

Music Ministry

Ordinarily, the music ministry of the parish may be contacted to provide music for the celebration of weddings. The usual fees for a cantor are \$55 and an organist is \$100.00. Music will be arranged *directly* between the couple, and the musicians. Couples need to meet with the musicians at least two months prior to the wedding date.

If the couple requests to use the services of a music minister other than those who serve the parish, the Liturgy Coordinator or other representative of the parish music ministry will meet with that musician to explain the parish policy on liturgical music particular the weddings.

Choosing Music

In a wedding, we come to celebrate with joy and reverence in the midst of the faith community, the love of a man and woman made holy in the sacrament of marriage. We join with faithful praise and thanksgiving in song.

Music adds to the prayerful atmosphere of the celebration, focusing on the love that is the ultimate gift from God and our thankfulness and awesome response to this love, is acceptable.

Music is appropriate before the service begins, the Responsorial Psalm, at the Presentation of the Gifts, at Communion, and as a Recessional Hymn. The ordinary parts of the Mass may be sung by the congregation, or they may be spoken. These parts, (the Alleluia, the acclamations and the Our Father) may not be sung by a soloist. We encourage full participation of the congregation by their singing.