

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Paul's Greencastle and Annunciation in Brazil

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Please know that we rejoice heartily with you upon your engagement and your ongoing discernment as you and your fiancé make your way towards the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and your life together as a married couple.

At Saint Paul's and Annunciation, we want you to have all of the information pertaining to the sacrament that you possibly can so that there are no surprises on your end that leave you saying, "I had no idea that was part of getting married in the Church."

For the sake of readability, the teachings of the Church will be paraphrased in this document and footnoted in case you would like to read the actual texts that come from the various sources that impact and govern our celebration of the Sacrament as Catholics.

"Marriage Prep"

As an introduction here, it is important to note that the Catholic Church teaches that it is on the priest's conscience to make sure that a married couple understands what they are doing in the sacrament of marriage. When a priest is ordained, he is asked, immediately before being made a priest – "Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" When a person is baptized, confirmed, etc. the same question is asked, as it will be asked of you when you are married. With that in mind, know that the priest is held responsible, in the eyes of the Church, for getting the couple to the point where they can say "Yes, I do understand what I am undertaking in this Sacrament of Matrimony."

A priest's job is to walk with a couple throughout the discernment period where both the man and the woman should be continuing to ask, through prayer, "Is this the person God is calling me to marry?" The priest walks with you, but also has the duty of helping both individuals grow. While in one sense the couple is not proving to the priest that

they are ready, the priest does have the responsibility to speak up if he sees issues of grave importance along the way. Ultimately, in the most extreme circumstances, the priest can say to the couple “based on your circumstances, and what I’ve seen in walking with you, I can not recommend that you get married.” This would never be something that would be said in the days leading up to a marriage, but it should be noted that this is the relationship that a priest has to a married couple – guide, teacher, companion, etc.

There are several things that are required of any couple getting married at either parish

- 1) The office must be contacted at least six months in advance of a desired wedding date to check with the office about the availability of any desired wedding dates and times. It is not advisable to schedule any other venues or photographers until the proposed date and time for the wedding at Saint Paul’s/Annunciation have been approved by BOTH the office AND Father.
- 2) The couple must make a promise to live chastely up through the marriage.
- 3) If the couple is living together, they must move into separate housing unless there is an emergency that warrants the cohabitation. Even if the reason for cohabitation is approved, number 2 above obviously applies. Living together in a sexual relationship prior to marriage is a gravely sinful matter in the Catholic Church’s teaching and belief. Such a situation excludes a Catholic from worthy reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and so it is not appropriate to celebrate the marriage of a cohabiting couple. Living together prior to marriage has also has been shown to statistically sky rocket the chances that the couple will end up divorcing.
- 4) Attend a “One In Christ” retreat about Catholic Marriage. The retreat can be viewed and signed up for at www.oicindy.com
- 5) In addition to the One In Christ marriage preparation program, the couple needs to participate in a “Natural Family Planning” certified course. The list of acceptable options for this training in “Natural Family Planning” can be found at <http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/NFPInstructors.html>
- 6) On the day of your marriage, both bride and groom (if both are Catholic) or whichever person is Catholic will go to confession with Father. Be sure to schedule ten minutes into your wedding day plans.
- 7) The couple will take the FOCCUS psychological inventory, which is a tool that will help uncover some compatibility growth edges.
- 8) All questions and enquiries about the wedding Mass or wedding service need to be directed by either the bride or groom to the priest or the parish. Parents of

brides and grooms often want to get involved with the planning of the wedding, and that as fine, but in order to develop and help improve the communication skills of the couple, the questions and any meetings and questions will not involve the parents of the spouses.

Typically, the couple will meet five times with the priest

- 1) The first meeting – introduction, get to know one another, fill out marriage paperwork
 - a. Please have both spouses send the parish a copy of your baptismal certificate if you were not baptized at Annunciation nor Saint Paul’s
 - b. If one of the spouses is not Catholic, their faith community may not keep records of baptism. If so, we just need a signed statement from a witness who can attest to the fact that the person was baptized in a Christian Church “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
- 2) The second meeting – “What the Church thinks about marriage”
- 3) The third meeting – An overview of the already completed psychological inventory
- 4) The fourth meeting – Planning the wedding ceremony/Mass
- 5) The fifth meeting – A discussion of either 1) The books/talks or 2) the OIC retreat
- 6) A sixth meeting will need to be scheduled concerning the music planning for the ceremony. This meeting will need to be arranged with the director of sacred music and the couple. Father will not be present at this meeting.
- 7) You will also go through all of the “Beloved Episodes” on Formed.org. You can start that immediately. There is a packet included that has worksheets to fill out as you watch those episodes

NB: if you are doing your marriage preparation with a different cleric other than the pastor of Saint Paul’s/Annunciation, all completed paperwork must be mailed to the office of Saint Paul’s or Annunciation one month prior to the wedding date.

Documents Needed

- 1) Certificate or the equivalent for an approved engaged couple program.
- 2) Certificate of completion of “Natural Family Planning” training.

- 3) Baptismal certificates for both parties whether Catholic or Protestant. A baptismal certificate of a Catholic Party must be one issued not more than six (6) months prior to the ceremony.
- 4) The completed diocesan marriage preparation forms (filled out with Father Hollowell) as well as any required dispensations and permissions (filled out with Father Hollowell)
- 5) A letter from the pastor of each Catholic party giving permission for the wedding to take place at Saint Paul's or Annunciation.
- 6) If either party was previously married, official copies of Church documents must be submitted which prove that the person is free to marry in the Catholic Church. If widowed, a death certificate of the deceased spouse is needed. If divorced, an official copy of the declaration of nullity from the Church and an official copy of a civil divorce decree must be provided. No wedding will be scheduled until any annulment processes are complete.
- 5) A civil marriage license from the state of Indiana must be given to the priest or deacon prior to the ceremony. The license must be obtained within thirty (30) days prior to the wedding. The wedding cannot be celebrated without this license. At the very latest, the license must be brought to the rehearsal, filled out after the wedding. You have the option of asking the pastor to make a copy of the document in case it is lost in the mail. But the bride and groom are ultimately responsible for the marriage license before the wedding and after it is signed they are responsible for seeing that it is returned to the courthouse.

Wedding Mass or Wedding Service?

The sacrament of marriage can be celebrated either in the context of the Mass or as a service celebrated outside the context of the Mass. If it is celebrated in the context of a Mass, the service lasts a little over an hour. If the service is celebrated outside of Mass, it lasts about 25 minutes.

The Wedding Mass is mostly a regular Mass, with the vows being exchanged after the homily, and then the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Holy Communion taking place as during a normal Sunday Mass. At the end of the Mass, the couple is introduced and lead the procession out of Mass.

The Wedding Service is basically the first half of Mass (an opening prayer, first reading, psalm, second reading, Gospel and Homily). After the homily, the couple exchanges vows, rings are blessed and exchanged, petitions are read, and then a final blessing is given as the couple again leads the procession out of the Church.

A Wedding Mass is only an option when both individuals getting married are Catholic. If one of the members of the wedding party is not Catholic, we

utilize the wedding service. Exceptions can be made if the non-Catholic person WANTS to have a wedding Mass. Feel free to discuss this with Father.

Guidelines for a Wedding Mass

Because the wedding takes place in the larger context of the Mass, there are lots of norms that govern the ceremony making sure that the dignity of what takes place is in concert with the dignity that is due the Lord in the celebration of Holy Mass. Here are the major things to understand about a Wedding Mass at Saint Paul's/Annunciation:

- 1) In a Mass there is to be a procession. This procession is not the type of procession that occurs in most churches for weddings. There are two options for the wedding procession. The priest can either greet you at the door of Church, and then the bridal party follows the priest in as the opening chant of the Mass is chanted or sung, followed by other musical selections as appropriate. The other option is that the priest greets you after you have processed in with your various hymns and instrumental arrangements, and then, after the greeting, the chant begins as the priest goes up and reverences the altar. Together for Life's website has a lovely statement on processions, and it is as follows:

Choosing the Form of Your Entrance Procession

The rite calls for you to process as a couple and notes that if local custom suggests, you may be escorted by your parents and your witnesses (usually the maid of honor and best man).

When planning your procession, be careful to consider the message that the order you choose communicates. It is important to recognize that every action in liturgy is symbolic.

The custom of a father "giving away" his daughter is rooted in a time when marriage was primarily an economic transaction in western culture. Women needed the income potential of a man and men needed the domestic skills that women provided in order for both thrive, and many times, to simply survive. Marriage was in a very real sense the ritual passing of a woman from her father's home to that of her husband. In even earlier times, women were "given" to men in arranged marriages, often as part of a larger exchange of property and wealth.

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony expresses the mutuality of the spouses in the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of marriage. The explicit inclusion of parents in the entrance procession seeks to honor with clear recognition the roles that both mothers and fathers play in the lives of their children.

What are you hoping to communicate about your vision of marriage by the way that you order your Catholic wedding entrance procession?

- 2) To not see each other on one's wedding day is a superstition, and the Church is strongly against superstition.¹ You're welcome to not see each other, however, if you so choose.
- 3) During the Mass, there is to be no unity candle, sand jars, flowers to Mary, etc. It has been the experience of the Church that the wedding Mass can quickly be disfigured when elements are added to the Mass which were never meant to be added. There is beauty in simplicity, and this is no more clearly the case than in a wedding Mass. You will have every detail of your wedding day planned, controlled, timed, etc. You will thoroughly appreciate the fact that for one hour you won't have to worry about anything, but can instead relax, listen to the words of the Mass, and pray. The priest will guide you where you need to go, and we promise you'll be thankful if you let the Mass be the Mass.
- 4) The wedding Mass must have a "Gloria"
- 5) Those who read at Mass need to be practicing Catholics.
- 6) The readings are chosen from those set aside by the Church as appropriate readings for a wedding Mass. Some couples request that the priest choose the readings, or choose the Gospel. That is certainly an option. Simply communicate with the priest about which readings will be used.

Notes for a wedding service:

- 1) A wedding service, although not a Mass, is still expected to have a procession to the altar that is in keeping with the same standards as laid down above for a procession into a wedding Mass. The two options listed above for how a procession may proceed are the same two options for the way a procession into a wedding service can be carried out as well.

¹ The Catechism on Superstition (paragraphs 2111-2112): Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition. The first commandment condemns *polytheism*. It requires man neither to believe in, nor to venerate, other divinities than the one true God. Scripture constantly recalls this rejection of "idols, [of] silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see." These empty idols make their worshippers empty: "Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them." God, however, is the "living God" who gives life and intervenes in history.

Wedding Times

Because of the current Mass time at Saint Paul's and Annunciation, a Saturday wedding Mass or wedding service can be done at the following times:

- a. On the first Saturday of the month, the wedding Mass or the wedding service can begin at any point between noon and two p.m.
- b. On all other Saturdays, the wedding service can begin at any point from 10:30 am – 2 pm.
- c. A Friday wedding can take place at any point between 5 pm and 7 pm.
- d. It is an option to get married as part of the already scheduled parish Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Most obviously have no interest in that option, but speak with Father if that might interest you.

Officiating Priest/Deacon

Father Hollowell is not able to accommodate requests to celebrate the weddings of those who are not parishioners. The proper priest for doing so is your pastor (of either the bride or the groom). You are also free to invite any other priest or deacon who is in good standing with his Bishop and agreeable to Father Hollowell to officiate. We cannot confirm a date with you until you have a commitment from a priest or deacon who has agreed to accept the responsibility for the wedding. Within one month of your meeting with Father Hollowell, Father Hollowell must receive a phone call or a letter from the priest or deacon confirming that he has accepted the responsibility for the wedding. He is responsible for all pre-nuptial preparations, the rehearsal, and the wedding itself. He is responsible, of course, for seeing that all diocesan norms, liturgical norms and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis policies are followed.

Any ecumenical gestures must be approved by Father Hollowell. This includes the participation in any public role by any non-Catholic minister. Saint Paul's and Annunciation seek to be as accommodating as possible in this regard, but there are Vatican guidelines that govern such practices. Check with Father Hollowell as soon as possible if this looks like it might be desired.

Photographs

To help us maintain the dignity and solemnity of your wedding, we ask that you inform your photographer of the following restrictions.

- 1) Flash or extra lighting is not permitted during the ceremony; photographers must use the available light.
- 2) During the ceremony, pictures may not be taken from the head of the aisle after the procession is completed.

- 3) Photographers must not enter the sanctuary at any time or come between the people and the altar during the ceremony; they must remain on the periphery once the procession is completed. NB: The sanctuary is the area around the altar and the steps that lead up to that level.

Saint Paul's/Annunciation retains the right to restrict photographers found to be uncooperative or non-responsive to Saint Paul's/Annunciation policies or directions at previous weddings. Lack of cooperation with the directions given will result in stopping the photography or even ejecting the photographer from Saint Paul's/Annunciation. All such decisions are within the absolute and sole discretion of Saint Paul's/Annunciation personnel.

All photographs must be formal poses of people standing on the steps to the sanctuary or at the level of and in front of the altar or on the main floor. Those posing may not touch the altar or stand within three feet of it. **No one may sit on the altar steps; nothing may be placed on the altar. There may be no "gag" pictures.** Any posing or photography deemed undignified or inappropriate to the sacred space will lead to the termination of the photography by Saint Paul's/Annunciation personnel

Videotaping of Weddings

Videotaping is permitted only if the following guidelines are observed.

- 1) The same rules as for still photographs, above, must be followed
- 2) No equipment may be installed more than one hour prior to the wedding or before the assembly has left from any previous function. All equipment must be removed immediately after the wedding.
- 3) No cables or electric cords may be used in positions where people will walk
- 4) No additional lighting may be used
- 5) Movement of cameras and videographers must be held to a minimum

Flowers and decorations

Flowers for the wedding are the responsibility of the couple. A flower arrangement may be placed on each side of the tabernacle on the reredos (the piece that houses that tabernacle). No flowers can be placed on the altar. An arrangement may be placed on the floor on either side of the last supper painting. All additional flowers must be placed outside the sanctuary. Also, all flowers are to be real, and may not be fake.

Leaving flowers behind is certainly acceptable, and if they are left behind, they will be used at Masses at Saint Paul's/Annunciation until they begin to die.

Rehearsal

Please schedule a rehearsal directly with the priest or deacon performing the ceremony. At the current time, there are no activities in the Church on Friday evenings, and so a rehearsal can be scheduled whenever is convenient. The exception would be a wedding during Lent. During the season of Lent, the rehearsal cannot begin until roughly 7 pm at the conclusion of our Stations of the Cross devotion.

At the rehearsal, please inform your guests ahead of time that there is to be no gum, food, or drinks permitted inside the Church, that talking should be in hushed tones and respectful of the Real Presence of our Lord dwelling in the tabernacle, and that there should be a general tone of respect for the Church that predominates the rehearsal.

If the couple brings a wedding coordinator, the wedding coordinator will always follow the directives set aside by Saint Paul's/Annunciation. Additionally, the coordinator will defer all directions and questions pertaining to the flow of the ceremony to the presiding priest or deacon.

Liturgical ministries

The bride and groom may wish to have certain family or friends fulfill particular roles in the Mass or the wedding ceremony. Those who read must have a letter from their pastor stating that they have been trained and commissioned to read at their home parish. A non-Catholic is not permitted to read at a wedding Mass or wedding ceremony. The one exception to this would be if a family member is a minister in another Christian denomination. In that particular case, the minister may be able, under the directives laid down by the Catholic Church, to read at the Mass or the ceremony. As noted in the section about ecumenical gestures, this must be approved both by the presiding priest and also by the priest of Saint Paul's/Annunciation

If it is a wedding Mass, there are no restrictions on who is able to bring up the wine and bread.

At a wedding Mass, Communion is only distributed by the celebrating priest. If another priest or deacon is present, he may assist the priest. In all situations, there is only to be the distribution of Holy Communion under ONE species – the Body of Christ. The bride and groom, as Catholics, will, at a wedding Mass, be brought Communion under BOTH species, but those in the congregation will only receive under one species. Additionally, there will be no extraordinary

ministers of Holy Communion helping to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at a wedding Mass.

A note about alcohol

Canon Law forbids the priest or deacon from allowing a marriage to take place between two people suspected to be under the influence of any drug or alcohol. For that reason, please insure that the bridal party has consumed no drugs or alcohol at any point prior to the wedding Mass or ceremony. If the priest or deacon smells alcohol on anyone in the wedding party, the wedding will immediately be canceled, even if the wedding is only moments away from beginning. The Church makes this stipulation in order to ensure that those promising their commitment to one another are in complete awareness of what they are doing.

Additionally, there is to be no food or drink consumed or brought into Church by ANYONE attending the wedding Mass or ceremony. Anyone who shows signs of having consumed alcoholic beverages or consumed narcotics of any kind will be asked to leave the premises and not participate in the wedding Mass or ceremony. This also applies to the wedding rehearsal. If a person does display signs of impairment, the authorities will be called to assist in removing such a person if necessary.

Fees:

Saint Paul's/Annunciation Catholic Church charges no fees for registered parishioners to use the Church for the celebration of either a wedding Mass or a wedding ceremony

Saint Paul's Catholic Church/Annunciation does charge a \$1,000 fee to those who have not been registered for at least a year at Saint Paul's/Annunciation. Of course, if a couple has a parent or parents who have been registered at Saint Paul's/Annunciation, this \$1,000 fee is waved as well.

A gift of \$100 is suggested for the priest or deacon who walks a couple through the marriage preparation classes

A gift of \$100 is also suggested for the priest who performs the wedding.

Saint Paul's/Annunciation, nor its priests, are out to make money on weddings! Any parishioner who is not able to pay the suggested amounts is certainly still welcomed WITH OPEN ARMS to have their marriage celebrated at Saint Paul's/Annunciation Catholic Church. This is to let couples know the basic suggestions for gifts in case other priests are involved in some aspect of the

wedding, either as the presider or as the priest leading you through marriage prep.

With regards to sacred music, see the section on the following page

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – This is not a contract.

Detach and return this sheet to Saint Paul's/Annunciation with a \$100.00 deposit (If not a parishioner. Otherwise, sign and return without any deposit)

We have received and thoroughly read the Wedding Guidelines for Saint Paul's/Annunciation, and we agree to abide by the rules and regulations for weddings at the Cathedral and to take special notice of the sections pertaining to time limitations, photographers and florists. We therefore forward to the Cathedral the enclosed deposit.

Signature of the Bride:

Signature of the Groom:

Date Signed:

Wedding Date and Time:

Rehearsal Time Desired:

Annunciation and Saint Paul's Wedding Music Planning Form

Wedding Date _____
Wedding Time of Day _____ AM / PM
Presiding Priest _____
Deacon _____
Bride _____
Email _____
Cell _____
Mailing Address _____

Groom _____
Email _____
Cell _____
Mailing Address _____

Liturgy Details

- Full Mass with Communion
- Liturgy of the Word, without Communion

Guide for Selecting Music: We want this to be a memorable day for you, filled with beautiful music. Wedding music should be carefully chosen based on the following criteria:

- The prelude music before the wedding serves to prepare the congregation for the sacrament of Mass, and for witnessing the sacrament of Matrimony. The music inside the Wedding Rite serves the sacrament. The postlude serves as a joyful sending forth of the couple and the congregation.
- Classical music is certainly allowed and encouraged for the prelude and the postlude. During the Mass and/or Wedding Rite, the music must be specifically sacred in nature.

Further guidelines for music during the Wedding Rite:

- Music being beautiful is essential! But beautiful is not enough on its own, for the music inside the Wedding Rite. The music must relate to the actions being taken in the Rite and/or Mass, while the music is being played or sung. The music inside the service must be sacred in character, tone, and text. In vocal music, this is easy to determine from the text. In instrumental music, whether or not the music is actually sacred is sometimes hard to discern. Often times, classical music is simply beautiful, but not particularly sacred. (Example: a Beethoven string quartet is certainly beautiful, but is not sacred; however, Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" has no words, but is clearly sacred.)

Musicians

All wedding musicians are engaged and approved by the coordinator of Sacred Music. If you have a friend or guest musician you would like to play/sing at the wedding, please notify the coordinator of Sacred Music at least 3 months before the wedding date, to request approval. If you have special music you would like played, not listed on this sheet, it must be approved by the coordinator of Sacred Music at least 3 months before the wedding date. Please select the musicians below you would like to play and sing at your wedding.

- Cantor (required for a full Mass)
- Organist (required for a full Mass)
- Violinist
- Other: _____

Paying your Musicians

Below are the standard wedding rates for musicians:

- Cantor: \$100
- Organist: \$200
- Violinist: \$150

Please assign a responsible family member or other person to deliver individual checks in envelopes to the appropriate musicians at least 40 minutes before the ceremony begins on the day of the wedding.

Music Selections

+++ Prelude Music (20 minutes before the start of the wedding) – While Prelude Music is playing, family members and mothers are seated. You may select 4 pieces below, or the organist can simply make prelude selections for you.

Vocal Soloist and Organ

- Ave Maria • Schubert
- The Lord's Prayer • A. Malotte
- Bless This House • M. Brahe
- Wedding Prayer • F. Dunlap
- Parents' Prayer • G. Davis
- Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____

Organ Solos

- Air • Bach
- Bist du Bei Mir • Bach
- Adagio Cantabile • Bach
- In Thee Is Gladness • Bach
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Bach
- Arioso in A • Bach
- O Perfect Love • Barnaby
- Trumpet Voluntary • Jeremiah Clark
- Air • Gounod
- Wedding Day • Grieg
- Allegretto • Handel
- Trumpet Tune • Handel
- Air I • Handel
- Air II • Handel
- Aria • Handel
- Thou Shalt Bring Them In • Handel
- The Wedding at Cana • Hebble
- The Heavens Declare the Glory of God • Marcello
- Psalm 19 • Benedetto Marcello
- Adagio • Mendelssohn
- Ave Verum • Mozart
- Trumpet Voluntary • Purcell
- Trumpet Tune and Air • Purcell
- Trumpet Tune in D • Purcell
- Bell Symphony • Purcell
- Now Thank we All Our God • Sigfried KargElert
- Trumpet Tune • Stanley
- Andante Cantabile • Tchaikovsky
- Air • Samuel Wesley
- Andante Cantabile • Widor
- ** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

Organist Will Make All Selections for Prelude Music Yes

+++ Wedding Party Processional — Select a hymn or sacred song to be played when the priest, servers, groomsmen, bridesmaids, and groom to process in. The Bride may process in with the Groom, or separately if the option of the bride coming in with her parents after the groom coming in with his parents is desired.

Hymn or Sacred Song

- 614 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
- 615 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- 616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- 574 Crown Him with Many Crowns
- 882 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____

** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**

Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

+++ **Bridal Processional** - If the Bride is processing separately from the Wedding Party with her parents, select one piece below. (If the Bride is to process simultaneously with the Groom in the previous section, check here , skip this section, and go to Responsorial Psalm.)

Organ Solo:

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • J.S. Bach
- Trumpet Voluntary • Purcell
- Trumpet March • Lully
- Ave Maria • Bach/Gounod

Once everyone is in their places, a wedding chant is done as Father reverences the altar

+++ **Responsorial Psalm**

- Psalm 33 • "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"
- Psalm 34 • "I will bless the Lord at all times."
- Psalm 34 • "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"
- Psalm 103 • "The Lord is kind and merciful."
- Psalm 112 • "Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands"
- Psalm 128 • "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."
- Psalm 145 • "The Lord is compassionate toward all his works."
- Psalm 148 • "Let all praise the name of the Lord."

+++ **Offertory** (skip, if not having a full Mass)

Congregational Hymn

- 904 Covenant Hymn
- 967 Love Is the Sunlight

- 969 Love Has Brought Us Here Together
- 751 The Servant Song
- 846 Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place
- 613 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
- 632 Father, We Thank You Who Have Planted
- 635 Let All Things Now Living
- 636 Now Thank We All Our God
- 641 Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 658 Seek Ye First
- 694 How Firm a Foundation
- 706 Where Charity and Love Prevail
- 712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 742 The Church's One Foundation
- 850 All Are Welcome
- 853 All People that on Earth Do Dwell
- 896 Christ Be in Your Senses
- 895 O Most Holy One
- 457 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Organ Solo Panis Angelicus • Franck

** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
 Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

Vocal Soloist and Organ

Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____

** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
 Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

+++ **Communion** (skip, if not having a full Mass)

Congregational Hymn

- 902 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
- 914 Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist Did Say
- 919 I Come with Joy
- 949 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
- 598 O God Beyond All Praising

Organ Solo

Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____

** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
 Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

Vocal Soloist and Organ

- Panis Angelicus • Franck
- Ave Verum Corpus • Mozart
- Sheep May Safely Graze • Bach
- Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____
- ** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

+++ **Recessional**

Organ Solo

- Ode to Joy • Beethoven
- Now Thank We All Our God • Virgil Fox
- Song from the Gather Hymnal, Hymn # _____
- ** Other: _____ Composer: _____ (**
Couple must provide printed sheet music at least 1 month before wedding)

+++ **Mass Setting**

Please select one of the Mass Settings below. A Mass setting includes all the music for the sung parts of the Mass: Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, and Lamb of God. Mass parts may be spoken instead of sung, although that may diminish the celebratory and joyful experience of the wedding Mass.

- St. Philip Neri Mass
- Chant Mass (ICEL)
- Speak Mass parts, no singing

Please note: All music selections and outside musicians must be approved before any programs are printed. If you have a friend or guest musician you would like to play at the wedding, please speak with the coordinator of Sacred Music at least 3 months before the wedding date, to request approval.

Wedding Mass/Service Readings

You and your fiancé should take an hour or so to prayerfully look over the readings at <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/readings/>

Some things to keep in mind:

- 1) if the wedding is during the Easter season, both the first and second reading should be from the New Testament
- 2) Otherwise, you will need to choose for the first reading one from the Old Testament
- 3) The Psalm you will already have chosen with the cantor
- 4) And for the second reading you will need one from the New Testament
- 5) You also will want to choose a Gospel

First Reading Choice: _____

Read by: _____ (see above about the reader
letter of good standing)

Second Reading Choice: _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Choice: _____

Read by the priest or deacon