

Wedding Mass

2 Servers

(A1/Holy Water, A2/Paten)

Preparation

- Arrive 20 minutes before the wedding begins.
- Kneelers are brought from the Blessed Sacrament chapel and placed in front of the Altar and they are usually out by the time you will arrive. If not, see the Wedding Coordinator.
- **Credence table**- usual set up with Chalice, finger bowl, water cruet, purificator, Roman Missal, *Paten* (silver plate that will be in the sacristy for the rings/coins) and *Aspergillum* with a small amount of Holy Water (placed underneath the Credence table).
- **Gift table**- needs wine cruet and 1-2 ciborium.
- Make sure that the Priest has the “Rite of Marriage” book with him – if not, retrieve the book and bring it to him.

Unity Candle

- If a *Unity Candle* is used, it will be lit before the Mass begins, usually by the parents.

Entrance Procession

- **There are several different versions for the wedding procession, so check with the Priest for direction.** Typically, you will process in before the wedding party, with one server on each side of the Priest.
- Bow at the Altar and go to your seats as wedding party process in. Priest will remain at the Altar.

Wedding Vows

- Vows are done after the Homily. Both servers should begin to retrieve items (A1- Holy Water and A2- Paten) from the Credence table when the Priest begins to recite the following: *“You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings.”*
- Both servers should now be at the Altar when the Priest is reciting: *“What God has joined, men must not divide.”*

- **A1** should stand to the RIGHT side of the Priest while holding the Holy Water; **A2** should stand to the LEFT side of the Priest while holding the Paten (silver plate). **A2** who is holding the Paten, should walk behind the Altar as he/she stands next to the Priest. Stay with the Priest wherever he goes.
- At the blessing of the rings, **A2** should be careful to step down a step or two from the Altar so the *Best Man* can place the rings on the Paten.
- Accepting the gifts - servers join the Priest either in front of the bride and groom or behind them. *If behind, be careful not to step on the bride's dress.*
- Regular Mass proceeds.
- Be ready if servers need to open the door to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Eucharistic Ministers.
- Marian devotion- bride and groom process to the statue of Mary.

Closing Procession

- Bride and groom and wedding party process out; the Priest and servers typically do not process out at the end of Mass; they remain at the Altar. Check with the Priest for direction.
- Help return kneelers to Blessed Sacrament Chapel and usual Mass clean-up of all items.
- Try to stay out of the way of formal photography.