

Music Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Music for wedding liturgies should be chosen with care and according to sound liturgical principles. Music in the Catholic Marriage Rite must express the worship of God for the mystery of love he created and transforms in this sacrament. Because of this, most popular and secular songs are not appropriate for the Catholic Marriage Rite, and therefore not acceptable.

Please don't hesitate to call or email our Director of Family Ministry, Pam Brigham, if you have any questions about the wedding liturgy. Additionally, the following website is a great resource when planning your wedding celebration:

<http://www.catholicweddinghelp.com/index.htm>

SELECTION OF MUSIC MINISTERS

Music ministry plays a central and inherent role in Catholic worship. Liturgical musicians lead the assembly in sung prayer, assisting those gathered in their worship of God.

St. Francis Xavier has several qualified musicians who are well acquainted with the liturgy and parish practices. The Director of Music will arrange musicians for the ceremony.

In some instances, wedding couples might wish to invite friends or family members to participate in the music for their wedding. This is a wonderful arrangement for the couple/family/friend, one that our parish welcomes. Please use the following guidelines:

- If guest musicians are currently music ministers in the Catholic church, or have been trained in leading music for the Catholic liturgy, they may provide all of the music for the liturgy. Because

they will need to be shown the facilities, procedures, and equipment by someone in the ministry, a fee to the assisting minister might apply.

- If guest musicians are not trained music ministers in the Catholic liturgy, it will be necessary to also contract musicians from St. Francis Xavier's music ministry to help lead the music for the liturgy. Standard musician fees will apply.

Please make advance arrangements with the music director any time a guest musician is planned and **before** contacting musicians for your wedding.

MUSICIAN FEES

The fees that you pay the church do not cover the services of musicians for the wedding liturgy. Although rates can vary, the standard fees for our musicians are:

Organist/Pianist: \$150

Cantor: \$150

One musician acting as both Cantor & Pianist: \$ 200

Instrumentalist: \$100

****These rates include the rehearsal and ceremony. Any additional request for the musician's time will be subject to additional fees.***

Please note: All contracts must be signed and payments finalized prior to the wedding date. Musicians act as independent contractors, and are under no obligation to provide music for the wedding celebration if they have not received payment beforehand.

SELECTION OF MUSIC

Please use the following list of music as a resource in selecting music for the wedding. On very limited occasions recorded music may be used in the church. These songs are subject to the liturgical discretion of the music director and may only be used at specific times during the service. All musical selections must be approved by the music director at least one month prior to the wedding liturgy.

Processional & Recessional Music

This is just a partial list of suggestions. Please discuss music with the music director, your pianist or organist before making final selections, as they might have other musical suggestions not included here:

Air on a G String from Suite No. 3 (J. S. Bach)
Canon In D (Pachelbel)
Finale from Water Music (Handel)
Hornpipe from Water Music (Handel)
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J. S. Bach)
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Beethoven)
March in C (Purcell)
Prelude in C (J. S. Bach)
Spring from The Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
Suite in G Major (Handel)
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
Trumpet Voluntary in D (Boyce)

The following hymns and psalms are also suggestions. Please discuss this music with your cantor, as they may have other suggestions.

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (Haugen)
Psalm 34: Taste and See (Haugen)
Psalm 63: Your Love Is Finer Than Life (Haugen)
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Haugen)
Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving are You, O Lord (Soper)
Psalm 118: This Is the Day (Joncas)
Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You (Haugen)
Psalm 128: May the Lord Bless Us (Haugen)

Gospel Acclamations

Number

<i>Alleluia from Mass of the Angels and Saints</i>	"Order of Mass" supplements
<i>Alleluia from Mass of Creation</i>	147
<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>	266

Alleluia from Mass of Remembrance 211

Eucharistic Acclamations (Mass Settings)

Mass of the Angels and Saints

Mass of Creation

Hymns	Number
<i>Canticle of the Sun</i>	495
<i>Center of My Life</i>	580
<i>Covenant Hymn</i>	798
<i>Eat This Bread</i>	806
<i>God, In the Planning</i>	858
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	671
<i>How Can I Keep From Singing?</i>	598
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	496
<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	822
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	520
<i>Let Us Be Bread</i>	808
<i>Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels</i>	612
<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	813
<i>Seek Ye First</i>	600
<i>Song of St. Patrick</i>	685
<i>Taste and See</i>	827
<i>The Servant Song</i>	661
<i>We Walk By Faith</i>	583
<i>When Love Is Found</i>	856

Songs & Solos

Ave Maria (Gounod)

Ave Maria (Schubert)

Bridal Prayer (R. Copeland)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (Vaughan Williams/Herbert)

Laudate Dominum (Mozart)

Only a Shadow (Landry)

Only in God (Talbot)

Panis Angelicus (Franck)

Once couples have an idea of their wishes for music for the Catholic Marriage Rite, they should contact Jennifer Cavanaugh (contact information above) to schedule a meeting either in person or via phone/Zoom. Thank you!