

# SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

## *– Floral Guidelines for Weddings at Saint Martin of Tours Church –*

A Catholic wedding is first and foremost a sacramental celebration—a sacred moment in the life of the Church. As the florist for this couple's wedding, your artistic contributions help enhance the beauty and reverence of the liturgy. To support you in this important role, Saint Martin of Tours Church has established the following guidelines for floral decorations. Please read them carefully and contact the assigned Wedding Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

### **1. Timeliness and Cleanliness**

All floral arrangements must be completed and in place at least one hour prior to the start of the wedding. We kindly ask that you leave the church clean and free of debris after decorating.

### **2. Liturgical Environment**

The Church is decorated according to the liturgical calendar, and certain seasonal colors may already be in place. These colors—reflecting the current Church season—will remain visible and may influence your design choices. Please consult with the Wedding Coordinator for further details.

### **3. Existing Church Décor**

Church decorations already in place may not be moved or altered for a wedding ceremony.

### **4. Pew Decorations**

Flowers or bows may be attached to pews using ribbon, padded brackets, or large rubber bands only. Please do not use nails, screws, wire, glue, or tape. Swagging of ribbons or garlands between pews is not permitted.

### **5. Aisle and Garland Restrictions**

Aisle runners and garlands are not permitted in the church.

### **6. Candle Use**

Candles are not allowed on pews, in the aisles, or on the altar. Candelabras are not permitted.

### **7. Prohibited Items**

The following items are not permitted in the church or anywhere on church grounds:

- Bubbles
- Flower petals (real or artificial)
- Birdseed, rice, confetti, doves, butterflies, or any similar elements not directly related to the liturgical celebration

We appreciate your cooperation in preserving the sacredness of the worship space while helping to celebrate this joyful occasion. Thank you for your thoughtful and creative contributions.