

PLANNING SHEET FOR THE MARRIAGE LITURGY

(Please prepare this form and return to the parish office 1 month prior to the wedding.)

Name of Couple: _____

Phone & Email of Bride: _____

Phone & Email of Groom: _____

Date & Time of Wedding: _____

Date & Time of Rehearsal: _____

Location of Wedding: _____

• *Note: Only music suitable to the religious dimension of the wedding and the Catholic liturgy is considered appropriate.*

• *Prior arrangement with the presider is necessary for a Eucharistic celebration.*

Prelude Music: _____

(These selections, whether vocal or instrumental, set the tone of the day and invite guests to join in celebration as they arrive.)

Processional Music: _____

(Remember that there is only ONE procession; the purpose of this gathering is not the arrival of the bride, but the praise of God. Please choose ONE instrumental piece, or ONE hymn for the procession. Options for the procession are listed inside the back cover of Together for Life).

If there is to be a ceremonial seating of parents or grandparents, please include those details here:

Processional Instructions (please check one):

- ___ Both bride & groom with parents, preceded by groomsmen, bridesmaids, & clergy
___ Both bride and groom with parents, preceded by groomsmen & bridesmaids
___ Bride with parents preceded by groomsmen & bridesmaids (groom enters with presider)
___ Bride with father preceded by groomsmen & bridesmaids
___ Other

Total Number of
Bridesmaids:

Total Number of
Groomsmen:

Others in the procession (ring
bearer, etc.):

INTRODUCTORY RITE (* = only when applicable)

Opening hymn (optional) _____

*Gloria _____

(note: we recommend either the Mass of Renewal or the Storrington Mass)

Collect/Opening Prayer (A 1-6) Page _____ Number _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading (B 1-9) Page _____ Number _____

Responsorial Psalm (C 1-7) Page _____ Number _____

(always *sung*) _____

(note: we recommend Psalm 128: Blest Are Those or Psalm 34: Taste and See)

New Testament Reading (D 1-14) Page _____ Number _____

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) (E 1-6) Page _____ Number _____

(always *sung*) _____

(note: we recommend the Celtic Alleluia)

Gospel (F 1-10) (proclaimed by presider) Page _____ Number _____

Homily

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE (* = only when applicable)

Consent/Exchange of Vows (H 1-12) Page _____ Number _____

Please indicate how you would like to exchange your vows.

- ☐ memorize your vows
- ☐ repeat after the presider
- ☐ each respond "I do."

Reception of Consent (H 13-15 a or b) Page _____ Number _____

Blessing and Exchange of Rings (I 1-5) Page _____ Number _____

*Blessing and Giving of the Arras (optional) (I 6-8) Page _____ Number _____

and/or

*Lighting of Unity Candle (optional)

Musical Selection: _____

(Although this has become customary in many places, it is **not** a part of the official Rite.

If you as a couple do not find this meaningful, do not include it in the liturgy.

If there is a Eucharist, the music will continue into the Preparation of the Gifts.)

Prayer of the Faithful (J 1-2) Page _____ Number _____

(You may compose alternate or additional intercessions in consultation with the Director of Liturgy and Music. Be sure to provide the reader with a copy.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (* = only when applicable)

***Preparation of Gifts** (*The bread and wine are presented.*)

***Musical Selection** _____

***Prayer Over the Gifts** (K 1-3) Page _____ Number _____

***Preface** (L 1-3) Page _____ Number _____

***Eucharistic Acclamations** _____

(Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God)

(*These **should always be sung & should be familiar** to the majority of the guests.*)

(*note: we recommend the Mass of Creation.*)

***Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or the Veil (optional)** Page _____ Number _____

The Our Father

(*Should **not** be sung, as this is the one prayer that the entire assembly can pray together.*)

Nuptial Blessing (M 1-3, 5) Page _____ Number _____

***Sign of Peace** (*simple instrumental music may be played briefly*)

***Communion Procession** _____

(*Music that speaks of unity, love, and communion in the Body of Christ*)

***Prayer after Communion** (N 1-3) Page _____ Number _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Final Blessing (O 1-3) Page _____ Number _____

Dismissal/Presentation of the Couple _____

(*How do you wish to be presented, Mr. & Mrs., John & Joan Franklin, etc.?*)

Recessional _____

(*Instrumental piece or a hymn sung to accompany the procession out of Church.*)

Postlude _____

CHECKLIST for MARRIAGE LITURGY:

MINISTERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE MARRIAGE LITURGY:

- _____ **1. Cantor/Vocalist** – A leader of song that enables and invites the assembly to participate. We strongly encourage you to choose the trained musicians at St. Mary's Church.
- _____ **2. Accompanist/Instrumentalists** – organ, piano, guitar, etc. Someone who can lead the assembly in song effectively and is comfortable with the Catholic Rite.
- _____ **3. Lector** – Select 1 or 2 lectors who can proclaim the Word effectively. They will proclaim the Old and New Testament readings and general intercessions. Lectors should rehearse using the mic that he/she will use for the wedding prior to the wedding rehearsal. Type out the readings and the intercessions and give a copy to these people BEFORE the rehearsal.
- _____ **4. Gift bearers** – Present wine, bread, and water at preparation of gifts.
- _____ **5. Eucharistic Ministers** – If choosing Communion under both forms, these ministers would help distribute to the assembly.
- _____ **6. Hospitality Ministers/Ushers** – Family and friends to welcome and seat guests and hand out programs. We encourage you to **not** use the distinction of bride/groom's side in the seating arrangement. We gather as **one** body to celebrate the uniting of this couple in marriage.

ITEMS TO BRING TO THE REHEARSAL (at the latest):

- _____ **Minnesota marriage license**
- _____ **Copies of the readings and general intercessions**
- _____ **A program of the marriage liturgy**
- _____ **\$100 minimum parish offering** (checks made out to St. Mary's Church)
- _____ **Unity Candle** (if applicable) St. Mary's Church can provide a unity candle holder for use during the liturgy; with silver finish, one pedestal stand for the unity candle, and two side pedestals for the tapers.
- _____ **Necessary items for *Lazo* or *Arras*** (if applicable)
Note: These items are not provided by St. Mary's Church.

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ask questions, contact:
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