

WEDDING MUSIC GUIDELINES ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming wedding! Music in Catholic worship serves to enrich and strengthen our faith and commitment to God. Music in your wedding ceremony is sung prayer. These guidelines will assist you in planning and fulfilling the music portion of your wedding ceremony.

TIMELINE

Contact the Saint Peter's Director of Music Ministry Mary Zimmer Odgaard (402-525-6458 or MZOdgaard@gmail.com) as soon as you receive your wedding information, or soon after meeting with Saint Peter's wedding coordinator, to reserve an accompanist and vocalist(s) for your wedding date. Arrange to meet with your St. Peter's accompanist and vocalist who will help you select the exact instrumental and vocal songs that suits you as a couple and remains faithful to the sacredness of the liturgy. Your accompanist and vocalist will be able to assist you, answer questions, make recommendations, etc.

APPROVAL OF MUSIC

Your wedding ceremony is a complete prayer, from prelude to postlude. As such, the music must be Christ centered and must strongly reflect the holiness of the sacrament of marriage. Most hymns from the St. Peters' hymnals are approved. Attachment A provides a non-exhaustive listing of additional music recommendations that are acceptable for weddings. All wedding music must be approved by the St. Peter's Director of Music Ministry and is ultimately approved by Fr. Clark. Secular music is not allowed. Recorded music is not allowed.

MUSICIANS

The music ministry at St. Peter's offers a wonderful variety of professional organists/pianists, soloists, small groups, choirs and instrumentalists who are excellent musicians and are familiar with and follow the guidelines of the Catholic Church for weddings. **We require that *at least one of your musicians is a St. Peter's musician.*** This ensures that at least one of your musicians knows the cues and requirements of the wedding liturgy, can set up and trouble shoot any sound issues and is able to assist you with any of your needs on the day of the wedding. If you would like musicians outside of St. Peter's music ministry, contact Mary Odgaard (402-525-6458 or mzodgaard@gmail.com) to discuss your options.

FEES

Payment for the Organist/Pianist and other musicians is due one week in advance of the wedding.

Organist/Pianist Fee: \$175

Soloist: \$150 (Male or Female)

Duet: \$300 (Any combination of males and females, but generally Soprano and Baritone)

Trio: \$450 (Any combination of males and females, generally Soprano, Alto, Baritone)

Quartet: \$600 (Any combination of males and females, generally Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)

Combo group: Additionally, St. Peter's has a trio of voice, piano, and violin available for hire; the rate is \$175 per musician (\$525 total) for the three-person group. Contact Mary Odgaard to coordinate this trio.

Larger choirs are not available for hire for a wedding unless coordinated by the couple and approved by St. Peter's Director of Music.

SOUND SYSTEM POLICIES

St. Peter's sound system equipment must be operated only by St. Peter's personnel.

Do not use the mixer or organ.

Solo microphones must be set up by St. Peter's musicians only.

Special needs or assistance—call (or text) Mary Odgaard at 402-525-6458 or email MZOdgaard@gmail.com.

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