter because it causes grave injury not only to you and your future spouse's soul, but to the entire Church. In planning and preparing for your wedding, the priest is very open to discussing these issues with you.

Necessary Documentation

- Within one month of your wedding date, you will need to acquire a valid Indiana Marriage License from the County Courthouse. Bring the marriage license with you to your wedding rehearsal and presented to the priest or Deacon.
- All baptized individuals, must provide a baptismal certificate. You may obtain a certificate by contacting the Church of your Baptism. When asking for the certificate, be certain to tell them you are getting married and need all "notations" included. These are notations of the sacraments the Catholic party has received since baptism.
- A baptism certificate for the party who was baptized in another denomination is also requested. If no certificate is available, we will need a written letter from 2 witnesses.
- If there has been a previous marriage, any divorce decrees and annulment paperwork is necessary.

The Catholic Rite of Marriage

Because marriage is a Sacrament, the normal place for a Catholic wedding to be celebrated is in a Catholic Church, since the church more fully represents the ongoing sacramental life of the individual and the Catholic community. If the bride and groom are both Catholic, the wedding can be at the parish church of either party. If only one member of the couple is Catholic, the marriage is usually at the parish of the Catholic party. A couple can, for good reason, request that their wedding be at another Catholic parish. Having weddings at non-Catholic churches can be requested for a good reason; for example, if one of the individuals is not Roman Catholic and is actively engaged in the life of their own particular church community. A wedding outside of a church building is not permissible.

Between Two Baptized and Practicing Catholics

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the "Foundation and confirmation of all Christian Practice" (CCC, 2181). Therefore, it is right and proper for two baptized practicing Catholics to receive their Lord in Holy Communion whom they have invited into their married lives just moments before. Great care must be taken in planning the Nuptial Mass of the couple. The priest will assist with this aspect of the planning stages. Only in extraordinary circumstances should the wedding of a Catholic couple happen outside the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Between a Catholic and a non-Catholic

In cases where one party is Catholic and the other is of a different faith (Baptized or not), the wedding takes place outside of the context of the Mass. The reception of Holy Communion by one spouse and not of the other is seen to be a sign of great disunity; and thus not a good witness on the day of one's wedding. In planning for your wedding, you as the couple must be considerate of those attending this joyous celebration. Non-Catholic families often feel awkward and unwelcome at the celebration of Mass when they are unable to participate in its fullness due to their difference in faith. The rite of marriage outside of Mass is still a lovely, sacred and reverent moment of joy!

Visiting Catholic Clergy

When a couple requests that a visiting Catholic priest/deacon preside at their wedding, it is important that the parish be notified so arrangements can be coordinated. Requirements for weddings outlined in this booklet must be observed (*including all regulations on music, dress code etc.*). Be aware that Indiana requires all clergy officiating at weddings be authorized to do so by the state. If the Catholic clergy you choose to celebrate your wedding lives outside of Indiana, they may need to file a request with the state before being able to officiate at your wedding.

Non-Catholic Clergy

When one party of the couple being married is of another faith or denomination, their minister is welcome to participate in certain aspects of the ceremony with the priest. There are restrictions as to how the minister can participate in the ceremony. You may discuss any questions or concerns with the priest in the preparation process. Should there be special reasons to be married in a Church of another denomination, a dispensation to do so is required.

Marriage Preparation for "Out of Parish" Weddings

When a couple lives outside of the parish where they wish the wedding to occur, the preparation process should be initiated in the parish where the Catholic party or one of the Catholic parties resides. All the requirements of the parish where the preparation is taking place should be followed. The couple must leave time so that the marriage file can be prepared in time for the church where the wedding will take place to receive and review it. If you are being prepared elsewhere to be married at our parish, please have the priest overseeing the preparation contact the pastor to coordinate this process.

Start Time for Weddings

For final times, please discuss with the celebrating priest or deacon.

Friday weddings- The start time can be any time after 6pm. This seems to work well for people to get home from work, and to the church for the ceremony. *On a side note-* we often start wedding rehearsal at 5:30 or 6pm; please discuss with your priest/deacon about this start time.

Saturday weddings- If the wedding is taking place at the St. Martin Campus, the ceremony can start no later than 2:30pm, with pictures over by 4:00pm, due to the 4:30pm evening Mass. For the other 3 campuses, the ceremony start time can be quite flexible, please consult with your priest/deacon.

Reverence inside of the Church

- An over-arching theme to remember is that you are getting married in a Roman Catholic Church. As Catholics we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, so out of respect for Him we ask that yelling, profanity, or loud talking not take place in the church building. We ask: Before, during, and after the rehearsal and Wedding itself that there be a reverential silence. This allows for a quick rehearsal, for preludes prior to your wedding to be heard, and for an overall prayerful atmosphere so that people (and yourselves) can focus on what is really important: your wedding.
- Cell phones are not to be used inside of a Catholic Church. Please remind your wedding party and family of this reverent custom.
- Food is not allowed in the church building. Water alone is allowed. No soda, snacks etc. Please communicate this to your wedding party.

- Along with the theme of reverence there can be no alcoholic beverages on the premises; if you are using the parish hall for your reception you must follow the hall guidelines. Also, since the free consent of the spouses makes marriage-if one or the other spouse has alcohol on their breath on the day of your wedding, the wedding will be cancelled for that day and rescheduled.
- While pictures are being taken before and after your wedding we ask that only those in the pictures be in the sanctuary. This ensures that reverence is given to the Blessed Sacrament and Sanctuary. It also ensures microphones and other furnishings are not tampered with. Modest dress is also to be worn for all pictures inside the church building before and after the wedding ceremony.
- Genuflecting to the Tabernacle, the place where the Body and Blood of our Lord is reserved, will be part of the opening and closing procession. All are asked to show this simple form of reverence to our Lord. If one is physically unable, due to age or physical limitation, they are at least encouraged to bow out of respect and reverence.

Dress Code

On the day of your wedding, you are encouraged to wear the color white; this is due to your baptism. On the day of your baptism, you were clothed in a white garment, on your first Holy Communion you wore white, altar servers and priests at Mass wear white etc. White is the color of the saints in heaven. Brides are encouraged to wear a traditional white dress and grooms are invited to dress in white as well. The groom is not required to wear “all” white but at least a white shirt is expected. A white tie, vest, jacket etc. is also a nice way to make reference to one’s baptism. The dresses on the bride and the bridesmaids are asked to be modest. Dress length should be at least at knee level. Dresses that are backless or strapless should be used only in conjunction with a wrap or shawl Tops of shoulders should be covered with sleeves or wraps/shawls and cleavage should be appropriately covered. This is a “Church” wedding taking place in a House of God, appropriate attire should be worn. This is also true for the photography sessions before and after the wedding- immodest dress is never appropriate in church. All bridesmaids and groomsmen will be asked to genuflect during the opening procession; please keep this in mind when dresses and shoes are picked out; dresses that are too tight and prohibit someone from genuflecting should not be worn. If you have questions, please feel free to ask.

People Needed for Your Wedding Liturgy

- *Readers:* You may ask two or three people to do readings at your wedding: One (1) person for the First Reading, One (1) person for the Second Reading, and One (1) person for the Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful). These people need to be able to read well, clearly, and loudly enough to be understood. The proclamation of the Word of God is of utmost importance in the Celebration of Marriage. Please be careful in deciding who is going to read God’s very Word. This position should not be given out of “kindness” or trying to honor a friend; but first and foremost honoring God’s Word. Think and pray about whom would read God’s Word the best. If you do not have a family member or friend to read the Church can provide a reader or the priest may proclaim the readings himself.
- Practicing Catholics are required for the readings and preferred for the Prayers of the Faithful. The Prayers of the Faithful can be read by a non-Catholic. One person could fulfill all of these readings; it is not *required* to be split up into three (3) parts.
- *Gift Bearers:* You may select individuals to bring the gifts forward during the preparation of the altar. They must be practicing Roman Catholics.
- *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* If the amount of people attending your wedding requires, individuals who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion may be called upon. ***Please speak with the priest about this before asking individuals. The norm is that the priest is not in need of assistance.*** It is also the norm that the distribution of the precious Blood is only given to the newly married couple, and not the assembly.

- *Altar Servers:* Three (3) altar servers are required for the celebration of Holy Mass and two (2) for the marriage rite outside of Mass. If they are visiting servers, from another parish, they must be well trained. The parish can provide well trained servers for you; if you do not have any in your family.

Scripture Readings for Your Wedding

Readings for your wedding will be discussed with you by the priest. He will give you a booklet with several choices for each reading. The two of you are encouraged to read them together, pray about them and decide which readings are best for your celebration. The texts that are given to you are official texts that the Church approves for Weddings; please do not manipulate the wording.

Attendants/Bridal Party and Groomsmen

Canon Law (The Catholic Church's Law) states that only two witnesses need to be present (The Maid of Honor and the Best Man), Canon 1108 S., 1. When choosing attendants keep in mind this is a special and important day for you as a couple, so only those people who hold pride of place in your life should be asked to be attendants. Less is more! ***Typically, children four years of age and under are too young to participate in the wedding.***

Flowers and Decorations

These are general guidelines, should you have a special request, please contact the priest if there are questions. We are more than willing to work with you. The liturgical color for weddings is either white or gold.

The Church's life follows a Liturgical Year, therefore, each part of that year carries with itself a specific character, and decorations help convey that special character:

- *Weddings during the **Easter and Christmas Season:** The flowers placed in the sanctuary and the nave of the church are not to be moved.*
- *Weddings during **Ordinary Time:** Flowers and decorations may be placed in the sanctuary and the nave of the church, as long as they do not impede the wedding.*
- *Weddings during **Advent and Lent:** Due to the penitential character of these two seasons, we ask that you respect the Church's liturgical life, therefore, no flowers or decorations may be put in the sanctuary or the nave of the church. However, ladies are allowed to carry flowers and men are permitted to have boutonnieres.*

Pews: *Nothing* should be affixed to the pews with wire or tape. Tape pulls the finish from the wood. This is harmful to the longevity of our beautiful historic church building. Clips for pew-bows can be obtained by a local florist or at a craft store. The preference is that flowers be real and not artificial.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal date and time for your wedding will be arranged during one of the meetings you have with the priest. It is typically the evening (the night) before your wedding; but it can be days or the weekend in advance if that works best for your schedule. The rehearsal takes approximately 45 minutes.

It is ***necessary*** that the Catholic spouse(s) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (go to Confession) before the wedding ceremony. The rationale is that as you prepare to enter into a lifelong commitment that you do so with a clear conscience and in a state of grace. Therefore, couples may receive the sacrament on their own or from the priest celebrating the wedding before or after the rehearsal or prior to the ceremony. The priest will also make the sacrament available to the wedding party and guests; normally prior to the wedding during the taking of pictures; if requested. Please encourage your attendants to receive this wonderful sacrament.

Preparation Rooms

There are rooms for both the bridal party and the groomsmen. Although there is no charge for the use of the Church building, there is a charge for these rooms- \$25 an hour. It is your responsibility to reserve these rooms, if you plan on needing them, with the parish secretary. The payment for these rooms will be included in your wedding fees. These rooms should be clean and in good order when you arrive. It is your responsibility to clean them up once the room is done being used. It is best to delegate this task, cleaning up, to someone not in your wedding party to be sure it is taken care of.

Specifics of the Rite of Marriage

-The Procession

The Church teaches that the bride and groom are the proper ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony. As such, both parties should participate in the opening procession.

The norm would be as follows:

Grandparents, Grooms Parents, Mother of the Bride escorted by usher or family member, altar servers (3), Priest, Groom, the attendants two-by-two (a groomsman with a bridesmaid), the best man and maid of honor, flower girls and ring bearers, bride and her father.

-Aisle runners

Aisle runners are **not allowed** during a wedding. They are flimsy and tear easily. Often during the communion procession at Holy Mass they become a hazard for people who walk upon them. Individuals falling, tripping or getting hurt is a liability.

-Toy wagons/Props

The use of wagons or other props are not permitted.

-Flower Petals

A flower girl may not sprinkle petals **unless** they are artificial petals. Real flower petals, once stepped upon, can be difficult in the clean up process.

-Unity Candle

The "unity candle" is not traditionally or authentically Catholic and is not permitted. The symbol of unity within a Catholic Marriage is seen in the exchange of vows, rings, reception of Holy Communion and the consummation of the wedding itself.

-Animals

Animals of any kind are prohibited in all parish buildings except for animal helpers for the disabled.

-Post Wedding

Throwing rice, confetti, flower petals, or birdseed is a maintenance issue. Use of these items is extremely discouraged. Bubbles, butterflies, balloons, and bell ringing are permissible, provided someone is present to clean up any messes immediately after it is done.

-Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol before or during the wedding is prohibited. Civil law prohibits the marriage to occur when the bride, groom, best man, and maid/matron of honor are intoxicated. Intoxication of any person participating in the wedding may result in cancellation of the wedding ceremony.

Arrangements-Types of Music

Being married in the Church is a sacred and solemn event. We want your celebration to be consistent with this reality. Thus, all music played in the church must be approved and considered to be sacred~ based on scripture and or Christian tradition. There can be no secular music played instrumentally or sung at a Church wedding; there will be no exceptions to this guideline. There will be plenty of time for secular music at the wedding reception. Playing secular music during a Catholic Wedding ceremony would be like a bride and her father dancing to *Ave Maria* at the wedding reception. There is a time and place for everything

At a Catholic Wedding all music must be live. Recorded music is not a part of our liturgical tradition.

Some pieces of music either have themes that are contrary to aspects present in a Catholic Wedding or by their

associations with specific groups that hold teachings against those of the Catholic Church. Some examples of this are as follows:

- The wedding march from Wagner's Lohengrin, known as "*Here Comes the Bride*" is not appropriate; the marriage in the Opera ends in death and separation.
- The Mendelssohn Wedding March from *A Mid-Summer Night Dream* accompanies a *fake/mock* wedding, far removed from any notion of marriage as a life-long commitment.

Please see the attached list of music for a Catholic Wedding (Appendix 3). Any selections outside of this list will need to be approved by the priest. Visiting priests or musicians are not exempt from our parish guidelines.

Musicians

Our regular parish music director is to be the principal musician for your wedding. If there is someone close to you who would like to play or sing during your wedding, this is welcomed, but must be discussed with the parish music director. The guest musician/cantor must meet with the priest/music director prior to the wedding and all songs must be approved (see Appendix 3).

Cantors

By definition, a cantor within a liturgical celebration helps to animate the congregation's own singing. It is appropriate that they chant the Psalm in the wedding, as well as, any acclamations that may arise based on the Liturgy you as a couple have decided upon.

It is our preference that a parish cantor is used. However, if you know someone who is a competent singer/cantor, in another Catholic parish, he or she may sing at your wedding, or if they are not Catholic they may not act as a cantor, they will need assistance because they will not know the normal routine of a Catholic Mass and its specific settings.

Wedding Program

All weddings are to have a worship aid or program. You may create one yourself, or ask the secretary, priest or deacon for sample copies that you can mimic. It must be approved by the Priest or Deacon before going to print. This is to ensure that the order of Mass/Ceremony is correct and the phrasing of liturgical or theological statements is free of typographical error. The program should list All Saints Parish, followed by the name of the particular campus; the same is true for invitations and all publications about your wedding. Please see Appendix 2 for the proper order of the ceremony.

Wedding Site Coordinator

Our parish requires the presence of a Wedding Site Coordinator. The purpose of their position is to ensure doors are unlocked, HVAC needs are addressed, sacristan details are coordinated, bathrooms and hospitality needs are coordinated, and the processions in and out of the church take place reverently. They also assist with cleaning up the church and locking it after the wedding and pictures are done.

Photographs and Videotaping

We understand that capturing this tremendous moment in your life is important to you and your family. However, photographers and videographers should not be an intrusion to the wedding itself. Pictures may be taken during the wedding. Pictures should be taken from behind or beside the congregation. Photographers and videographers (this includes family and friends) are not permitted to enter the sanctuary at any time during the wedding.

Pictures may be taken before or after the wedding, however we ask that pictures last only a half hour after the wedding is over. The parish now has the ability to live-stream and record weddings for an additional charge if desired. The wedding can be broadcasted to YouTube and Facebook. Please communicate with the parish office if you wish to have your wedding live-streamed and the amount of time you will need prior to the wedding for photos. This will allow for the church to be unlocked and the thermostat to be set so that the church is at a comfortable setting.

Non-Parishioner Use of Our Churches

When you decide to use one of All Saints Parish campus churches for your wedding, we will make every effort to accommodate your request. The location, date and time will be reserved. In the event that one of our parishioners requests their wedding to take place at the same location, date and time, they will be given first

priority. You will then be offered one of our other church buildings that is available. When your wedding date falls within the 6-month window, your wedding location, date and time will then be secured.

Email Reminders

The parish secretary will send you email reminders 4, 3, 2, and 1 month prior to your wedding date to check on your progress and ensure all required pieces of the wedding preparation process are on track.

Remunerations-stipends and gifts

- Marriage Preparation Resources (Better Together kit, etc.)- \$20
- Servers (*three (3) for Holy Mass and two (2) for a celebration outside of Mass*)-\$20 each
- Organist-\$100
- Cantor (this might be the same person as the organist)- \$50- \$100
- Parish Wedding Site Coordinator- \$75
- Preparation rooms (for bridesmaids and groomsmen)- \$25 an hour for each room
- Priest/Deacon- nothing is expected
- Church-\$300 (if you are not a member of the parish)
- Live-stream or record Mass & DVD copy (live-stream will be broadcasted to Facebook and YouTube)- \$30

A bill will be emailed to you 2 months prior to the wedding; with payment due 1 month prior to your wedding. We will distribute the monies to the individuals listed above. Since we do not keep cash at the office, please submit payment in cash and not by check.

Conclusion

Although these guidelines may seem extensive, their intent is to answer many of the questions that brides and grooms often have. These guidelines are to help ensure that your wedding is authentically Catholic and done with the decorum that the Rite itself requires. We applaud and stand behind your decision to marry in the Church, and we are here to love and support you in that decision. This document may sound like a lot of “do’s” and “don’ts” and it is; its purpose is to answer the many questions the couple have, not to cause anxiety or frustration. Please be honest and open about ANY concerns or problems that you might have; we are here to support you. May God continue to bless you as you and your future spouse prepare for the reception of this Sacrament of Holy Mother Church.

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APPENDIX 1

Important Statistics about the four Campuses

Campus	# of Pews	Length of Aisle*	# of Windows	Seating Capacity
St. Joseph	18+18=36	69	4+4	380
St. Paul	19+19=38	74	5+5	309
St. Martin	18+18=36	65	5+5	309
St. John	17+17=34	69	4+4	289

*Measurement is from the front door to the 1st step into the Sanctuary.

APPENDIX 2

Normal Order of Ceremony- *The Rite of Marriage IN the context of Holy Mass*

-Procession-

Seating of Grandparents and Parents

Servers and Minister

Groom

Procession of Wedding Party

Entrance of the Bride

-Introduction and Greeting –

Gathering Hymn (include the 1st verse and refrain)

Sign of the Cross

Gloria

Opening Prayer

-Liturgy of the Word-

1st Reading

Responsorial Hymn

2nd Reading

Alleluia and Gospel

Homily

-Marriage Rite-

Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Consent

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayers of the Faithful

-Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the altar and Gift Procession

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Reception of Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion

Devotion to Mary (optional)

-Concluding Rites

Final blessing

Introduction of the Couple

Recessional

Normal Order of Ceremony- *The Rite of Marriage OUTSIDE the context of Holy Mass*

-Procession-

Seating of Grandparents and Parents

Servers and Minister

Groom

Procession of Wedding Party

Entrance of the Bride

-Introduction and Greeting –

Gathering Hymn

Opening Prayer

-Liturgy of the Word-

1st Reading

Responsorial Hymn

2nd Reading

Gospel

Homily

-Marriage Rite-

Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Consent

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayers of the Faithful

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

Devotion to Mary (optional)

Final blessing

Introduction of the Couple

Recessional

APPENDIX 3

Music for the Celebration of the Sacrament

PRELUDE- instrumental and vocal

A Nuptial Blessing-#971 – J. Michael Joncas
Air from suite #3 - J. S. Bach
Andante –Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Arioso – J.S. Bach
Ave Maria ~ Franz Schubert / Bach & Gounod
Blessing – Katie Moran Bart (Irish)
Canon in D major – instrumental – Johann Pachelbel
Gathered in the Love of Christ – Haugen (Canon in D)
God in the Planning-#970 – SLANE
Gymnopedie – Eric Satie
La valse d'Amelie – Yann Tiersen
Larghetto – G. F. Handel
May the Road Rise to Meet You – Lori True (traditional Irish blessing)
Nocturne – Alexander Borodin or Frederic Chopin
Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels-#709 – J. Michael Joncas
Ordinary Holiness – Julie & Tim Smith
Panis Angelicus – Cesar Franek
Pathetique Sonata – Ludwig van Beethoven
Plasir D'Amour – Giambuttista Martini
Prelude # 1 – J.S. Bach
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts-#708 – Steve Warner
Sheep May Safely Graze – J. S. Bach
Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini – Sergei Rachmaninoff
River Flows in You – Yiruma
The Blessing – Graham/Downes (Celtic)
The Love of the Lord-#792 – Michael Joncas
Today and Tomorrow – Ruth Duck/Lori True
Ubi Caritas-#705 – Chant –
Ubi Caritas- #500 – Taize – Jacques Berthier
What a Gift to Be Gathered – Haugen (Simple Gifts)
When Love Is Found-#966 – O WALY WALY
When This Day Is Done – Liam Lawton
Wherever You Go – Gregory Norbert/Weston Priory
You Have Searched Me – J. Michael Joncas

PROCESSIONAL & RECESSIONAL

Air (Two movements from Water Music)~George F. Handel
Canon in D major~Johann Pachelbel
Crown Imperial March ~Sir William Walton
Allegro Maestoso [Hornpipe-Water Music] ~ George F. Handel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring ~Johann Sebastian Bach
Ode to Joy (improvisation) ~Ludwig Van Beethoven
Solemn Processional ~George F. Handel
'Spring' from the Four Season ~ Antonio Vivaldi
The Bride's March (Sacred Cantata) ~ Sir. Jos. Barn
Trumpet Tune ~Henry Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary (The Prince of Denmark) ~Jeremiah Clark

HYMNS- Gathering, Presentation of Gifts, Communion (found in the GATHER hymnal)

A Nuptial Blessing - #971 – Joncas
All Are Welcome - #850 - Haugen
Faith Hope and Love - #702 – O'Brien
Gather Us In - #848 - Haugen
God, in the Planning - #970 – Bell (Slane)
How Beautiful- Paris
I Have Loved You - #588 - Joncas
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - #614
Love Divine All Loves Excelling - #641
Love Endures All Things - #698 – Haugen
Love Is the Sunlight - #967 - Haugen
No Greater Love - #701 – Joncas
Not for Tongues of Angels - #709 - Joncas
Now in this Banquet - #937 – Haugen
One Bread, One Body - #932 - Foley
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts - #708 - Warner
Song of St. Patrick - #793 – Haugen
Table Song - #930 – Moore
The Love of the Lord - #792 – Joncas
The Servant Song - #751 - Gillard
We Come to Your Feast - #938 - Joncas
We Praise You - #617 - Dameans
We Remember -#681 – Haugen
Congregational Hymns (continued)
When Love is Found - #966 – (O Waly Waly) Wren
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart - #940 - Westendorf

DEVOTION to the BLESSED MOTHER

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert
Ave Maria – Bach / Gounod
Ave Maria – #887 - Gregorian chant
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman – #889 - Carey Landry
Magnificat - #101- Chepponis
O Sanctissima - #895 – Latin
Salve Regina - #880 – mode 5

Sacramental Preparation Contract ~Sacrament of Holy Matrimony~

I promise, to the best of my ability, to do the following:

- *Attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as needed and in close proximity to the date of my marriage.
- *Refrain from all sexual activity and/or impurity- seek absolution (confession) if/when necessary
- *Refrain from cohabitation until AFTER your wedding day.
- *Develop a daily prayer life:
 - Personal*
 - With my future spouse*
- Further my knowledge about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:
 - The Good News About Sex and Marriage ~ West*
 - For Better & For Ever ~ Ruhnke*
 - Various audio CDs about Marriage
- Become educated about Natural Family Planning:
 - Listen to the Audio CD- Janet Smith*
 - Contact a Teaching Couple*
- Complete Better Together Inventory and view 12 DVDs
- Attend 3-5 sessions with a sponsor couple for marital formation
- Meet with 3 married couples and interview them about their marital experiences
- Follow all liturgical norms for All Saints Parish

This is a sacrament where God offers grace to me and my fiancé for a life of grace and fruitfulness. I commit to the above requirements in order better serve God and my future spouse.

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