GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS

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PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING

This booklet has been prepared to help you plan your wedding celebration at St. Anthony's. We believe that adequate preparation will facilitate your growth in love for God and for each other throughout your married life. We are here to assist you in making your marriage celebration a happy and memorable occasion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Normally a couple should contact the church at least twelve months before any proposed date of marriage. The Pastoral Assistant will want to discuss preparation for marriage courses, the documents required for marriage, and the ceremony itself.

Please Note: The Checklists have been developed to guide you and assist us in helping you prepare for your wedding. Please be prompt and on time.

Refer to resource booklet **CELEBRATING OUR LOVE**

Another good resource is the website **http://www.catholicweddinghelp.com/wedding-planning/wedding-planning.htm**

Please check out the information from the Archdiocese of Edmonton https://caedm.ca/Marriage

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Couples preparing for marriage are required to attend a Catholic marriage preparation course. We offer marriage prep courses twice a year here at St. Anthony's. (In October/November and February/March) We suggest you register as soon as possible as courses tend to fill up well in advance. [The Archdiocese tells us we have the best around].
Other Marriage preps include Engaged Encounters and the online course https://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/LifeandFamily/MarriagePreparation/MarriagePreparationPrograms . *** **No Matter which course you choose** the archdiocese asks that all couples take a 'Prepare Enrich' or 'FOCCUS' survey and conclude with a meeting with a facilitator; St. Anthony's Marriage Prep includes this cost. {Some marriage preps include this cost and for others it is an additional cost.}

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR MARRIAGE

A QUESTIONNAIRE: will be completed with each couple and kept with the marriage papers. This will also assist us in completing our portion of the Government Registration Form. (We start by completing Form 1A and other additional forms as required)

A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM: is required for those who have been baptized. This can be obtained from the church where you were baptized. For a Catholic, the certificate must be issued within six months of the paperwork. For those who are not Catholic, the original certificate may be used.

FORM 2: to be filled out by someone who has known you pretty much your whole life. (Your parents or a sibling) It deals with proof of your freedom to marry and your baptism status.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE: is required in order to comply with government regulations. This may be obtained from any License and Registry Service within three (3) calendar months prior to your wedding date as the license is valid for three months only. This will be signed on the day of your marriage and forwarded to the Bureau of Vital Statistics

OTHER PAPERWORK may be required if either of the couple has previously lived with someone or has been married before. If either party has been previously married, a Declaration of Nullity may be required on the previous marriage. You should not make any plans to marry until you have met with us to determine if this is required that is why we ask you to see us at least a year before your intended marriage date.

INTER FAITH: If the couple is of different faiths, permission is needed from the Bishop's office for the marriage. The couple should discuss how they will practice their faith. The Catholic party must agree to raise their children in the Catholic faith.
The non-Catholic party agrees to support the Catholic party.

MEMBERS OF ANOTHER PARISH: Since a wedding is a celebration of the Church, customarily it takes place in the parish of the bride. If the bride is not Catholic it takes place in the parish of the groom. If neither bride nor groom is a member of St. Anthony's Parish, please contact the Pastoral Assistant to arrange for permission to celebrate your wedding at St. Anthony's Parish.

MEETING WITH THE PRIEST: To confirm that you each come of your own free will and are intending a sacramental marriage. The forms are #1B and #3. The meeting also helps the priest to know you as a couple.

INFORMATION CHANGES: If your phone number or address changes please inform us of the changes.

PLANNING THE CEREMONY

Couples are encouraged to be involved in the planning of the Marriage Ceremony. This includes the selection of readings, prayers, etc. A selection of readings and prayers is included in this booklet. As this is the most important part of your day, please spend time reading over and reflecting on the readings and prayers you select.

The wedding ceremony may be celebrated within Mass or outside of Mass. *The Mass (Eucharist) fully celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage.* We ask each couple to decide with prayerful consideration what is most appropriate to their situation.

Catholic parties should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation a short time (a week or less is recommended) before the marriage.

READERS: You will need two – three readers to proclaim the scripture readings during the ceremony and to read the Prayers of the Faithful. You should choose someone who has read in a liturgical setting and is comfortable reading in public. Provide them with the readings in advance to give them time to prepare. Ask those who have the necessary gifts to proclaim God's word effectively and reverently.

USHERS: Your ushers (women or men) have a number of responsibilities. They make sure everyone is seated in the church before the ceremony begins. They are often called upon to give directions to your guests and must be able to act in case an emergency arises. For this reason, at least two of your ushers must be over 18 years of age. Recommendation: one usher per 50 guests.

RECEIVING LINES are intended as an opportunity to welcome your guests at the reception. *The church must be prepared for the parish Mass following your wedding. Please allow time.*

ORDER OF SERVICE PROGRAMS: Although it is not necessary, you may wish to provide your guests with a program of the wedding celebration. Samples are included at the back of this booklet.
Couples are responsible for preparing the booklet. Please have the ushers remove the programs from the church at the end of the celebration.

RING BEARERS AND FLOWER GIRLS: Young children often become agitated when faced with a church full of people. For this reason, we recommend that if children are to be a part of the wedding party that they be **at least six years of age.**

If a Ring Bearer is used, symbolic rings are to be used and carried in the procession. The rings used for the ceremony are to be carried by the witness (best man).

ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers are not generally required. It is easier if they are regular servers at St. Anthony's.

PLANNING THE MUSIC

Music is an integral part of the worshiping community's Liturgical and Sacramental Celebrations. Music unites and brings together God's people. At a wedding ceremony we are brought together to worship God and thank God for the love that He has made visible to us. With this in mind, *the music that is chosen for your wedding should enable all those assembled to pray.* We suggest choosing your readings first then choose your music to reflect your readings.

The music chosen for your wedding should express a clear relationship to God, not just to you, the couple. You may have the "perfect song" that expresses your love for each other, but if it does not express God's love and call us to worship, it would be more appropriately used at your reception or dance. There is the vertical dimension of our relationship with God, one that is directed heaven ward. ***Only Sacred music (music that reflects the sacred nature of the Sacrament of Marriage) or Liturgical music (found in one of our hymnals) may be used in the wedding ceremony.***

Occasionally, couples planning weddings at St. Anthony's have relatives or friends who are involved in music ministry in other parishes. ****Please contact the office to have ALL musical selections – Not on the list below - approved by the Pastor (or his designate) at least 3 months before your wedding**.

There are some general guidelines we would like you to be aware of before you begin planning.
♦ Recorded music is not permitted in Liturgical celebrations
♦ Only one processional hymn is played for the wedding party procession. – Please note "Here Comes the Bride" is not permitted in Catholic marriage ceremonies. This is not sacred music and is not reflective of the sacrament being celebrated.

SUGGESTED List with YouTube links

Suggested Hymns and where to place them

Seating of Parents

A Parent's Prayer- Steven C. Chapman https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6TvOpMP8g

Any of the Below Prelude music

Opening Hymn (If you have one it must be congregational; i.e. found in the hymnals) Or the words would be on powerpiont

Beginning Today (G&P 463) Ducote https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JobkX2QP4f4

For the Beauty of the Earth (CBW 531) (Dix) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvlV42QvGGc

Glory and Praise to our God (St. A 199) Schutte https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YculmbiRhME

God who Blesses New Beginnings (CBW 626) Hyfrydol https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ljuJXWMv0U

*Lives Brought Together (G&P 462)Schutte*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FpDxfYqtO4

O Bless the Lord (CBW 562) Michaels https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAXgQVVxV90

Sing to the mountains (St. A 199) (Dufford) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDYy2sfCoDs

When Love is Found (CBW 629) O Waly Waly https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjKCwa3vn7g

Where there is love (Haas) – 631 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q09s1lpxzw

Wedding Prayer (St. A 543) Ault/Pizzuti https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06rvYqQXbH8

Processional (usually instrumental)

Traditional

Air: Water Music (Handel) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7U8YVsW9l8U

Arioso in A- J.S. Bach (Different versions available)

Ave Maria – Schubert or Gounod https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrU8RFkerJA *(one version)*

Bells of St. Mary - Adams https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dujyKFQVc4

Canon in D (Pachelbel) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlprozGcs80

Hail This Brightest Day of Days – J.S. Bach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uFCeP6zqa0

Household of Faith – Lamb and Rosasco https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkZrHtrktjg

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S.Bach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc

Meditation from Thais - Massenet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QtGOWemQhY

Minuet (Handel) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPnK4t-2MRg

or **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNsgHMklBWo**

Prelude to Te Deum (Charpentier) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5 MP3Vws

Sheep May Safely Graze – J.S. Bach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlUCRXMM4pE

St. Anthony Chorale (Haydn) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FyL5u-4hlg

The Gift of Love-Hopson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Enwmkx1l550

The Lord's Prayer – Malotte https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcuZnSgDyHM

Trumpet Tune (Purcell) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnjzs6iWjko

Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDdB4oiBpFQ

When Love is Found (CBW 629) O Waly Waly https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjKCwa3vn7g

Contemporary

Blest are They (Haas) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwSkmzw8dY8

Christ, Be Our Light **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhQo XMUtvQ**

Love is the Sunlight (Haas) **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P41aZGneMhA**

*Magnificat (*sung) (Sherman)* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSVbo9ulT14

The Gift of Love – Arr. Hal Hopson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coAicZiBA7s

Where ever you go – David Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAS1NRDrNA8

Responsorial Psalm *Relates directly to the readings you have chosen from the booklet.* Suggestions in booklet

33 - Happy the People Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
33 - Let your Mercy Be on Us Haugen Refrain: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you. 34 - Taste and See Refrain: O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
103 - The Lord is Kind and Merciful Haugen Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful.
128 - Blest are Those who Love You Haugen Refrain: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts Suggestions (must be congregational; i.e. found in the hymnals)

**Select only if Mass is being celebrated.*

All that We Have (St. A 290) Ault https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KieUxLel8C1

Blest are They (CBW 522) Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzCG6xTG8qg

Christ be Our Light (G&P 656) Farrell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhQo XMUtvQ

Companions on the Journey (G&P 566) Landry https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjnP72rxuwo

Servant Song (G&P 550) McGargill https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAOHlkBqsQc

When Love is Found (CBW 629) O Waly Waly https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjKCwa3vn7g

Wherever you Go (G&P 461) Weston Priory https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xbiLyoNG1U

You are the Voice (CBW 576) Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsC UxoCdkM

Communion (must be congregational; i.e. found in the hymnals) **Select only if Mass is being celebrated.*

Behold the Lamb (G&P 524) Willett https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1cX03GGhQ8

Bread for the World (G&P 528) Farrell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NVVr-i8svac

Bread of Life (CBW 597) Farrell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt-rpO65baU

Bread of Life (G&P 520) Cooney https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-7SIaTMgtY

Faith Hope and Love Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qW90zsPsJM

Gift of Finest Wheat (G&P 525) Westendorf/Kruetz https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOjbUR9ZHhw

I am the Bread of Life (St A. 293) Toolan https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX4uC3a7RC8

One Bread One Body (St A. 182) Foley https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oboSmzG4bUg

Seed Scattered and Sown (CBW 604) Feiten https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHhN9QnXhZU

Supper of the Lord (G&P 518) Rosania https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-FtsAXSrMo

Table of Plenty (G&P 530) Schutte https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okAMb ra8Uw

Ubi Caritas (G&P 364) Rosania Ubi caritas – 67 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q6roc7lOTk

Signing of the Register (can be solo) *Or you may select from the Offertory section above or the 'other suggestions' below.*

Ave Maria – Schubert or Gounod https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrU8RFkerJA (one version)

Bridal Prayer Copeland https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIR fTuM3DA

By My Side Porter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WClnYmv1lo

Come and Journey with Me Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt75fYHxFkA

Covenant Hymn/Wherever you go Cooney/Daigle https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPjLPQx1Nhg

Faith Hope and Love Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qW90zsPsJM

For Life and All Its Richness Klusmeier

Hand in Hand – Steve Angrisano https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VA7pmMYRLY

In Love We Choose To Live - Jeanne Cotter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKGL6F6LCnY

Live to be Holy Lawton https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4vSh20lRlo

Love never Fails – David Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wPgos9HU7A

Love which never ends (G&P 465) Sands/Kingsbury https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD6uGYiUgos

Paul's Prayer Fabing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxgmbecr8Y8

Set Me As a Seal Maher https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy TGOeESrw

Wedding Song (There is Love) Stookey https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRo51uCNrAw

When Love is Found (CBW 629) O Waly Waly https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjKCwa3vn7g

Where There is Love (Haas) – 631 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q09s1lpxzw

Wedding Prayer (St. A 543) Ault/Pizzuti https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6rvYqQXbH8

If you chose one of these pieces for your Processional (beginning of liturgy), you must select a different piece for the Recessional (end of liturgy).

***Recessional (Can be instrumental)**

Traditional

Hornpipe/Allegro Maestoso: Water Music Handel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlXwN7q9hFw

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc

Prelude to Te Deum (Charpentier) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws

Trumpet Tune (Purcell) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnjzs6iWjko

Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDdB4oiBpFQ

Contemporary

Allegro Maestoso – Handel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNKyNNb1uOM

Break Forth Into Joy – J.S.Bach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NrFbJmec7Y

Come, Let us Sing Lindh https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tj6YJVfwCW8

Fanfare – Lemmens https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FosLwsToYWg

Hark Ten Thousand Harps & Voices Courtney https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmPPIoDujKo

Hornpipe Finale – Purcell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h4mAceHmrI

March (Suite No.5) – Purcell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUrmw77qkew

May God Bless You (G&P 467) Grieken https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hruhyHeefzo

Rigaudon – Campra https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WStTGPbaHUs

Rondeau – Mouret https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZQG-DZy7uY

The Prince of Denmarke's Marche-Jeremiah Clarke https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1088E6E2fY

You are the Voice (instrumental) Haas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsC_UxoCdkM

Other Suggestions

A Walk in the Forest –Brian Crain https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJW8lZHvnq4

Angels Watching, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqhaEetXASg

Arioso - J.S. Bach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=busdLxl15q8

Blest Are Those Who Love You – 628 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhWE30a693s

Butterfly Waltz – Brian Crain https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K70Ulw-llg4

Companions on the Journey **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDIVWHB8mCo** ***please ignore the crying baby!***

Flesh of My Flesh (Wedding Song) **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQUPTYVjoA1**

God is Love – 473 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM8l3r3koNo

Joyful, joyful, we adore you – 511 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkDK kBojnc

Let There be Love http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= igSri7vayM *I couldn't find one with lyrics and vocals, but hopefully you can kind of put this one together. It's beautiful!*

Like a Seal on Your Heart **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkCRoAmUYZ4**

Love divine – 625 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= hmfqe 8SE1

Marche, (from Water Music)- Handel

Meeting of the Waters **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= -nEW1GNTyA**

Ode To Joy - Beethoven https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbXiKLA58SE

The Bridal Prayer http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TlR fTuM3DA

The Gift of Love, arranged by Hal Hopson **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tY-a1m7tYMQ**

The Prince of Denmarke's Marche-Jeremiah Clarke https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1088E6E2fY

The Wedding Song (There is Love) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZbhrO41Et1

This is the Day **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4W71s4CbuM**

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major – Purcell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXBdX9pzdpA

Canon in D-Pachelbel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlprozGcs80

Vangelis - Hymne **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hls8HB7Nqjw**

Vangelis - Hymne http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFx3a7KfNoc

We praise you, O Lord – 633 CBW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyaPv1MVGyg

NOTE G&P (Glory & Praise) Selections have no pew editions - will have to be displayed on the Screen (powerpoint)

Also
Here is a good link http://www.catholicweddinghelp.com/wedding-planning/07-choose-music.htm#three criteria

This website has some song titles plus links to titles http://www.catholicweddinghelp.com/topics/catholic-wedding-music-list.htm

* This is a list of suggestions; these are not the only songs you can choose. ***If you find other beautiful songs that glorify God*** that you would like to use **Please contact the office to have ALL musical selections not on this list approved by the Pastor (or his designate) at least 3 months before your wedding**.

Music Ministers at St. Anthony's Parish:

1. Verna McFarlane – singer 639-840-3268
2. Anastasia Huculiak – pianist/singer 780-875-0377
3. Cheryl Hall- singer- 780-875-3478
4. Pat Hankey- singer/pianist- 780-875-8985
5. Liezl McLeod – singer – 780-875-0428
6. Linda Quilichini- pianist/singer- 780-875-9040
7. Carla Feist – singer 780-875-9220

} Contact the Parish office For more information

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Wedding shops and florists are in the business of selling flowers and decorations. They are not usually the best people to advise you on what you need to make your wedding ceremony "perfect" in any particular church. Placing large bouquets and candelabra in the sanctuary can restrict the space needed for the ceremony.

During special seasons of the year the church decorations will be more than adequate for your wedding ceremony. If you wish to purchase flowers, we recommend you provide only one large bouquet to be placed in front of (not on) the altar (maximum 2'W X 3'H).

For safety reasons, the use of candelabra in the sanctuary, aisles or attached to the pews, is not permitted. The placing of an arch is not permitted.

UNITY CANDLE: The use of the unity candle is encouraged. Some couples like to use a unity candle as a symbol of their being united in marriage. You are responsible for purchasing the unity candle, tapers and all candle holders. If you intend to use a unity candle please bring it to the rehearsal. Some couples choose to use their baptism candles.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS: Any extra decorations are the responsibility of the couple. Check first to see if there are any other weddings scheduled on your wedding day. You are strongly encouraged to use real flowers.
In addition to corsages, boutonnieres and bouquets, many desire to place floral arrangements in the church. Please observe the following when making arrangements with florist:

1. Floral decoration should never impede the approach to or the encircling of the altar, lectern, table for signing of registration form or any of the ritual movement and action.

2. A floral arrangement may be placed in front of (but never upon) the altar. A floral arrangement may be placed in front of the lectern. The setting up of the stands and vases elsewhere in the area near the altar and lectern is not permitted.

3. As the whole space is to be considered the arena of decoration, a floral arrangement may be placed in the gathering space near the front doors of the church. Such fragrant flowers would be a gracious sign of welcome.

4. If flowers or bows are to be used to decorate the ends of pews, they should be used at regular intervals along the entire length of the aisles, enhancing the whole worship space and the assembly which fills it. Such arrangements should not be limited only to the first several pews, serving as "reserved" signs. Draping of ribbons between any church pews is not permitted. (fire regulations)

All arrangements are to be attached to the ends of pews by hanging them over the ends of each pew with ribbon, elastic or string. **ALL TACKS AND TAPES OF ANY FORM ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. (they damage the pews)** Bows etc. must be removed after the wedding.

5. For safety reasons, the setting up of stands for any candles in the aisle and near the altar (other than those provided by the church) is not permitted.

6. You are encouraged to leave some floral arrangements in the church after the celebration of your wedding. Your flowers will continue to enhance our parish worship, especially at the weekend celebrations.

7. Please use the appropriate containers to dispose of boxes/bags that your floral decorations come in.
PEW BOWS: If you wish to use them they must be attached with string or elastic. Tape may **not** be used on the pews as it removes the finish. They must be removed after the service/mass. **We have found that picnic table clips work well.**

CONFETTI / RICE/FLOWER PETALS

Obviously, confetti/rice/flower petals and birdseed are a serious janitorial problem and can be an environmental concern. Its use inside or outside the church is forbidden - not following this expectation may result in a fee for clean-up being levied on the couple.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

The liturgy during which you celebrate your marriage is a sacred moment of rejoicing in prayer, song and gesture. While we understand your desire to record this moment, we ask you to observe the following so that the sacred joy of this day will not be marred by photo and taping equipment and those who operate it:

1. Since the celebration of marriage is a sacred event, all those attending will be asked to respect that there are only three times permitted for any photo/videos: (a) processional (coming in) (b) signing of the register and (c) recessional (going out). Speak to me regarding the 'official photographer'.

2. Any worship aid (program) which the couple prepares/distributes should contain a note asking all to refrain from pictures/videos during the time of prayer, except at the three permitted times.

3. Photographers/video tapers are not permitted to roam about the church once the liturgy has begun. (Your official photographer could discreetly move during a transitional time.) Please no flash photography outside the three times

listed above. Violations of this will necessitate the priest's corrective announcement during the liturgy- **to be avoided!**

4. Only the lighting already available in the church may be used. No additional lighting may be brought into the church.

5. After the wedding, provided there is no conflict with other scheduled liturgies, the church and/or grounds may be used for other pictures.

THE REHEARSAL

Those directly involved in the wedding ceremony should be present at the rehearsal:

- ♦ The wedding party
- ♦ Readers
- ♦ ushers
- ♦ Parents

Musicians are not involved in the rehearsal. It is intended to be a simple "walk through" of the ceremony and should only take a half an hour.

- Please phone Audrey to plan the rehearsal regarding the procession ahead of time.

Rehearsals are to be within the staff workday. Scheduled for either 2:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. (Schedule with Audrey 1St come gets 1st choice)

PUNCTUALITY: Everyone needs to be on time for the rehearsal as lateness inconveniences many people. Sometime there are other rehearsals scheduled, and so punctuality is an important courtesy.

It is equally important that all concerned be on time for the wedding. Remember, it is neither fashionable nor polite for the bride to arrive late. Bridal parties are asked to arrive at least one half hour in advance.

THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The Entrance Procession shows the special role of the bride and groom in the marriage liturgy. The procession should to be faithful to the nature of marriage, which is a relationship of mutuality between wife and husband. The Bride is not "given away", rather, the couple give themselves to each other in marriage. Therefore, the procession should include both bride and groom and not just one of them.

How often have we heard: "It is bad luck for the groom to see the bride before the wedding ceremony begins"? In ancient times the groom saw what he "bought" only after she was unveiled at the altar. This kind of thinking does not reflect the Christian celebration of Marriage. Therefore, if the bride wears a veil, the veil is lifted once she reaches the front of the church.

What we do should reflect what we believe.

Most couples are nervous prior to the ceremony. Our experience has been that the bride and groom are much more relaxed if they gather together with the bridal party prior to the ceremony. The coffee room will be provided for this purpose.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The following order of procession is recommended for Christian weddings. Any variation should be discussed with the priest or Pastoral Assistant well ahead of the rehearsal. – Please do not choose an order different to those suggested here without first discussing it with us first.
If you have someone who could carry the cross that would be great.

(Option 1)
Bride and Groom (last)
Maid of Honor and Best man
Bridesmaids and Groomsmen
Priest or Deacon (first)
Crossbearer

(Option 2)
Bride and her Parents (last)
Groom and his Parents
Maid of Honor and Best man
Bridesmaids and Groomsmen
Priest or Deacon (first)
Crossbearer

(Option 3)
Bride and Groom (last)
Maid of Honor
Bridesmaids
Best Man
Groomsmen
Priest or Deacon (first)
Crossbearer

FEES FOR WEDDINGS & CONVALIDATIONS

A. **TOTAL FEE:** $450.00

B. **IMMEDIATE & REQUIRED BOOKING FEES**:

50% PAYABLE TOWARDS TOTAL: = $225.00 This payment reserves your time & date till 60 days before your wedding.

C. **REMAINING 50% FEE**

PAYABLE TO "*ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH*" IS REQUIRED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF WEDDING DATE. (If this is not done and someone else requests the same date/time- you could lose your date/time.)

D. **MUSICIANS' FEES:** - Determined by the musician. Please check with them

WHO CAN PRESIDE AT YOUR WEDDING?

Only a Catholic Priest or a Deacon may officiate at Catholic weddings.

CHECK LISTS

PLEASE NOTE: The Checklists have been developed to guide you and assist us in helping you prepare for your wedding. Should you delay in getting paperwork in or in making the appropriate appointments then it is very likely that your wedding could be delayed. Please be ahead of the timeline. Disclaimer- we at St. Anthony's are not responsible if your wedding is delayed because information has not been submitted or if the final meeting with the priest has not taken place in a timely manner so that paperwork can be sent away. If such occurs- wedding deposits will NOT be returned.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

- Meet with Pastoral Assistant and start your paperwork (Fill out the forms) – No marriage can be booked or reserved till this has been done.
- Register for a marriage preparation program.
- Put down a deposit for your wedding and book the date - a deposit secures your spot.
- Request an updated baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptized (Catholic) or copy of original (non-Catholic)

6 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Contact parish musicians to begin planning the music. **Music is to be sacred or liturgical.**
- Select readings and prayers from the booklet "*Celebrating Our Love; Liturgical Resources for Preparing and Celebrating Marriage".*
- Select readers, ushers and Wedding party
- Return any paperwork required, finalize any details with Pastoral Assistant. Discuss order of procession.

3 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Meet with Pastoral Assistant to finalize details. Hand in final choice for readings etc. Fill in back page.
- Make an appointment with Priest to complete required paper work (if you haven't already done so)
- Bring in all your musical selections (include words) to be approved by Melanie or Gigi

2 MONTHS (60 DAYS) BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Schedule the rehearsal usually (2:00 p.m. or 3:30p.m.)
- Prepare and print program (optional)
- Pick up Marriage License at Alberta Registries - and drop off at the church
- Final payment

FOR THE REHEARSAL

- Please remind everyone to arrive early for the rehearsal. Let your wedding party know who is paired with who and the order everyone is entering the church. The best man and maid of honor walk in last. All of this needs to be determined ahead of time as your rehearsal should only last 30 – 40 minutes.
- Only the following are needed for the rehearsal: (do not ask musicians to attend unless you have scheduled extra time for your rehearsal)
- Ushers, readers, wedding party, parents, servers (if required)
- Bring programs (optional) Bring unity candles (optional)

THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING

- Ushers arrive at the church 45 minutes prior to the ceremony
- Bridal party arrives at 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. Please be punctual.

MARRYING ELSEWHERE

If you are marrying in another Catholic Church within Canada or abroad *please have all the requirements completed 4 – 6 months ahead of the above schedule*. In these cases your paperwork goes to the Edmonton Archdiocese and then to the (Arch)Diocese of your wedding and then the church of your wedding.

MARRIAGE VOWS

It is a good idea to memorize your marriage vows.

Option A

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

or Option B

I ___ take you ____ 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, to love and to cherish until death do us part

Exchange of Rings;

___ receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Thank you Lord,
For this wonderful gift of love
which already has brought us so much joy.
Grant that we may continue to love
reverently, patiently, generously,
seeing You in each other.

Guide us in your wisdom to discover each other,
that our understanding and compassion may deepen and mature.
Teach us to forget ourselves and live in each other,
that we may become truly one.

In these hurried days of final preparation,
grant us the peace and calmness
to reflect at times upon the sacramental moment
when You will seal and sanctify our promises,
binding us together in profound intimacy forever
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A BLESSING FOR A WEDDING BANQUET

God and Father of us all,
you are the giver of all good gifts.

We praise and thank you today
for the love you have placed in the hearts of (name) and (name)
and for allowing us to share in that love.

We thank you for the joy we feel
when we gather with friends.
We thank you for the food we are about to share.

Let this banquet be for us
a sign of your constant care.

Bless us, Father, and the food we eat.
Give us grateful hearts to sing your praise.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Guidelines for Readers

Please note that the readers are to be Catholic
Introductory Rites
Entrance Procession
Opening prayers
At this time – The Presider (priest/deacon) will indicate the **FIRST READING** - please approach the altar, bow, come to the microphone and proclaim your reading. When finished, proceed down the steps, turn to face the altar, bow, and return to your seat.

Psalm - someone from the choir will approach the altar and sing the psalm

At this time – The Presider (priest/deacon) will indicate the **SECOND READING** - please approach the altar, bow, come to the microphone and proclaim your reading. When finished, proceed down the steps, turn to face the altar, Bow, and return to your seat.

The priest/deacon will then proclaim the Gospel and Homily (then the creed).

After the vows the Presider (priest/deacon) will indicate that it is time for the **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**, this reader will please approach the altar, bow, come to the microphone and read these prayers. When finished, proceed down the steps, turn to face the altar, bow, and return to your seat.

For a Mass
Father will close the liturgy of the word with a short prayer….**IF YOU ARE HAVING FAMILY MEMBERS BRING UP THE GIFTS**, please have them go to the table near the baptismal font when the reader is going up to read the prayers of intercession, (where the wine decanter and ciborium will be.) After the prayer of Intercession, Take the decanter and ciborium and proceed toward the altar to give them to Father, shake Father's hand, bow and then be seated.

HINT for the reader
Practice your reading – almost to the point where you have it memorized.
Use inflection in your voice.
Read slowly – if you think it is slow, then it's probably the correct speed.

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The Wedding celebration of
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And
Jane Susan Jones
Saturday, May 5, 2022
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Presider: Rev. Fr. Joseph Smith

Processional:	"Canon in D"
First Reading	Genesis 2: 1 – 13 Ashley Jones (Cousin of the Bride)
Responsorial Psalm:	"Let All The Earth Rejoice"
Second Reading:	Colossians 1: 12 – 17 Kim White (Friend of the couple)
Gospel:	John 15: 9 – 12
Homily:	Rev. Fr. Joseph Smith

Exchange of Vows and Blessing of Rings

Lighting of the Unity Candle

General Intercessions Alice Doe (sister of Groom)

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Signing of the Register "God is Love"

Closing Blessing

Recessional	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Parents	John and Mary Doe Garth and Zeida Jones
Maid of Honor	Suzy Jones

Sample 1 continued……

Bridesmaids	Alice Green Jodi Black
Best Man	Jim Wolf
Groomsmen	George O'Hara Michael Smith
Accompanist	Jane Black
Soloist	Mabel Green
Ushers	Bruce Getz John Jacobs

Pictures / Videos are only permitted three times
(a) processional (coming in) (b) signing of the register (c)recessional (going out).
Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Thank you for sharing this
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Bringing up the gifts	Parents of the bride and the groom
Communion Hymn:	"Come Let Us Sing"
Signing of the Register	"God is Love"

Closing Blessing

Recessional	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Parents	John and Mary Doe

Garth and Zeida Smith

Sample 2 continued……

Maid of Honor	Suzy Jones
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Information for Wedding (Music and reading selections) – Please bring to the church 2-3 months before the wedding

Of _____ and _____

Date _____ Time: _____

REHEARSAL 2:00p.m. or 3:30 p.m. (Usually the Friday before. Confirm time with Audrey - 2 months prior)

Wedding **Mass** or **Service***

- *** 1 - 2 adult servers** _____ and _____ One carries in the cross.
- *** Musicians**:_____ *Sing Psalm between first and second reading*. Sing Allelulia before the Gospel. All hymns/songs (lyrics) must be Sacred or liturgical and be submitted to the Pastor for approval asap.
- **** Processional:*** _____
- *** First (OT) reading (P. 16-25)**: _____ Read By _____
- **** Psalm*** **(Normally Sung) (P. 26-32) _____ Sung/read by _____**
- *** Second Reading (NT) (P. 33 – 42)** : _____ Read by: _____
- **** Alleluia (*normally sung)** _____ (Sung before Gospel)
- *** Gospel Reading (P. 44 – 53)** : _____ **Father reads**
- *** Prayers of Intercession (P. 64 – 68)**: A #____ B # ____ C # ____ D # ____ E # _____ F # ____ Read by: _____
- **Bringing up the gifts (bread & wine)** (Who) _____
- ***Offertory Hymn:*** _____
- ***Communion Hymn:*** _____
- **** Signing of the Register*** _____
- **** Recessional Hymn*** _____

Bring this completed form to the office 1½ – 2 months before your wedding.

For reading choices you can use the resource (available to borrow from St St. Anthony's)
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How would you like to be introduced? _____