



MARRIAGE AND WEDDING PREPARATION

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***“The love of a man and a woman
is made holy in the sacrament of marriage
and becomes the mirror of God’s everlasting love.”***

– Rite of Marriage

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General Requirements

Congratulations on your engagement! May this be a season of grace and heavenly blessing. You are coming to the Catholic Church to be married. A Catholic wedding is so much more than a social event. It is a sacrament in which a man and woman become husband and wife in the presence of God, the wedding officiant, and your family and friends. From the Rite of Marriage: *“Dear friends, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church’s minister and this community.”*

The staff at the Cathedral of Saint Paul will assist you as you plan for this momentous and sacred day. That preparation will reflect the principles that govern Catholic liturgical celebrations.

ELIGIBLE WEDDING COUPLES:

To be married at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic, and registered at a parish. Both parties must be free to marry in the Catholic Church.

SCHEDULING A WEDDING:

To inquire about scheduling a wedding at the Cathedral, one person of the engaged couple can contact the Wedding Director at 651.357.1353. Please note that the Wedding Director must speak with the couple directly. Weddings cannot be scheduled with families of the couple, or with a wedding consultant.

WEDDING TIMES:

Wedding celebrations are scheduled as follows:

- ◇ 6 p.m. Friday
- ◇ 11 a.m. Saturday
- ◇ 2 p.m. Saturday

WEDDING FEES:

The Wedding Director will determine the wedding fee. The services of four Cathedral of Saint Paul staff are included with the wedding fee:

1. security person
2. wedding coordinator
3. organist
4. cantor [song leader]

The wedding fee also includes the preparation and printing of wedding programs.

Parishioners of the Cathedral of Saint Paul are in the pastoral care of the parish; therefore there is no additional charge for the priest or deacon.

PAYMENT:

Payment in full is required at the time the wedding is scheduled. Check or credit card payment is accepted.

1. If paying by check, please mail the check to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Please put the names of the engaged couple and the wedding date on the memo line of the check.
2. If paying by credit card, please call the Wedding Director.

Please read the *Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Policy* prior to making payment. Payment is received as agreement to adhere to the *Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Policy*.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If your wedding is cancelled more than six months prior to the date, the payment will be refunded in full. Any cancellation less than six months in advance will be reviewed.

DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

A \$250 damage deposit is required with your wedding fee. This deposit is returned if:

- ◇ the Cathedral is left in good order
- ◇ the wedding party honored the allotted time frame
- ◇ the couple adhered to the *Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Policy*.

WEDDING PRESIDER [OFFICIANT]:

- ◇ A priest or deacon from the Cathedral of Saint Paul will be assigned to preside at your wedding.
- ◇ Parishioners who would like to request a particular Cathedral priest or deacon are welcome to submit the request to the Wedding Director.
- ◇ If the couple would like a priest from another parish to preside at the wedding, the couple may submit the request to the Wedding Director.

PRESIDER QUALIFICATIONS:

Catholic priests or deacons preside at weddings at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. To preside at a wedding at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, a priest or deacon must be in good standing with his diocese and provide proper documentation to the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

GUEST PRESIDERS AND THE WEDDING CELEBRATION:

A Catholic wedding Mass or ceremony must comply with the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and must be in keeping with the Cathedral of Saint Paul's wedding policies and celebration format.

A member of the Cathedral of Saint Paul staff will conduct the rehearsal; guest Presiders are respectfully requested to comply with the directions of the Cathedral staff. Requests for ceremony adaptations, however minor, must be made in writing to the Wedding Director no less than one month prior to the wedding date. All final decisions regarding weddings at the Cathedral of Saint Paul are the responsibility of the Rector.

CHECK LIST FOR GUEST PRESIDERS AND PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

- ◇ Issue a "letter of intent" to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The letter states that the priest or deacon will oversee the marriage preparation, will file the correct paperwork with the Archdiocese and the state of Minnesota, and will preside at the wedding. The letter must include the date and time of your wedding.
 - For example: "This letter confirms that I, Fr. Bill Smith, will oversee the marriage preparation for Suzy Jones and Joe Burns. I will preside at their wedding at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on June 1, 2010 at 2 p.m. I will also file the correct documents with the Archdiocese and the State of Minnesota."
 - Send the letter of intent to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
 - If the officiant is not a priest or deacon from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, he must include a copy of his *celebret*, or other documentation that confirms he is a priest or deacon in good standing.
- ◇ If the officiant is not a priest or deacon from the state of Minnesota, the Cathedral of Saint Paul will coordinate the filing of his credentials with the state of Minnesota.
 - The filing fee is included with your payment.

- ◇ If someone other than the Cathedral of Saint Paul is overseeing the marriage preparation, the party overseeing the preparation is required to provide the following completed documents to the Cathedral of Saint Paul no less than one month before the wedding date:
 1. Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire [with seal of Chancery, if required]
 2. Dispensation Forms [if required]
 3. Freedom to Marry [if required]
 4. Baptismal Certificates [Baptismal certificate of Catholics must be issued no more than six months prior to the wedding date.]
 5. Marriage License [Marriage license must be issued no more than six months before the wedding date.]
 6. Certificate of Completion from a marriage preparation program
 7. Certificate or letter of completion from a Natural Family Planning course
 8. Other forms as indicated by the circumstance

Please be advised that no wedding can take place at the Cathedral of Saint Paul without the above documents properly completed and submitted to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul one month prior to the wedding date.

- ◇ It is the responsibility of the couple and the officiant to ensure that the Cathedral of Saint Paul receives the documents one month before the wedding.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

All couples marrying at the Cathedral of Saint Paul must attend the Cathedral's Wedding Workshop held on the second Saturdays of the even months of the year from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The couples must attend the workshop at least six months prior to their wedding date. The cost of the workshop is included with your fee.

The marriage preparation is as follows:

1. **Individual Preparation:** At the wedding workshop, couples take a pre-marriage communication inventory called, "FOCCUS." This inventory becomes the basis for their pre-marriage counseling. This preparation is included with the fee. For couples who are completing their marriage preparation at their own parish, the FOCCUS results from the Wedding Workshop will be sent to the person overseeing their preparation.
2. **"Pre-Cana" retreat:** Couples preparing for marriage in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are required to attend what is commonly referred to as a "Pre-Cana retreat." The Archdiocesan program called, "*Living God's Love*," is a blending of spiritual and practical marriage preparation. This preparation is not included with the fee. The cost of this program is \$90 or \$125, depending on which sessions are chosen. Couples may sign up for this retreat at any time; they do not have to wait until they have secured a wedding date.
3. **Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes:** Artificial birth control is not an option for Catholics. Natural Family Planning offers a scientific, moral, and healthy means to delay or achieve pregnancy. Couples marrying at the Cathedral of Saint Paul are required to take Natural Family Planning Classes (NFP). This preparation is not included with the fee. However, some medical insurance programs do cover the cost of NFP classes. Couples may sign up for these classes at any time; they do not have to wait until they have secured a wedding date.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

Consider your engagement as an opportunity to deepen your faith, and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. A sacrament is an encounter with God that imparts grace. Prepare your heart to receive the grace of God on your wedding day in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Come and worship with your faith community – we look forward to joining you in prayer. The Cathedral of Saint Paul Mass and Reconciliation schedule is as follows:

Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

- ◇ Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
- ◇ Saturday: 8 a.m., 7 p.m. (Vigil)
- ◇ Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- ◇ Monday-Thursday: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- ◇ Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR COUPLES:

Couples marrying at the Cathedral of Saint Paul are required to have the following documentation on file with the Wedding Director one month prior to their wedding.

- ◇ Certificate of Completion from "Pre-Cana" retreat
- ◇ Certificate from NFP instructor
- ◇ Baptismal certificate:
 - Catholics: You must contact your parish of baptism to obtain a recent copy of your baptismal certificate. The copy must be no more than six months old. Have the certificate sent to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
 - Other Christian faiths: You may provide any copy of your baptismal certificate.
- ◇ Marriage license:
 - You must obtain a recent marriage license valid in the state of Minnesota. "Recent" is defined as less than six months old.
 - You may apply for a marriage license at any county office in Minnesota.
 - The marriage license must be delivered to the Cathedral of Saint Paul no less than one month before the wedding.
 - Reduced Fee Form: The state of Minnesota gives a reduced Marriage License fee to couples who have completed 12 hours of pre-marriage counseling.
 - Completing the "Pre-Cana" retreat and the Natural Family Planning classes satisfies the 12-hour requirement. Once completed, contact the Wedding Director at the Cathedral to obtain the Reduced Fee Form.
- ◇ Completed Ceremony Planning Sheets
- ◇ Other documents:
 - Other documents may be required depending on the status of the parties.
 - The Wedding Director will inform couples if any additional documents are required.

Planning Your Wedding Celebration

The staff of the Cathedral of Saint Paul will work with the couple to plan a wedding celebration that is meaningful, beautiful, and in keeping with the best of Catholic liturgy, theology, and spirituality. A couple's wedding service celebrates the love they have for one another; the service also celebrates the love they have for God, for their families, and for the community. A Catholic worship service is communal; a couple's choices must invite and make it possible for their families and friends to fully enter the celebration. Above all else, a Catholic wedding Mass or ceremony gives glory to God.

WEDDING MASS OR WEDDING CEREMONY:

When two practicing Catholics marry, they celebrate the Rite of Marriage within a Mass. When a Catholic and a person of another faith marry, they celebrate the Rite of Marriage within a Liturgy of the Word, ensuring that their family and friends can comfortably participate.

PLANNING THE WEDDING CELEBRATION:

A Wedding Celebration Planning Form is included with the materials received at the Cathedral's Wedding Workshop.

- ◇ The readings for the wedding Mass and ceremony can be found on pages 17 - 45.
- ◇ The music for the wedding celebration can be found on a music CD that is included with the materials received at the wedding workshop. The music can also be listened to online at the Cathedral of Saint Paul website: www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

FAMILIES OF ENGAGED COUPLES:

Families of engaged couples often enjoy participating in the planning process. Please note that the Cathedral cannot make arrangements with the families of the engaged couple, but only with the couple directly.

The Cathedral of Saint Paul respectfully requests that families of engaged couples direct their questions to the couple, rather than the Cathedral staff. The Cathedral staff will not comment on arrangements made by engaged couples. Families are welcome to download and read the Cathedral of Saint Paul wedding policy.

CHOOSING READINGS

Couples are asked to prayerfully review the Old Testament, Responsorial Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel readings on pages 17 - 45, select readings for the ceremony, and enter them on the "Wedding Planning Sheet." The wedding celebration is an opportunity for families and friends of the couple to learn the values about love and marriage that the engaged couple holds most dear. Selecting readings is much more than, "I always liked that bible passage," but rather, "This reading best captures what we want to say about love." The readings then become a compass of sorts, directing the spiritual message of the wedding ceremony.

CHOOSING PRAYERS

With the selection of readings entered on the "Wedding Celebration Planning Sheet," the couple then selects prayers that compliment their readings. The "Wedding Celebration Planning Sheet" presents several opportunities for couples to choose prayers.

If a couple is interested, they may also compose the "Prayers of the Faithful." Please see the "Wedding Planning Sheet," and page 48 for a guide.

MUSIC:

The Cathedral of Saint Paul upholds the Catholic Church's guidelines regarding appropriate music for all liturgical celebrations, including weddings.

Music and musicians for all celebrations at the Cathedral of Saint Paul are provided exclusively by the Cathedral music department.

Once the engaged couple has:

- ◇ had the initial meeting with their Presider
- ◇ selected readings for their wedding celebration

they are invited to contact the music department of the Cathedral of Saint Paul to schedule a consultation to review music selections, and to discuss the wedding ceremony. It is most helpful if this meeting takes place at least two months prior to the wedding.

A compact disc of wedding music is included with the materials distributed at the wedding workshop.

- ◇ If a couple would like a musical piece that is not on the list, they may discuss this with the music department at the consultation.
- ◇ Please be advised that only sacred music is permitted before, during, and after the wedding celebration at the Cathedral.
- ◇ Please return the wedding music CD to the Cathedral music department at the time of the consultation appointment.

The services of a cantor and organist are included with your wedding fee.

- ◇ Requests for a specific Cathedral cantor or organist may be made to the music department at the consultation.
- ◇ Arrangements for additional Cathedral musicians [violin, trumpet, brass ensemble, string quartet, etc.] may be made for additional fees. Please discuss this at the consultation.

ADAPTATIONS TO WEDDING CEREMONY:

Adaptations to the Cathedral of Saint Paul "Wedding Planning Sheet," however minor, may not take place without the expressed consent of the Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Requests for adaptations must be made in writing to the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Wedding Party and Ceremony Participants

WEDDING ATTIRE:

When choosing wedding attire, your choice must reflect the dignity of Christian marriage.

Some styles are more appropriate for evening wear than they are for a sacred event held in a holy place. All wedding attire worn in the Cathedral of Saint Paul must be modest. Low necklines and high slits are not in keeping with appropriate guidelines for a religious service.

Suits or tuxedos worn by groomsmen must be appropriate for a religious service as well, and not detract from it. "Costume" style tuxedos or accessories are not appropriate for a sacred event held in a holy place.

BEST MAN AND MAID OF HONOR [WITNESSES]:

Minnesota state law dictates that the official witnesses, the Best Man and Maid of Honor, must be at least sixteen years of age. Please choose a man to serve as Best Man and a woman to serve as Maid [Matron] of Honor.

Other wedding party members may be any age. [Please see "Children in the Wedding Party" page 10.]

BRIDESMAIDS AND GROOMSMEN:

The bridal party ought to comprise family and friends who love the couple and will support them as husband and wife. Couples are advised that elaborate and large wedding parties and processions are not recommended.

Ushers:

It is necessary to have ushers in addition to groomsmen. Groomsmen are often busy with photographs as the guests are arriving and are therefore unable to seat them. Ushers are also able assist at the beginning and end of the ceremony. Our recommendation is to have one usher per fifty guests.

CHILDREN IN THE WEDDING PARTY, RING BEARERS, FLOWER GIRLS:

Children in the wedding party should be at least six years of age. Experience has shown that children find it difficult to walk down the aisle at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Little ones often experience the Cathedral as a large and disorienting place. Often their parents are in the wedding party and are not available to assist their children, or to calm them if they are nervous or frightened. If children are included in the wedding party, please be mindful of their unique needs and plan accordingly.

- ◇ Flower Girl [one only, please]: Please note that flower petals may not be strewn on the floor.
- ◇ Ring Bearer [one only, please]: Please do not put the wedding rings on the pillow carried by the ring bearer. The best man and/or maid of honor should be responsible for the rings.

READERS:

The wedding celebration can include up to three readers at the liturgy. The couple has the following options for readers:

- ◇ one person for the first reading, one for the second reading and one for the Prayers of the Faithful
- ◇ one person reads the first and second readings and the Prayers of the Faithful
- ◇ one person reads the first reading, one person reads the second reading, and the Presider reads the Prayers of the Faithful.

Readers for the Old Testament and New Testament readings must be Catholic. The reader for the Prayers of the Faithful may be Catholic or of another Christian faith.

When choosing readers, please choose people who have had experience with reading in their own parish or church and who can confidently proclaim the Word of God.

Readers should plan on attending the wedding rehearsal. Engaged couples are asked to provide readers with a copy of “their” reading. Copies can be made from the “Readings” portion of this booklet.

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS:

If a couple is celebrating with a wedding Mass, there is opportunity to include two people to bring up the gifts [bread and wine] at the Preparation of the Altar, and one to two people to assist with distributing Holy Communion. People who distribute Communion must be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their own parishes and provide documentation to the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

ADDITIONAL CATHOLIC CLERGY:

Should the engaged couple have Catholic priests or deacons among their family and friends, the couple is most welcome to invite the clergyman to participate in the ceremony. The priest or deacon can contact the Wedding Director at the Cathedral of Saint Paul to make arrangements.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS:

We welcome ordained women and men of faith to the wedding celebration. As this is a Catholic celebration, it is not appropriate for a non-Catholic minister to vest. A wonderful opportunity to include an ordained friend or family member is at the “Prayers of the Faithful,” which leads the community in prayer for the couple.

WEDDING CONSULTANTS AND PERSONAL ATTENDANTS:

If you are utilizing the services of a wedding consultant, please advise him or her that the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony are the responsibility of Cathedral of Saint Paul staff. Wedding consultants and personal attendants are expected to follow the directives of the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Wedding Rehearsal

REHEARSAL:

The Wedding Director, or the Presider of your wedding will schedule the wedding rehearsal. The rehearsal lasts one hour; it will start and end on time, so please plan accordingly. The rehearsal is not a social event, but its purpose is to assist the wedding party with understanding their role at the ceremony, so that on the wedding day, all can fully participate.

Those who attend the rehearsal are those who have a role in the wedding celebration. They are:

- ◇ Bride and Groom
- ◇ Maid of Honor and Best Man
- ◇ Bridesmaids
- ◇ Groomsmen
- ◇ Ring Bearer and Flower Girl
- ◇ Parents [those who will be in the procession or the wedding ceremony]
- ◇ Ushers
- ◇ Readers
- ◇ Gift Bearers
- ◇ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All others [spouses, significant others, family members who do not have a role in the ceremony, out of town guests, etc.] should meet the couple at the rehearsal dinner site rather than attend the rehearsal.

WEDDING COORDINATOR:

The Cathedral Wedding Coordinator will be present at the rehearsal as well as on the day of the ceremony. The Wedding Coordinator will set up for your wedding, will keep the celebration running smoothly, and serve as a liaison between the Cathedral and your wedding party.

On Your Wedding Day

When you arrive at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on your wedding day, you are entering holy ground; the Cathedral requests that the activity before, during, and after your wedding be in keeping with her peaceful and prayerful environment. Jesus Christ dwells here. May His presence fill you with peace and joy on your wedding day.

YOUR SCHEDULE ON YOUR WEDDING DAY:

- ◇ 6 p.m. Friday Wedding:
 - 4:30 p.m. Bride's Room is open, photographer may begin set up
 - 6:00 p.m. Ceremony begins
 - 7:30 p.m. Photos conclude
- ◇ 11 a.m. Saturday Wedding:
 - 9:30 a.m. Bride's Room is open, photographer may begin set up
 - 11 a.m. Ceremony begins
 - 12:30 p.m. Photos conclude
- ◇ 2 p.m. Saturday Wedding:
 - 12:30 p.m. Bride's Room is open, photographer may begin set up
 - 2 p.m. Ceremony begins
 - 3:30 p.m. Photos conclude

Please note the following:

- ◇ The times listed above include the use of the Cathedral of Saint Paul grounds.
- ◇ It will not be to your advantage to arrive early; photographers and florists will not be permitted to set up and the Bride's room will not be unlocked before these specified times.
- ◇ Please do not bring wedding and bridesmaid gowns to the Cathedral the evening before the wedding. The Cathedral of Saint Paul cannot assume responsibility for them.

BRIDE'S ROOM:

A room for the use of the bride and her attendants is available in the lower church off the main corridor. Hair and make-up must be done elsewhere; this room is for dressing and for "touch-ups."

All personal belongings and trash must be removed from the Bride's Room prior to the wedding ceremony. Please assign someone to ensure that this room is clean and clear of all personal belongings before your ceremony begins.

A washroom is adjacent to the Bride's Room.

GROOM:

The Cathedral of Saint Paul is unable to provide a room for the groomsmen to dress.

FLOWERS:

Your florist may deliver your wedding flowers no more than ninety minutes before the start of your wedding. The flowers must be delivered directly to the Cathedral building, and not to the parish office. Please schedule someone to receive delivery of your flowers. Please note that the Cathedral staff cannot receive delivery of flowers or assume responsibility for them.

It is most efficient if the flowers are delivered to the vestibule. Once the flowers are distributed, the florist must clear away the floral boxes, paper, and debris.

Floral arrangements in the Church:

- ◇ Sanctuary: one floral arrangement may be placed in front of the main altar and/or two floral arrangements may be placed next to the high altar.
- ◇ Church body: It is permitted to have two additional floral arrangements in the church. These are placed on stands in the cross aisle.

Please do not plan on having any other floral arrangements in the church. Any floral arrangements used at a wedding must be left in the Sanctuary after the ceremony.

Please note: it is not permissible to hang decorations of any kind.

PEW DECORATIONS AND AISLE DECORATIONS:

If you will be using pew decorations, you must use pew clips or ribbons to attach them. No tape or any other material of any kind which could damage the pews is permitted. The decorations must be removed immediately after the celebration.

Aisle decorations must not obstruct your guests from entering and exiting the pews, and must be removed immediately after the celebration.

AISLE RUNNER:

The use of an aisle runner is not permitted.

UNITY CANDLE:

The lighting of a unity candle during the ceremony is permitted, but not recommended. Couples who choose to include this ritual must provide the candles and the holders for the candles.

OTHER CANDLE:

Candles have special significance in Catholic liturgical celebrations. Candles are present at the tabernacle, the altar, and the pulpit to represent the light of Christ. Except for the Unity Candle, no other candles are added to the sanctuary or assembly area. This includes any candelabras of any sort.

BUBBLES, RICE, BIRDSEED, CONFETTI, ETC.:

Throwing rice, birdseed, “environmentally friendly” confetti, bubbles, bird release, or any other after ceremony “extras” is not in keeping with the sacred liturgical activity; therefore, they are not permitted at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

GUEST BOOK: AND RECEIVING LINES

Please plan on setting up your guest book and receiving line at your reception site rather than at the Cathedral. To preserve the sacred environment, a “pew by pew” release is not permitted.

WEDDING PROGRAM

The Cathedral of Saint Paul will assist you with the preparation of the Wedding Program. You will be asked to provide information on the Bridal party and family/friends taking part in the wedding.

FOOD AND DRINK:

If you choose to have refreshments available for your wedding party, please keep them to a minimum [i.e., simple snacks and bottled water]. Food and drink are permitted in the lower hallway only. Food and drink in the worship area is not permitted. Please be mindful that those who will be receiving Holy Communion at the Wedding Mass are required to fast 60 minutes prior to doing so.

CELLULAR TELEPHONES:

Use of cellular telephones in the Cathedral of Saint Paul is not allowed.

NO SMOKING POLICY:

Smoking is not permitted in the Cathedral of Saint Paul or on the premises.

NO ALCOHOL POLICY:

No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted on church premises before, during or after the wedding or rehearsal. This includes the parking area. Should alcohol be discovered, or if any member of the wedding party is under the influence of alcohol, the wedding will be cancelled.

SECURITY:

Please do not leave any unsupervised valuables anywhere in the church, including the Bride's Room. Do not leave valuables in cars where they can be seen. The Cathedral is not responsible for the loss or theft of any personal belongings.

TOURISTS AND VISITORS:

The Cathedral of Saint Paul is not closed during a wedding celebration. It is possible that tourists and visitors may enter the Cathedral during a Wedding Celebration. Every effort is made by the Cathedral staff to ensure that these arrivals do not disturb the wedding celebration.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY:

A copy of these guidelines is in a separate brochure. Please give this to this wedding photographer.

Photographers and videographers may begin to set up 90 minutes prior to the start of the wedding.

- ◇ They may arrive earlier to view the building, but may not begin set up until 90 minutes prior to the wedding.
- ◇ Please note that this policy includes the use of the Cathedral grounds as well as the inside of the building.

Wedding photos are successfully completed within this time frame if the families and the wedding party remain available and near the area where the photos are being taken.

The sanctuary is a sacred space.

- ◇ Cameras are not permitted within the sanctuary – there are no exceptions.
- ◇ Photographers may pose the wedding party and families on the sanctuary stairs in front of the altar, and nowhere else in the sanctuary. Please do not sit on the Communion Rail or use it for posing for pictures.

Before the Wedding Ceremony:

- ◇ Photographers and videographers may set up in the church 90 minutes prior to the ceremony. Set up may not begin before this time.
- ◇ Photos must be completed within 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. This includes photos on the Cathedral grounds, in the Bride's Room, etc.

During the Ceremony:

- ◇ Flash may be used during the processional and recessional only.
- ◇ Flash photography during the ceremony is prohibited.
- ◇ During the ceremony, the photographer(s) must remain behind the seated guests, and they are asked to refrain from obtrusive or disruptive movement during the wedding.
- ◇ Videographers are asked to remain stationary during the wedding.

After the Ceremony:

- ◇ All photography must be completed within your allotted time per Cathedral policies.

Notes:

- ◇ There are few electrical outlets in the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
- ◇ Photography from the gallery (choir loft) is prohibited.

The Cathedral of Saint Paul respectfully requests that the photographer:

- ◇ Cooperate with the spiritual nature of the wedding celebration.
- ◇ Remain respectful of the sacred environment that is the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
- ◇ Work within the guidelines presented here.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL CHECKLIST:

Please assign a friend or family member to ensure that the Cathedral of Saint Paul is left in good order. Cathedral staff will be available to assist with the clean up.

- ◇ Bride's room clean before ceremony begins
- ◇ Wedding programs collected
- ◇ Floral boxes, floral paper, and debris removed
- ◇ Decorations removed
- ◇ Floral arrangements removed
- ◇ Food /drink in downstairs hallway removed
- ◇ Any items left behind picked up
- ◇ Unity Candle picked up
- ◇ Bridal party adhered to the allotted time

Wedding Liturgy Preparation

Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-1 - GENESIS 1:26-28, 31

A reading from the book of Genesis

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 man 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.

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #801-2 - GENESIS 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

The word of the Lord.

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Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-3 - GENESIS 24:48-51, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:
"Then I bowed down in worship to the LORD,
blessing the LORD, the God of my master Abraham,
who had led me on the right road
to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.
If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know;
but if not, let me know that, too.
I can then proceed accordingly."
Laban and his household said in reply:
"This thing comes from the LORD;
we can say nothing to you either for or against it.
Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you,
that she may become the wife of your master's son,
as the LORD has said."
So they called Rebekah and asked her,
"Do you wish to go with this man?"
She answered, "I do."
At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave,
along with Abraham's servant and his men.
Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:
"Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads;
and may your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!"
Then Rebekah and her maids started out;
they mounted their camels and followed the man.
So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.
Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi
and was living in the region of the Negeb.
One day toward evening he went out. . . in the field,
and as he looked around,
he noticed that camels were approaching.
Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him,
she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,
"Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?"
"That is my master," replied the servant.
Then she covered herself with her veil.
The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done.
Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent;
he married her, and thus she became his wife.
In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

The word of the Lord.

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Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-4 - TOBIT 7:9-10, 11-15

A reading from the book of Tobit

Raguel sprang up and kissed him, shedding tears of joy.
But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight, he was grieved and wept aloud.
He said to Tobiah: "My child, God bless you!
You are the son of a noble and good father.
But what a terrible misfortune that such a righteous and charitable man
should be afflicted with blindness!"
He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah.
His wife Edna also wept for Tobit; and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.
Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock and gave them a cordial reception.
When they had bathed and reclined to eat, Tobiah said to Raphael,
"Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah."
Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy:
"Eat and drink and be merry tonight,
for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother.
Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you,
because you are my closest relative. But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.
I have given her in marriage to seven men,
all of whom were kinsmen of ours, and all died on the very night they approached her.
But now, son, eat and drink. I am sure the Lord will look after you both."
Tobiah answered, "I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs to me."
Raguel said to him: "I will do it.
She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses.
Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven!
Take your kinswoman; from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved.
She is yours today and ever after.
And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both.
May he grant you mercy and peace."
Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.
He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:
"Take her according to the law.
According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife.
Take her and bring her back safely to your father.
And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity."
He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,
so that he might draw up a marriage contract
stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law.
Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract,
to which they affixed their seals.
Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The Word of the Lord.

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Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-5 - TOBIT 8:4B-8

A reading from the book of Tobit

their wedding night Sarah got up,
and she and Tobiah 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."

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #801-6 - PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

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 cloth with skillful hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply 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.

The word of the Lord.

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Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-7 - SONG OF SONGS 2:8-10, 14, 16; 8:6-7

A reading from the Song of Songs

Hark! my lover -
here he comes springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills.
My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Here he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices.
My lover speaks; he says to me,
"Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!
"For see, the winter is past,
the rains are over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of pruning the vines has come,
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.
Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!
"O my dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff, let me see you,
let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely."
My lover belongs to me and I to him.
He said to me:
set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm;
for stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.

The word of the Lord.

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Old Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #801-8 - SIRACH 26:1-4, 13-16

A reading from the book of Sirach

Happy 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 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 person.
Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens,
the beauty of a virtuous wife
is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #801-9 - JEREMIAH 31:31-32, 33-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt.
But this is the covenant
which I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the LORD.
I will place my law within them,
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and kinsmen
how to know the LORD.
All,
from least to greatest,
shall know me,
says the LORD

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-1 - ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-2 [LONG FORM] - ROMANS 12:1-2, 9-18

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I urge you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God,
your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.
Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.
Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.
Bless those who persecute (you),
bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Have the same regard for one another;
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;
do not be wise in your own estimation.
Do not repay anyone evil for evil;
be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.
If possible, on your part,
live at peace with all.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-2 [SHORT FORM] - ROMANS 12:1-2, 9-13

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I urge you therefore, brothers,

by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God,
your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #802-3 - ROMANS 15.1B-3A, 5-7, 13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

We who are strong
ought to put up with the failings of the weak
and not to please ourselves;
let each of us please our neighbor 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.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-4 - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

The body, however, is not for immorality,
but for the Lord,
and the Lord is for the body;
God raised the Lord
and will also raise us by his power.
Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord
becomes one spirit with him.
Avoid immorality.
Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,
but the immoral person sins against his own body.
Do you not know that your body
is a temple of the holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God,
and that you are not your own?
For you have been purchased at a price.
Therefore, glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #802-5 - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:8

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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 everything I own,
and if I hand my body over
so that I may boast but do not have love,
I gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-6 [LONG FORM] - EPHESIANS 5:2, 21-33

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us.
Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.
For the husband is head of his wife
just as Christ is head of the church,
he himself the savior of the body.
As the church is subordinate to Christ,
so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.
Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ loved the church
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,
that he might present to himself the church in splendor,
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.
So (also) husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the church,
because we are members of his body.
"For this reason a man shall leave (his) father and (his) mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh."
This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.
In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,
and the wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-6 [SHORT FORM] - EPHESIANS 5:2, 25-32

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

in love,
as Christ loved us
and handed himself over for us.
Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ loved the church
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,
that he might present to himself
the church in splendor,
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.
So (also) husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the church,
because we are members of his body.
"For this reason a man shall leave (his) father and (his) mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh."
This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ
and the church.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-7 - PHILIPPIANS 4.4-9

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any 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.

The Word of the Lord

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LECTIONARY #802-8 - COLOSSIANS 3.12-17

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you,
so must you also do.
And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do,
in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-9 - HEBREWS 13.1-4A, 5-6B

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-10 - 1 PETER 3:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Saint Peter

Likewise,
you wives should be subordinate to your husbands
so that, even if some disobey the word,
they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct
when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.
Your adornment should not be an external one:
braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry,
or dressing in fine clothes,
but rather the hidden character of the heart,
expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition,
which is precious in the sight of God.
For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God
once used to adorn themselves
and were subordinate to their husbands;
thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord."
You are her children
when you do what is good and fear no intimidation.
Likewise, you husbands
should live with your wives in understanding,
showing honor to the weaker female sex,
since we are joint heirs of the gift of life,
so that your prayers may not be hindered.
Finally, all of you,
be of one mind,
sympathetic, loving toward one another,
compassionate, humble.
Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult;
but, on the contrary,
a blessing,
because to this you were called,
that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-11 - I JOHN 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

Children, let us love one another
not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
(Now) this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts
and knows everything.
Beloved, if (our) hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments
and do what pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments
remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #802-12 - 1 JOHN 4:7-12

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

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.
In this is love:
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.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament Readings

LECTIONARY #802-13 - REVELATION 19:1, 5-9

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John,
heard what sounded like
the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying:
"Alleluia!
Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God."
A voice coming from the throne said:
"Praise our God, all you his servants,
(And) you who revere him, small and great."
Then I heard something like
the sound of a great multitude
or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder,
as they said:
"Alleluia!
The Lord has established his reign,
(Our) God, the almighty.
Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory.
For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,
his bride has made herself ready.
She was allowed to wear a bright, clean, linen garment."
(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)
Then the angel said to me,
"Write this:
blessed are those who have been called
to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-1 - MATTHEW 5:1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #805-2 - MATTHEW 5:13-16

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-3 [LONG FORM] - MATTHEW 7:21, 24-29

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.
"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."
When Jesus finished these words,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #805-3 [SHORT FORM] - MATTHEW 7:21, 24-25

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-4 - MATTHEW 19:3-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Pharisees approached Jesus,
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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #805-5 - MATTHEW 22:35-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees (a scholar of the law)
tested Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-6 - MARK 10:6-9

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said:

"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #805-7 - JOHN 2:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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 from
(Although the servers who had drawn the water knew),
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-8 - JOHN 15:9-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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LECTIONARY #805-9 - JOHN 15:12-16

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-10 [LONG FORM] - JOHN 17:20-26

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:
"Holy Father, 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 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.
Father, they are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am
they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father,
the world also does not know you,
but I know you,
and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name
and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Readings

LECTIONARY #805-10 [SHORT FORM] - JOHN 17:20-23

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

"Holy Father,

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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MUSIC FOR THE WEDDING LITURGY

This publication contains liturgical wedding music commonly used at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All of the selections are suitable to the Cathedral's liturgical style, acoustic environment and pipe organs. Other songs will normally not be permitted at Cathedral wedding liturgies.

The Sunday Mass is our model for all celebrations at the Cathedral. As the Mother Church for the Archdiocese and the seat of the Archbishop, liturgies at the Cathedral may seem to have more strict guidelines than a typical parish church. These policies have been developed after many years of experience to help you celebrate the most important day of your lives. A portion of the fee you pay the Cathedral includes payment for the organist and cantor, and a printed program for your guests (created by Cathedral staff.) Many couples appropriately wish to print lovely histories of their relationships with those in the Wedding Party. By all means, consider making this a part of your reception, as only the Cathedral-printed program will be given to your guests in the church.

No guest musicians are allowed. Cathedral instrumentalists (such as trumpet, strings) may be requested. This is due to the challenging acoustical environment of the Cathedral. The vast space of the cathedral easily intimidates, and has caused normally exceptional guest musicians to “choke” at the wrong moment (*your wedding!*) It is very appropriate for a talented family member or friend to be given invitation to share their musical gifts in the more intimate setting of your reception.

Musicians are not present at your ‘wedding rehearsal,’ this is for the Wedding Party. If a separate *musical* rehearsal is required for your wedding, an extra fee is charged (extra rehearsal is usually only necessary when other instruments are added.) No recorded music is allowed, in keeping with an authentic (or, ‘organic’) expression of prayer. Only one piece of music is played for the procession of the Wedding Party (including Bride) into the church, aligning with the celebration of Mass (we do not sing two opening hymns at Mass.)

The *Prelude* is the music played (usually 8-10 minutes) while your guests are being seated. The *Processional* is the piece played as Priest/Presider and entire Wedding Party enter the church. The *Recessional* is the piece played when Wedding Party leaves. The *Postlude* is the piece played when guests leave. Please note where, on your planning form, certain selections are ‘optional,’ such as an opening hymn or closing hymn. These are normally sung at celebrations that do not celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

When planning your music, it is always good to consider the disposition of your guest list:

- Are both families Catholic?
- Do they regularly attend church, whether Catholic or not?
- Many people of other faiths consider hearty singing part of their tradition. How can we welcome and encourage them to sing?
- How do your choices of music express *your* faith?

Listen to the selections for organ music online at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/wedding-music.

PRELUDE MUSIC

J. S. Bach	Chorale from Cantata 147
Bach	Air from Suite No. 3
Pachelbel	Kanon in D
Satie	Gymnopedie No 1
Handel	Air from “Water Music”
Handel	Hornpipe from “Water Music”

PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Processional Pieces

Bach	*G major concerto
Robert Below	*Processional with Fanfares
Georg Boehm	Rigaudon
Enrico Bossi	*Entrée Pontificale
Andre Campra	Rigaudon
Charpentier	Prelude to a Te Deum
Jeremiah Clarke	The Prince of Denmark's March
Edward Elgar	Pomp and Circumstance #4 in G
G. F. Handel	Overture, from "Royal Fireworks Music"
Joseph Haydn	Saint Anthony Chorale
Gustav Holst	Jupiter's Theme
David Johnson	Trumpet Tune in D
Lang	Fanfare
John Stanley	Trumpet Voluntary
Charles-Marie Widor	*Marcia, from Symphony No. 3

Recessional Pieces

J. S. Bach	*Let Heaven and Earth Rejoice
Bach	*Prelude and Fugue in G (BWV 541)
Handel	Allegro Maestoso, from "Water Music"
Handel	*Sinfonia, from "Solomon"
Handel	The Rejoicing, from "Royal Fireworks Music"
Jacques Lemmens	Fanfare
Henry Purcell	Trumpet Tune
Benedetto Marcello	Psalm 19
Henri Mulet	*Carillon-Sortie
Antonio Vivaldi	Allegretto, from "Spring"
Vivaldi	Allegro, from "Autumn"
Widor	Toccata, from Symphony No. 5

*Pieces marked by * are available on a limited basis. Be sure to speak with the organist if one or more of these pieces is desired.*

HYMNS (NUMBERS REFER TO WORSHIP, 3RD EDITION)

520	All Creatures of Our God and King
525	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
530	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
541	O God, Beyond All Praising
547	Praise to the Lord
559	Let All Things Now Living
588	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
665	Gather Us In
669	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
673	This Day God Gives Me
674	Morning Has Broken
743	Within Your House

PSALMODY

PSALM 33

Response: The earth is full of the goodness, the goodness of the Lord.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord.
the people he has chosen as his own.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

PSALM 34

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the LORD my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the LORD and was heard;
from all my terrors set free.

Look towards God and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
When the poor cry out the LORD hears them.
and rescues them from all their distress.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear God, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

PSALM 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the LORD,
all my being, bless God's holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the LORD
and never forget all God's blessings.

The LORD is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As parents have compassion on their children,
the LORD has pity on those who are God-fearing.

But the love of the LORD is everlasting
upon those who fear the LORD.
God's justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth,
when they keep his will in their mind.

PSALM 145

Response: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

You are kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good you are, Lord to all,
compassionate to all your creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due season.

You are just in all your ways
and loving in all your deeds.
You are close to all who call you,
Who call on you from their hearts.

PSALM 148

Response: Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.

All mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing;
all earth's rulers and peoples,
the old together with the young.

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PREPARATION AND MEDITATION SOLOS

- 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (Vaughan Williams)
589 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels (Peter Cutts)
745 When Love is Found (English traditional)
 When Love is Found (Alfred V. Fedak)

Bridegroom and Bride (Irish traditional)

God, in the planning and purpose of life, Hallowed the union of husband and wife:
This we embody where love is displayed, Rings are presented and promises made.
Jesus was found, at a similar feast, Taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
Turning the worldly towards the divine, Tears into laughter and water to wine.
Therefore we pray that his spirit preside Over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,
Fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true, Lighting with love all they dream of and do. –John L. Bell

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The Gift of Love (Hal Hopson)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. –Hal Hopson

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Hear Us Now, Our God and Father (Rowland H. Prichard)

Hear us now, our God and Father,
Send your Spirit from above
On this Christian man and woman
Who here make their vows of love!
Bind their hearts in true devotion
Endless as the seashore's sands,
Boundless as the deepest ocean,
Blest and sealed by your own hands.

Give them joy to lighten sorrow!
Give them hope to brighten life!
Go with them to face the morrow,
Stay with them in every strife.
As your Word has promised, ever
Fill them with your strength and grace,
So that each may serve the other
Till they see you face to face. –Harry N. Huxhold
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Love is the Sunlight (Gaelic tune)

Love is the sunlight Shaped of your splendor,
Love is the star bright Born of your hand,
Blessing of heaven Graciously given,
Radiant with glory From your command.

Love is the spacious Quiet of shadows,
Love is the gracious Shade of release,
Mist of the morning, Midday adorning,
Cool with the twilight Breath of your peace.
May we in gladness Grow in your sunshine,

May we in sadness Rest in your shade,
Giving and gaining, Ever remaining,
One in the marriage Your love has made.

—Borghild Jacobson

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O God of Love (Gerre Hancock)

O God of love, to thee we bow, and pray for these before thee now,
That, closely knit in holy vow, they may in thee be one.
Whatever comes to be their share of quickening joy or burdening care,
In power to do and grace to bear, may they in thee be one.
Eternal love, with them abide; through change and chance be thou their guide,
Let nothing in this life divide those whom thou makest one.

—W. V. Jenkins

Wedding Hymn (Handel)

Father in heaven abiding, who hears our prayers at all times:

Grant that these pledges given and taken with thy blessing,
may bring to these thy servants a joy never known before;
That, in the years to follow, increases more and more.
Give them the grace of angels, give them a constant charity
And faith in the peace of heaven which we, with them, may see.

—Walter MacNutt

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The Peace of Christ (Biery)

May peace from Christ come dwell in you,
May love from God envelop you
And bind you close in harmony,
True meekness and humility.
For you are called God's chosen ones,
God's holy and beloved ones.
So clothe yourself in loveliness,
Compassion, patience, gentleness.

The peace of Christ which dwells in you
Will perfectly be seen through you.
So let your hearts and voices ring.
Let grateful songs to God take wing.

--Marilyn Biery

text inspired by Colossians 3:12-17

music based on the original hymntune KILLOUGH

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COMMUNION SONGS

36	Psalm 34 (Proulx)
598	Ubi caritas (chant)
599	Love Is His Word
604	Ubi caritas (Taize)
731	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
734	Eat This Bread
735 I	Received the Living God
736	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

A new commandment I give you (Biery)

“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you,” says the Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete.” –John 13:34 and 15:9-13

TIMELINE FOR MUSIC

Two months or earlier before your wedding: Contact the Director of Wedding Music, Lawrence Lawyer, at llawyer@cathedralsaintpaul.org and please include in this email:

- ◆ Date/time of your wedding in the subject line of your email: (e.g., Sept 12, 2008 2 p.m.)
- ◆ full names of bride and groom
- ◆ Mass, or Liturgy of the Word service
- ◆ Choices for: readings I, & II, Psalm, Gospel
- ◆ Date of your wedding workshop
- ◆ Selections of music you have made – *you are welcome to scan planning form and send as pdf file*
- ◆ *Any questions* you may have if you are unsure of any musical decisions
- ◆ Number of printed programs you will need for the ceremony

Due to the Cathedral liturgical schedule, your email will receive a response as soon as possible. Sometimes this may take a few days, especially just before and during a weekend. You will be sent (by reply email) a template in which to enter the names of your Wedding Party, and may be asked for additional information to assist in the creation of your Liturgy Guide (the ‘Wedding Program’ for guests.)

Six weeks or earlier before your wedding: Return completed Wedding Party Template by email, include number of guests expected (to print the appropriate number of programs).

Three weeks before your wedding, if we have not heard from you:

- ◆ The cathedral staff will choose lovely music for your wedding. (If you wish for cathedral staff to select your music, just let us know in your first email. Many couples find this service a timesaver.)
- ◆ Schedule a brief meeting with the Director of Wedding Music, Lawrence Lawyer, to answer any questions you may have and to return your Cathedral wedding music CD. You may also return the CD by mail to:

Lawrence Lawyer
Cathedral of Saint Paul
239 Selby Av
St. Paul, MN 55102

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider:

Now that we have listened to God's word and felt his presence in the exchange of vows, let us present our prayers to God the Father.

Reader:

Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer," to these petitions.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI,
for the bishops and the clergy,
may they lead us to a deeper faith in God
and stronger love for others:
Let us pray to the Lord...
2. For our president and all leaders of government,
may they work to preserve and nurture family life.
Let us pray to the Lord...
3. For all married persons,
may they be faithful to God and to each other.
Let us pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for _____ and _____,
may they live with God as the center of their home,
may they enjoy the support of family and friends,
and may they be blessed with children
Let us pray to the Lord...
5. We pray for the needs of all those
loved by _____ and _____.
may God give strength and peace.
Let us pray to the Lord...
6. For all who have died,
especially _____, _____, & _____,
may they rest in peace.
Let us pray to the Lord...

Presider:

Father,
your Son taught us to ask, to seek, and to knock.
We present our needs to you,
confident that you will listen,
because of your great love for us.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Celebration Planning Sheet

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Dear engaged couple,

As you begin the process of preparing your wedding ceremony, you will need the wedding binder. It provides the scripture readings from which you may choose for your ceremony along with a CD of wedding music and other preparation information. Additional information included, "Living God's Love" marriage preparation and Natural Family Planning brochures.

Please bring this completed planning sheet with you to your next appointment with your preside. The planning is not considered final until you have reviewed the content of this planning sheet with your preside.

Once your planning is confirmed, please contact the Assistant in Music, Lawrence Lawyer. He will assist you with further musical selections and will provide you with a template for a wedding program, which you may use as is, or as a framework for developing your own program.

General Information

Wedding Date: _____ Wedding Time: _____

Rehearsal Date*: _____ Rehearsal Time: _____

Presider: _____

Musicians**:

Organist: _____

Cantor: _____

*Rehearsal date is scheduled with the presider.

**Musicians are scheduled with the Assistant in Music.

Bride's phone numbers:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Groom's phone numbers:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Wedding Party

(Please list in order as they will process down the aisle.)

Maid/Matron of Honor:

Flower Girl (optional):

Bridesmaids:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Best Man:

Ring Bearer (optional):

Groomsmen:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Welcoming: How will your guests be welcomed at the door?

- Family or friends serving as greeters
- Ushers

Prelude Music: Helps to set the tone for a joyful celebration. If you like, you can leave this for the organist to choose.

1. _____
2. _____

Entrance Rite

Processional Music (*page 42*): Accompanies the movement of the wedding party and other liturgical ministers into the midst of the assembly.

Title

Groom – please select one option:

- Enter from the front and stand with the presider
- Escorted down the aisle by: _____

Bride – please select one option:

- Escorted down the aisle by: _____

Bridal Party – please select one option:

- Bridesmaids and Groomsmen process down the center aisle as couples
- Bridesmaids process down the center aisle; Groomsmen meet them in the front at the Communion rail

Opening Hymn (page 43): (Optional) *A Song of praise that is sung by all present*

Title

Greeting
Penitential Rite
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

You may choose a lector for each Reading, or one lector can read both.

Old Testament Reading (page 18)

Reading number: _____ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____ Lector: _____

Responsorial Psalm (page 43) – *The cantor will sing the verses of the Psalm; everyone is invited to join the refrain.*

Reading number: _____ Psalm Number: _____

New Testament Reading (page 24) – *Wedding Binder pp. 24-34*

Reading number: _____ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____ Lector: _____

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading (page 35) – *Please refer to Wedding Binder pages 35-41. The Gospel is read by the Presider.*

Reading number: _____ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____

Homily

Rite of Marriage

VOWS

There are two options for the form of the wedding vows:

Option A:

I _____ take you _____ 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.

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, until death do us part.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

There are three options for the blessing of the rings:

Option A:

May the Lord bless these rings which you give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

Option B:

Lord, bless these rings which we bless in your name. Grant that those who wear them may always have a deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, good will, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Option C:

Lord, bless and consecrate _____ and _____ in their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of true faith in each other, and always remind them of their love, through Christ our Lord.

Optional Rites: _____

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *(page 49)*

Prayers of the Faithful written by:

_____ Presider

_____ Engaged couple *(Please attach a copy with this planning sheet)*

Prayers of the Faithful read by:

_____ Presider

_____ Lector (name): _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(If Rite of Marriage with Liturgy of the Word but no Mass, skip to the next section)

Preparation of Gifts – *If you would like, you may invite family or friends to bring the gifts to the altar. If you choose to do so, please list their names:*

1. _____ 2. _____

Music during Preparation of the Gifts *(page 45-47)*

_____ *Title*

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Rite of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer (recited)
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace
Lamb of God

Distributing Holy Communion – *Communion will be offered under both forms for the wedding party seated in the sanctuary. If you wish to have communion under both forms for the entire congregation, you will need to provide two Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The ministers you choose must be Extraordinary Ministers in their own parish (documented).*

1. _____ 2. _____

Communion Music (page 47): *A hymn that speaks of the Eucharist and/or Christian marriage is appropriate.*

Title

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

Announcements – *Would you like your Presider to make any announcements prior to the Blessing and Dismissal? Such as:*

Receiving line will be at location: _____

Reception location: _____

Blessing and Dismissal – *at the conclusion of the Blessing, the Presider will introduce the newly married couple to the assembly. How would you like to be introduced? A few suggestions:*

Bob & Alice Smith | Alice & Bob Smith | Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Alice Smith | Mr. & Mrs. Bob Smith

Please write your preference here

Recessional Music (page 42): *Accompanies the wedding party and assembly from the church.*

Title

Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Flowers Policy

Your florist may deliver your wedding flowers no more than ninety minutes before the start of your wedding. The flowers must be delivered directly to the Cathedral building, and not to the parish office. Please schedule someone to receive delivery of your flowers. Please note that the Cathedral staff cannot receive delivery of flowers, or assume responsibility for them.

It is most efficient if the flowers are delivered to the vestibule. Once the flowers are distributed, the florist must clear away the floral boxes, paper, and debris.

Floral arrangements in the Church

- ◇ **Sanctuary:** You are welcome to have two floral arrangements in the sanctuary next to the altar. If you would like, the wedding coordinator can provide you with the name and telephone number of the person who does the Cathedral floral arrangements.
- ◇ **Church body:** It is permitted to have two additional floral arrangements in the church. These are placed on stands in the cross aisle.

Please do not plan on having any other floral arrangements in the church.

Following the ceremony, please remove the flowers immediately and take them with you.

Please note: it is not permissible to hang decorations of any kind.

Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Photography Policy

Photographers may begin to set up no more than 90 minutes prior to the start of the wedding, though they may arrive earlier to view the building. This policy includes the use of the Cathedral grounds as well as the interior of the building. Pre-wedding photography must be completed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. As long as the families and wedding party remain available near where the photos are being taken, this timeframe will be sufficient.

The sanctuary is a sacred space and cameras are not permitted within it. Photographers may pose the wedding party and families on the sanctuary steps in front of the altar, and in no other part of the sanctuary. Photographers are not allowed in the gallery (choir loft).

Flash photography may occur during the processional and recessional only, but not during the ceremony. While the ceremony is in progress, photographers must remain behind the seated guests, and are asked to refrain from disruptive movement. Videographers are to remain stationary during the ceremony. Please note that there are very few electrical outlets in the Cathedral.

After the ceremony, all final photography must be completed within 30 minutes.

The Cathedral of Saint Paul respectfully requests that wedding photographers and videographers cooperate with the spiritual nature of the wedding celebration, remain respectful of this sacred environment, and work within the guidelines presented here.

Cathedral of Saint Paul Wedding Policy Agreement

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Wedding Date: _____

Wedding Time: _____

The Cathedral is available to you from: _____

I have received and reviewed the Cathedral of Saint Paul wedding policies and agree to abide by them. I understand that due to the unique character of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, on certain rare occasions, there may be the need to alter the schedule as currently foreseen to accommodate a special liturgy.

Groom *Date*

Bride *Date*

Deacon Jim Meyer, Cathedral of Saint Paul *Date*