

## *St. Joseph's Parish Music Ministry*

### *Planning the Music for Your Wedding*

The members of the Music Ministry at St. Joseph's Parish congratulate you on your upcoming wedding and wish to help make your celebration a memorable one. Not only is this an important event for your family and friends, it is also an important event in the life of the Parish community here at St. Joseph's.

As in any liturgical celebration, the music for your wedding should be chosen with great care. A wedding is, first and foremost, a worship service – worship and praise of God who calls a man and a woman together in marriage. Wedding music celebrates not only the human love between woman and man, but must celebrate the presence of God as well. Lyrics should be drawn chiefly from Holy Scripture and other liturgical sources. For this reason, popular music is not appropriate during a wedding liturgy. We use a wide variety of traditional and contemporary liturgical music to help you make your wedding uniquely your own.

Any member of our team will be happy to work with you to plan your liturgy and find the music that best expresses your taste while still reflecting the sacramental nature of the Catholic marriage service. We encourage you to seek input from your parents and other family members in planning your wedding music. The reverse side of this page contains some suggestions for your musical selections.

### *Scheduling & Fees*

As soon as you have met with the priest and set your wedding date, contact a member of the parish Music Ministry to schedule your wedding musicians and start the planning process. Return the enclosed forms to your musician(s) as soon as possible, but no less than six weeks prior to your wedding date.

A qualified cantor and instrumentalist are required for all weddings. We recommend that you choose your musicians from the parish music ministry. The standard fee for each parish cantor is \$125, and for each parish accompanist the fee is \$150. Fees are paid directly to the musicians at least two weeks prior to your wedding date. If you choose to use non-parish musicians, a fee for technical services (sound system, etc.) of \$50, payable to St. Joseph's Church, is due two weeks prior to your wedding date. We can also refer other instrumentalists (trumpet, flute, etc.) if you wish; their fees vary and you will contract with them separately.

Please feel free to speak with any member of our ministry at any time with any questions you may have about the planning process.

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Typically, music is used at the following parts of the Wedding Mass. For a wedding ceremony outside of Mass, omit the second column, except for the Recessional.

### SEATING OF GUESTS – *instrumental or vocal selections*

#### SEATING OF THE PARENTS

Ave Maria (Schubert)  
Hail Mary Gentle Woman (Landry)  
When Love Is Found (Haas)

#### BRIDAL PROCESSION

##### *Instrumental:*

Bridal Chorus (Wagner)  
Canon in D (Pachelbel)  
Processional (Renard)  
Prince of Denmark March (Purcell)

##### *Vocal:*

Gather Us Together (Alstott)  
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (Bach)  
May Love Be Ours (Schutte)  
We Gather Together (Traditional)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed the People (*Ps 33*) (Alstott)  
Taste and See (*Ps 34*) (Dean)  
The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (*Ps 103*) (Cotter)  
This is the Day the Lord Has Made (*Ps 118*) (Joncas)  
You Are All We Have (*Ps 16*) (O'Brien)

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia – Chant (*various verses*)  
Alleluia – Open Our Hearts (Alstott)  
Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (*various verses*)  
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ (Alstott) (*during Lent*)

In addition to the suggestions listed here, many of the hymns from Sunday liturgy are also appropriate for your wedding. Please feel free to ask us about using other music.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

All I Ask of You (Norbet)  
Bridegroom and Bride (SLANE/arr. Haas/Cotter)  
Center of My Life (Inwood)  
How Great Thou Art (Traditional)  
I Have Loved You (Joncas)  
Prayer of St. Francis (Temple)  
We Have Been Told (Haas)  
Will You Come and Follow Me (Bell)

#### EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Heritage Mass (Alstott)  
Mass of Creation (Haugen)  
Peoples Mass (Vermulst)  
St. Louis Jesuits Mass (Dufford/Schutte)

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

Gift Of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)  
O Lord I Am Not Worthy (Traditional)  
Panis Angelicus (Franck)  
Seed, Scattered and Sown (Feiten)  
Take and Eat (Joncas)  
Taste and See (Moore)  
The Irish Wedding Song (Traditional)  
To Be Your Bread (Haas)

#### MEDITATION/HYMN OF PRAISE

A Wedding Prayer (Fortunate)  
Bridegroom and Bride (SLANE/arr. Haas/Cotter)  
For the Beauty of the Earth (Kocher)  
How Great Thou Art (Traditional)  
Will You Come and Follow Me (Bell)

#### RECESSIONAL

##### *Instrumental:*

Hornpipe (Handel)  
Ode to Joy (Beethoven)  
Rondeau (Mouret)  
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)  
Wedding March (Mendelssohn)

##### *Vocal:*

Irish Blessing (Stookey)  
May the Lord Bless You and Keep You (Meltz)  
We Sing the Mighty Power of God (Mozart)