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Wedding Music

Congratulations and thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of your special day!
Please use the following information to help you plan your wedding music.

Steps to Planning Wedding Music:

1. Contact Elaine Sellenheim, Music Ministry Coordinator for St. Andrew and St. Patrick Parish. She will provide you with contact information for parish musicians available for your wedding. We are blessed to have a number of highly trained and talented liturgical musicians.
Elaine Sellenheim: liturgy@saspcatholics.org
2. Arrange a date to meet with your musician to plan music for your wedding. At this time you can hear various music options performed live, share any preferences you may have, and gain a general understanding of the wedding liturgy.
3. After your meeting, the musician for your wedding will email you a list of your musical choices for your reference.
4. Pay your musician at least two weeks before the wedding date.

General Information:

When selecting music for your wedding, there are three basic criteria:

- Music must be able to be sung by the assembly.
- Music must fit the spirit and structure of the liturgy.
- Music must be of high quality and appropriate content.

There are many songs to choose from within both the contemporary and traditional music styles that fit the above criteria. The following pages contain suggestions of music commonly used during wedding celebrations. This is intended to be a starting point to help you plan music. The assigned parish musician will walk you through each step of choosing music and can usually accommodate special requests. Please feel free to listen to these suggestions on YouTube. They will sound different when played by a musician in the church.



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Prelude:

Prelude music is played before the wedding begins for 10-15 minutes. If there are special secular pieces of music important to the couple, this is the best place for them to be performed. An additional fee may be needed for the purchase of music not available in our library.

Processional for Wedding Party and Bride (Instrumental):

Usually two pieces of music are chosen. The first is played when the bridal party processes, and the second is played for the procession of the bride.

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
- Sheep May Safely Graze (J.S. Bach)
- Prelude in C Major (J.S. Bach)
- Adagio cantabile Op. 13 2nd movement (Ludwig van Beethoven)
- Canon in D (Johann Pachelbel)
- Jupiter (Chorale Theme) (Gustav Holst)
- If With All Your Hearts (Elijah) (Felix Mendelssohn)
- Theme from an Etude (Frederic Chopin)

Responsorial Psalms:

The responsorial psalm occurs after the first reading.

- Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You (Marty Haugen)
- Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Marty Haugen)
- Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name (David Haas)
- Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul (Marty Haugen)

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts:

This hymn or instrumental piece occurs as the altar is prepared.

- Any pieces listed under 'processionals'
- Prayer of St. Francis (Sebastian Temple)
- Where Love is Found (Dan Schutte)
- When Love is Found (O Wally Wally)



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Communion:

The Communion hymn is led by the cantor/musician and sung by the entire assembly as they receive the Eucharist or quietly pray.

- Any hymns listed under ‘presentation and preparation of the gifts’
- Bread of Life (Bernadette Farrell)
- Gift of Finest Wheat (Robert Kreutz)
- One Bread, One Body (John Foley)
- Taste and See (various arrangements available)
- Table of Plenty (Dan Schutte)
- Love One Another (Bob Dufford)
- I Have Loved You (Michael Joncas)
- God, Who Created Hearts to Love (Lasst uns Erfreuen)

Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Though not officially part of the Catholic Rite of Marriage, many couples wish to present flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary after Communion. Couples often wish to seek the guidance and blessing of the Lord through a ceremony that requests the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ave Maria (Franz Schubert) is traditionally sung. Other Marian hymns are also appropriate.

Recessional:

This is a joyful instrumental piece played while the couple and wedding party exit the church.

- Ode to Joy (Ludwig van Beethoven)
- Wedding March (Felix Mendelssohn)
- Trumpet Tune (Henry Purcell)
- Trumpet Voluntary (Jeremiah Clarke)



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Mass Acclamations:

These are included in weddings that include a Eucharistic celebration. There are different musical settings available. The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) will be acclaimed at all wedding celebrations (with or without the Eucharist).

- Mass of Creation (Marty Haugen)
- Mass of Christ the Savior (Dan Schutte)

Other Music Requests:

If a unity candle/sand ceremony/etc. occurs and music is requested, your assigned musician can give you many appropriate options. Music that is less than two minutes in length works best for this part of the ceremony.

More Options:

Please visit <http://content.ocp.org/shared/pdf/general/WeddingSuggestions.pdf> if you would like more suggestions.

Outside Musicians

The musicians at St. Andrew and St. Patrick Parishes are happy to collaborate with any outside musicians you may wish to utilize for your wedding such as a string quartet, a family member or friend that wishes to cantor or play an instrument, etc. Please inform your assigned musician of these additions as soon as possible.

Musician Fee and Payment Information

Your assigned musician will communicate his/her rate directly to you, however all of the parish musician's fees are between \$200-\$250. Additional fees may be required for the purchase of special music requests or for rehearsal fees with outside musicians. Cash or check payment is due to the parish office for which your wedding is to occur at least two weeks before the wedding.

Please contact Elaine Sellenheim, Music Ministry Coordinator (liturgy@saspcatholics.org) as soon as possible to begin planning the music for your wedding.

Best wishes and may God bless your marriage!