

SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR CATHOLIC WEDDING MASSES

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Marriage is a sacred union between two people. The Catholic wedding is a sacrament and the music selected should be appropriate for the occasion. A little planning will make your wedding a more meaningful and joyous occasion for everyone.

Music should be suitable to the religious nature of the celebration. While many of today's popular love songs may have a special meaning to the couple, they are usually not liturgically correct and are best played at the reception.

Below are musical suggestions appropriate for this sacred occasion. You will need to pick out pieces for: (1) the entrance of the parents and grandparents, if desired, (2) the processional for the bridal party and bride, (3) the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (4) music for the presentation of gifts, (5) music for communion, (6) music for the recessional, and (7) music for the lighting of the wedding candle. Many of the pieces listed below can be used throughout the Mass, while the trumpet voluntaries and marches are best for the processional and recessional. Those pieces are marked with asterisks. However, other pieces, such as the "Canon in D" can also be used for the bridal procession. Because of Covid 19 issues, some opportunities for music may not be available to you. The church organist will be glad to help you with that.

~ SUGGESTED PIECES FOR CATHOLIC WEDDING MASSES ~

A Blessing – Marchionada	One Hand, One Heart – Bernstein – Prelude Only
All I Ask of You - Weston Priory	Pan de Vida - Hurd
Allegro Moderato (from Handel's Water Music)**	Panis Angelicus - Franck or Sacris Solemnis
Arioso – Bach	Prayer of St. Francis - Temple
Ave Maria – Schubert – As a Prelude Only	Prince of Denmark's March – Clarke**
Canon in D - Pachelbel	Psalm 19 - Benedetto Marcello**
City of God – Schutte**	Rondeau – Mouret**
Gather Us In**	Supper of the Lord - Rosania
Gift of Finest Wheat – Kreutz	Taste and See - Moore
Here I Am, Lord - Schutte	The Gift of Love - arr. Hopson
I Have Loved You – Joncas	The Irish Blessing – Fabing
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach	The Servant Song - Gillard
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You – Beethoven**	The Wedding Song - Annon.
Lord, We Bring to You Our Children	Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke**
One Bread, One Body - Foley	Trumpet Tune – Purcell**
Wherever You Go - Weston Priory	

THERE ARE MANY OTHER APPROPRIATE CATHOLIC HYMNS THAT MAY BE USED.
HOWEVER, ANY POPULAR MUSIC WILL ALWAYS REQUIRE FATHER'S PERMISSION.

~ APPROVED PSALM REFRAINS FOR A CATHOLIC WEDDING MASS ~

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord
I will bless the Lord at All Times/Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
The Lord is kind and merciful/The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him
Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands/Alleluia
Blessed are those who fear the Lord/See how the Lord blesses those who fear him
How good is the Lord to all.
Let all praise the name of the Lord/Alleluia

THESE ARE THE SEVEN PSALMS IN THE MARRIAGE RITE BOOKLET APPROVED BY THE U.S.
CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS FOR CATHOLIC WEDDINGS. IF YOU WANT TO USE A
DIFFERENT PSALM, YOU WILL NEED FATHER'S PERMISSION TO INCORPORATE IT INTO THE MASS.