Church of the Holy Angels

Parish Guide to

Wedding Liturgy Planning

Options, Advice, and Procedures

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Introduction

The day of your wedding is a pinnacle moment in your life, and at the foundation of it all is your wedding liturgy, when you will gather with family, friends, and the Church community to speak your vows to one another. We hope that planning this liturgy will be exciting as you envision that holy day and carefully prepare your wedding. Your presider or a preparing minister will assist you in planning the liturgy, explain the various options and choices you need to make, and answer specific questions that you have. Additionally, you will have a separate meeting with our music director or the specific musician for your wedding to plan musical selection. Please take the time to review this document prior to the liturgy planning meetings, as it gives you an overview of what things to consider in advance and what the formal policies are of our specific parish.

1 Pre-liturgy Preparations

1.1 Civil License

A civil marriage license must be obtained no more than sixty days prior to the wedding, from the Ohio county of residence of either party. If neither party is a resident of Ohio, then the license must be obtained from Geauga County, which is the county of the parish. Most counties charge a fee for obtaining the license and some counties require proof of residence, such as a driver's license. If either party has been previously married, most counties expect a certified copy of the divorce degree or a death certificate. We recommend that you call the county or check their website in advance, so that you know precisely what their requirements are:

Cuyahoga:	http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/marriage.aspx
Geauga:	http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/commonpleas/Probate/Marriage-License
Portage:	https://www.co.portage.oh.us/juvenileprobate.htm
Summit:	http://www.summitohioprobate.com/ct_marriage.htm

Bring the license with you to the wedding rehearsal. After the wedding, the presider will sign the civil documents, and one copy will be given to you for your records. The presider will mail back to the county a second copy, and a third copy will be retained by the parish.

1.2 Minister's License

If the presider of your wedding is a visiting priest or deacon from out-of-state, they must be licensed in the State of Ohio in order to witness your marriage. Information to obtain a minister's license in Ohio may be found at www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/ministerlicense.aspx.

1.3 Flowers

Flowers should be in good taste and should not detract from the altar as the focal point of the sanctuary. Our sanctuary is usually decorated throughout the year, so supplying additional flowers is up to your discretion. Pedestals are available, if needed. A visit to the Holy Family shrine may include a small bouquet or a single rose. If another wedding is scheduled on the same day, you may share the expense of the flowers with other wedding party if you wish, but you have the responsibility for making those arrangements yourself.

Dropping flower petals by the flower girl as she processes down the aisle is prohibited. Likewise the use of an aisle runner is prohibited. Because our floor is a hard, ceramic surface, both of these make it easy to slip and fall, and thus present a safety hazard. Please refrain from including anything else in your ceremony that would be a similar hazard.

1.4 Florists

If you are hiring a florist for your wedding, please make sure that they receive a copy of our Guidelines for Florists, found as an appendix to this document.

1.5 Photographers and Videographers

If you are hiring a photographer or videographer for your wedding, please make sure that they receive a copy of our Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers, found as an appendix to this document.

1.6 Mementos

Throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, or rose petals is not permitted. If you wish to provide something for your guests, alternatives could be bubbles, balloons, bells, butterflies, or birds. If you do choose to give any mementos to your guests, please inform the presider when planning the liturgy.

1.7 Programs

Wedding programs or worship aids are not required but may be helpful in encouraging the assembly to sing and to take part in the liturgy. They are especially helpful if, beyond just listing names and the order of the celebration, they include music or explanation of what is taking place. If you are duplicating music, even just the words without musical notation, you must obtain copyright permission to do so. You must also give proper credit to the composer under the published music and/or words. The music director or presider must approve the wedding program before it goes to the printer.

If you would like help creating a program, the presider can certainly assist you. Another resource to use is catholicweddinghelp.com, which offers both advice and templates.

1.8 Music

All music played during the liturgy must be liturgical music. Our music director is available to assist you in making appropriate selections, and can also help you select additional instrumentalists or cantors if desired. Please arrange a meeting with the music director several weeks prior to your wedding date.

Pre-recorded music is not permitted. Also, as noted above, copyright permission must be obtained from the publisher for any music printed in a program. Final decisions regarding the appropriateness of music selections are left up to the music director.

1.9 Rehearsal

Arrangements for the rehearsal are made with the presider. If a visiting priest or deacon is presiding, then arrangements must be made through the parish office.

Those taking part in the rehearsal should arrive at least five minutes before the scheduled rehearsal time. The entire wedding party, lectors, parents, and any others taking a special role in the liturgy should be present for rehearsal.

The remaining balance of the church fee is due one (1) month prior to the wedding date.

1.10 Arrival and hospitality

The wedding party should arrive one hour before the wedding.

The library will be available for the bride and bridesmaids; the sacristy will be available for the groom and groomsmen. There is a full-length mirror on the inside of the closet door of the library. We request that the wedding party be fully dressed before arrival. Items may be left in these areas during the liturgy, but please make arrangements to have someone remove all personal items before leaving.

It is traditional to have at least the groomsmen greet the guests and help them be seated. It would also be very appropriate for the bride and groom welcome their guests together.

No consumption of alcohol is permitted before the wedding and no alcohol is to be brought on the property. From the perspective of both civil and ecclesial law, the bride and groom must be sober in order to give their consent by the exchange of vows.

2 Wedding Liturgy

Your wedding liturgy is more than a private celebration, it is the public prayer of the Church that celebrates God's covenant of love made present by your lives. With this in mind, liturgy planning should strive for the full, active, and conscious participation of everyone present in this prayer of the Church.

When the bridegroom and bride are both Catholic, the rite of marriage should take place within mass; if one party is not Catholic, then the rite of marriage should take place outside of mass. In both cases the rite of marriage begins with readings from Scripture followed by the exchange of vows and rings. A wedding within mass will continue with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Your presider or preparing minister will work with you directly to fully explain the structure of your wedding liturgy and what options you have as you plan the celebration.

2.1 Liturgical Ministers

You are encouraged to invite some of your family and friends to take liturgical roles during the wedding. You will need one or two people to minister as lectors and proclaim the Scripture readings. They must be Christian themselves since they will be proclaiming God's Word, and preferably they should be comfortable with public speaking or ideally lectors in their home parish. You may also have one or two people read the universal prayers after the exchange of rings.

If your wedding is taking place within mass, you may also invite two or more people to be gift bearers. Often this is an opportunity to include younger family members. Finally, if you know people who are Catholic and extraordinary Eucharistic ministers in their own parish, you may discuss with the presider the possibility of having them help with the distribution of communion.

2.2 Procession

The most common forms for the procession are listed below, the major difference between them being whether the bridegroom and bride process in together or separately. Although the common expectation is that the bride comes in last with her father, the couple processing in together better reflects the nature of the celebration and avoids the antiquated idea that the bride is property being handed from her father to her spouse.

Order I	Order II
Groom with parents/stepparents	Parents/stepparents ofGroom
Cross-bearer	Parents/stepparents of Bride
Servers	Cross-bearer
Lectors	Servers
Priest or Deacon	Lectors
Attendants as couples	Priest or Deacon
Best man and maid of honor	Attendants as couples
Bride with parents/stepparents	Best man and maid of honor
	Bride

2.3 Scripture Readings

The readings listed here are only a suggestion; you are welcome to select any portion of Scripture for your readings. However, if you choose different readings please be aware that the particular translation used will be taken from the Lectionary, since it has been approved for liturgical use. The listing below is meant to give you a quick sense of the passage. Please read the full text of the readings, found as an appendix to this document, before making a selection. Once you have chosen your readings, it would be helpful to give them to your lectors in the format they will appear in at the ambo, which can be found on our website or by requesting a copy from the presider.

First Reading

F1 Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
"…in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them."
God creates humanity, gives them the command to multiply and have dominion over the earth, and sees His creation as good.

F2 Genesis 2:18-24
"...the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh…"
When Adam finds no suitable companion among the animals, God creates Eve from his rib.

F3 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
"Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize."
A proverb praising the value of a holy wife.

F4 Tobit 8:4-7
"Call down your mercy... and allow us to live together to a happy old age."
Tobiah and Sarah pray on their wedding night that the Lord will bless them.

F5 Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16, 8:6-7
"My beloved is mine and I am his."
A love poem from a bride to her bridegroom, or the soul to God.

F6 Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16
"A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace… no price is worthy of her"
Reflections on the blessings a good wife brings to her husband.

Psalm

P1 Psalm 16 You will show us the path of life and guide us to joy forever.
P2 Psalm 91 Angels beside me, angels to guide me, angels to watch over me.
P3 Psalm 100 We are God's people, the flock of the Lord.
P4 Psalm 118 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading

S1 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
"...in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us."
Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

S2 1 Corinthians 12:31- 13:8a
"Love never ends."
No gifts or virtues are worth anything without love.

S3 Colossians 3:12-17
"Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins."
God has chosen us, and so we must be clothed in virtue and wisdom.

S4 1 John 4:7-12
"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God…"
Because God has loved us by giving us His Son, we must love all others.

S5 Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13
"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony…"
We deny ourselves and help our neighbors, in imitation of Christ.

S6 Philippians 4:4-9
"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"
The peace of God will be with us, as we show kindness and goodness to all.

S7 Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b
"Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled."
Live in mutual love, for the Lord will never abandon us.

S8 Revelations 19:1, 5-9
"…this is the wedding day of the Lamb, his bride has prepared herself for the wedding."
Heaven gives praise to God, as the wedding feast of the Lamb begins.

Gospel

G1 Matthew 5:1-12a
"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."
Jesus teaches the beatitudes to his disciples.

G2 Matthew 5:13-16
"You are the salt of the earth… you are the light of the world."
Jesus tells his disciples that they must live holy lives, that others may see their example.

G3 Matthew 7:21, 24-29
"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."
Hearing and acting on the words of Jesus gives us a sure foundation.

G4 Matthew 19:3-6
"...what God has joined together, no human being must separate."
Jesus rejects the lawfulness of divorce.

G5 Matthew 22:35-40
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... you shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Jesus gives the two great commandments.

G6 Mark 10:6-9
"So they are no longer two but one flesh."
Jesus repeats the words of Genesis, naming the basis of marriage.

G7 John 2:1-11
"Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding."
Jesus performs his first miracle at the wedding in Cana.

G8 John 15:9-17
"This I command you: love one another."
Jesus calls us his friends, and tells us to remain in his love.

G9 John 17:1a,20-23
"...that they may be brought to perfection as one…"
Jesus prays that his disciples might remain together and unified.

2.4 Vows

A I N., take you, N., to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

B I N., take you, N., for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

2.5 Universal Prayers

The intercessions below are examples. You are free to modify or to write your own intercessions, subject to the presider's approval.

A1 For the Church throughout the world and for those who serve the Church, that the people of God might proclaim the Gospel in word and in action, we pray to the Lord.

A2 That Christians throughout the world may reveal the presence of Christ through the love of God and the love of neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

A3 For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, and all Church leaders, that they may lead us to a deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord.

B1 We pray for all leaders of government, that they may serve the needs of all God's people, but especially the poor, the homeless and the hungry, we pray to the Lord.

B2 For the poor and the oppressed, for the sick and the dying, that God may comfort them in their need, we pray to the Lord.

B3 For the outcast and downtrodden of our city and our nation, that they may find refuge and compassion in our churches and families, we pray to the Lord.

C1 For N. and N., that the Lord may bless them on this joyful day and be with them all the days of their lives, we pray to the Lord.

C2 That the marriage of N. and N. may always be a holy dwelling place where the presence of God's love is revealed, we pray to the Lord.

C3 For N. and N., that the Lord may bless them with many happy years together, we pray to the Lord.

D1 For the deceased relatives of N. and N., for the sick and for those who will be traveling from here, we pray to the Lord.

D2 For family members who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially for (names of deceased relatives), that they receive the reward of God's kingdom in eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

D3 For our families and friends and all those gathered here today, that we may never forget the love that God has for us and that we may bring God's love to others, we pray to the Lord.

D4 For the families and friends of N. and N. gathered here today and those unable to be with us, that we may support one another in times of need as we rejoice with one another today, we pray to the Lord.

E1 For the intentions and prayers we hold within our hearts, that God may respond generously to our needs, we pray to the Lord.

E2 We bring to the Lord all of our personal prayers and needs which we mention now in the silence of our hearts (pause), we pray to the Lord.

E3 That God may be faithful to N. and N. and to the needs of all those gathered here, we pray to the Lord.

2.6 Devotional Practices

In all cases the presider must be informed and give approval for anything being added to the wedding liturgy.

There are some devotional practices that have become traditional in certain families or nationalities. For example, the bride walking to the statue of the Holy Family and taking a moment to pray has become somewhat common in our culture. Generally speaking these practices are permissible, but if there is anything you plan on doing that you do not see at a usual Sunday mass, discuss it with the presider.

In addition to devotional practices, there are also non-religious customs that are sometimes seen at civil marriage ceremonies, such as unity candles or poetry readings. These practices are strongly discouraged from being included as part of the wedding liturgy; as an alternative, you may wish to include them at your wedding reception. In all cases the presider must be informed and must give approval.

2.7 Music

Our music director, or the Holy Angels musician for your wedding, will contact you directly and help you make musical selections for the liturgy. All music played during the liturgy must be liturgical music and pre-recorded music is not permitted. See 1.8 for further information.

Full Scripture Readings

First Reading

F1 Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created humankind in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

F2 Genesis 2:18-24
The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

F3 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes her clothes with skillful hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers to the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

F4 Tobit 8:4-7
When Sarah's parents left the bedroom and closed the door behind them, Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, "My love, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance." She got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. He began with these words: "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age."

F5 Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16, 8:6-7
I hear my beloved. See how he comes leaping on the mountains, bounding over the hills. My Beloved is like a gazelle, like a young stag. See where he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the window, he peers through the lattice. My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me, "Come then, my love, my lovely one, come. My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock, in the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face beautiful." My beloved is mine and I am his. He said to me: Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is strong as Death, jealousy relentless as Sheol. The flash of it is a flash of fire, a flame of the Lord himself. Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.

F6 Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice lengthened are his days; a worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights in her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; a gift from the Lord is her governed speech and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

Second Reading

S1 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

S2 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind, it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love never ends.

S3 Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, find a home in you. Teach each other and advise each other in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God. And never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

S4 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

S5 Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13
Brothers and Sisters: We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbors for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

S6 Philippians 4:4-9
Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

S7 Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b
Brothers and sisters: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled. Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never forsake you or abandon you". Thus we may say with confidence: "The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid."

S8 Revelation 19:1, 5-9
I, John, heard what sounded like the loud song of a great assembly in heaven. They were singing: "Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God." A voice coming from the throne cried out: "Praise our God, all you his servants, the small and the great, who revere him!" Then I heard what sounded like the shouts of a great crowd, or the roaring of the deep, or mighty peals of thunder, as they cried: "Alleluia! The Lord is king, our God, the Almighty! Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory! For this is the wedding day of the Lamb, his bride has prepared herself for the wedding. She has been given a dress to wear made of finest linen, brilliant white." (The linen dress is the virtuous deeds of God's saints.) The angel then said to me: "Write this down: Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

Gospel

G1 Matthew 5:1-12a
When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

G2 Matthew 5:13-16
Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

G3 Matthew 7:21, 24-29
"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

G4 Matthew 19:3-6
Some Pharisees approached him, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

G5 Matthew 22:35-40
When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them (a scholar of the law) tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

G6 Mark 10:6-9
But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother (and be joined to his wife), and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.

G7 John 2:1-11
On the third day 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. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

G8 John 15:9-17
As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but

I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

G9 John 17:20-23

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "I pray not only for my disciples, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me."

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Guidelines for Wedding Florists

Thank you for the work that you do in helping our couples have a beautiful space for their wedding. These guidelines are meant to provide you the policies of our parish in regards to your modification of our church and sanctuary. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm, at 440-708-0000.

- On the day of the wedding, the church will be open one hour before the wedding liturgy. If you need the church to be opened any earlier, please call the parish office.
- You may find the sanctuary already decorated according to the liturgical season; please do not plan to remove anything without speaking to someone from the Art & Environment Committee. Contact the parish office for a name and phone number, and if you wish to visit the church during the week prior.
- We suggest that one or two arrangements of flowers on pedestals be placed behind the altar as the couple will be standing in front of the altar for the rite of marriage. Another possible location for an arrangement is on the floor in front of the ambo.
- The unity candle is not religious in origin, and therefore we strongly recommend its use at the reception rather than at the wedding liturgy. However, if the couple still desires the unity candle lighting during the wedding liturgy and the presider has given permission, we do have a unity candle stand. You will need to provide the candle set. Please plan on collecting your items immediately following the service.

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Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers

Thank you for the work that you do in helping our couples have permanent memories of their wedding. These guidelines are meant to provide you the policies of our parish in regards to your presence before, during, and after the wedding liturgy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm, at 440-708-0000.

- **You must consult with the priest or deacon before the wedding liturgy.** We ask that photographers and videographers be respectful and reverent throughout the wedding liturgy, so as not to become a distraction to the couple, the presider, or the assembly. Please remember that this is a religious ceremony and an act of worship, so your sensitivity and discretion are greatly appreciated. No flash photography. You should maintain a low profile throughout the liturgy. For example, do not stand on chairs or block the view of the assembly.
- **As the wedding party processes into the church, you may stand in front of the first row of chairs to take the pictures of the couple coming down the aisle. Do not stop the procession to take a picture.** Once the bride reaches the front, use the side aisle and return to the back of the church.
- **During the wedding liturgy, all pictures must be taken from behind the last row of chairs or from the side aisles.** This includes pictures of the couple, readers, or anyone else present. The church is only 46 feet deep, so you should be able to use a telephoto lens for pictures even from the back of the church. No flash photography is allowed.
- **You are welcome to use the church or the grounds for photos before or after the wedding.**
- **Please be sensitive to events happening after the wedding, and conclude your photos before the next event requires the space.** If there is another wedding following after, be advised that the wedding party is expected to arrive an hour before the time of their liturgy. Also, if your wedding liturgy is at 2:00pm on Saturday, please be aware that Reconciliation begins at 3:00pm in Mercy Chapel. If it seems that there may only be a limited amount of time following the wedding for pictures, couples may decide to have some pictures taken ahead of time, e.g. of the bridal party or with the family.

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