

Additional Wedding Guidelines at Gesu During Covid-19

The following guidelines have been established to ensure a safe Wedding ceremony and Rehearsal at Gesu, in accordance with our Diocesan precautions for Public Masses:

GUESTS:

- All guests should arrive in the church through the Miramar Road side entrances into the main Narthex/Vestibule. Guests should wear masks and utilize hand sanitizer upon entering. Masks are to be worn for the duration of the service. Congregating in the Narthex/Vestibule should not occur prior to the service. A member of the wedding party (usually ushers or groomsmen) should be stationed in the back vestibule to encourage guests to take their seats immediately, without the assistance of ushers.
- Every other pew will remain blocked off for seating. We strongly encourage guests of different households to respect social distance guidelines.

WEDDING PARTY MEMBERS:

- Wedding party members should follow the same mask and seating policies. Before the service, wedding party members may utilize the servers' sacristy and bride's room, but social distance measures should take place in these spaces. However, masks do not need to be worn during the procession.
- CDC guidelines would recommend that masks be worn at all times. Brides and grooms do not need to wear masks during the service, but should be aware of the state recommendations.

LITURGY:

- We do not recommend using programs.
- No altar servers will be used at weddings.
- Because of social distancing recommendations, we may need to limit the number of attendants standing with the bride and groom during the exchange of vows.
- There will be no presentation of the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory.
- For the sign of peace, we encourage members of separate households to use a non-tactile way to exchange peace.
- If the wedding occurs within a Mass, there will be one additional Eucharistic Minister needed (besides the presider). Only the Precious Body will be distributed. No Precious Blood will be distributed.
- There will be no receiving line in the Narthex/Vestibule following the ceremony.. There will be no grand exit to the outside of the church. Guests should leave the church immediately after the ceremony.
- Specific music precautions will be coordinated with Gesu's Music Director, Mark Ehrbar. He can be reached at mehrbar@churchofthegesu.org. There will be no congregational singing, and no wind instruments (including flute, trumpet, bagpipes) are able to be used at this time.
- Photographs usually occur following the service. Masks do not need to be worn while a picture is taken but CDC guidelines would recommend they are worn at all other times.