

“WITHIN MASS” selections are for weddings between two Catholics or by special exception two baptized persons.



Bring three (3) copies of this completed planning guide and all copies of your state marriage license to the rehearsal with you. The rehearsal cannot begin without these things. Re-read the booklet *Instruction...* beginning with the section “The Rehearsal ...” through “Photographs....” Remember, think through your wedding so that you know what you want and put a note at the end of this form for anything “special”.

Please Print

End of Entrance Procession

Beginning of Exit Procession

Bridegroom's Name for Vows:	Bride's Name for Vows:
Bridegroom's Last Name:	Bride's Maiden Name:
Optional Ring Bearer's Name and Parents of Ring Bearer:	
Optional Flower Girl's Name and Parents of Flower Girl:	
Full Name of Best Man:	
Full Name of Maid or Matron of Honor:	

Optional -- Additional Groomsmen and Bridesmaids:

Last Man next to best man:	Last Maid next to maid of honor:
6 th Man:	6 th Maid:
5 th Man:	5 th Maid:
4 th Man:	4 th Maid:
3 rd Man:	3 rd Maid:
2 nd Man:	2 nd Maid:
Man walking in first:	Maid walking in first:

Each husband follows behind his wife in the next group,
except the father of the bride during the entrance, of course.

Escort:	Mother of Bride:
Escort:	Mother of Groom:
Escort:	Grandmother of the Bride:
Escort:	Grandmother of the Bride:
Escort:	Grandmother of the Groom:
Escort:	Grandmother of the Groom:

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Name of Ceremony Coordinator (Must be at Rehearsal and Wedding):
Optional — Organist's, Musicians' and Vocalists' Names:
Optional — Altar Servers' Names:

(After you have selected the readings, prayers, and blessings, and have made the other choices provided here, indicate them in the proper spaces and return three (3) copies of the final version of this form to the priest or deacon at the rehearsal with your state marriage license. Optional means that this item probably should be omitted, especially if you want a shorter ceremony.)

Glory to God in the Highest (only within Mass)	
Sung by: (Unfortunately, it is said if not sung.)	
Opening Prayer (A 1-6):	A-
Optional -- Old Testament Reading (B 1-9): Read by:	B-
Responsorial Psalm (C 1-7): Read by: Psalm follows New Testament reading if there is no Old Testament reading.	C-
New Testament Reading (D 1-14): Read by:	D-
Optional, only sung -- Gospel Alleluia (E 1-6): Sung by:	E-
Gospel (F 1-10): Read by priest/deacon:	F-
Introduction & Intentions Bride and Groom Are Baptized within Mass	G- 1
Exchange of Consent within Mass (H 1-4 & H 13):	H- H- 13
Blessing and Giving of Rings within Mass Bride and Groom Are Baptized (I 2 or 4)	I-
J – Optional Universal Prayer – Months before the Rehearsal discuss and finalize the text with priest or deacon if you use option.	
Optional Presentation of the Gifts by:	

Prayer over the Gifts (K 1-3):	K-
Preface (L 1-3):	L-
Commemoration of the Couple (2- I-III):	2-
Nuptial Blessing Bride and Groom Are Baptized (M 1-3):	M-
The following Catholics can receive Holy Communion: Best Man Groom Bride Maid/Matron of Honor	
Three (3) Eucharistic Servers are needed to help distribute Holy Communion. Print names here:	
Prayer after Communion (N 1-3):	N-
O – Optional Long Formula Blessing – Months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize the text with priest or deacon if you use this option.	

Special Elements or Other Alternatives in Our Ceremony (approvals require two (2) months in advance!):

If you want to have the unity candle, months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize your plans with the parish manager.
If you want to have an aisle runner, months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize your plans with the parish manager.
If you want to have other elements that are from non-Catholic ceremonies, months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize the plans with priest or deacon.
If you are not using musicians who regularly play at Sacred Heart, months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize your plans with priest or deacon.
If you are not using church volunteers for altar flowers, months before the Rehearsal, discuss and finalize your plans with the parish manager.