



St. Joan of Arc Wedding Ceremony Policy

The Wedding Ceremony is the solemn celebration of the mutual consent of a man and woman to become husband and wife. This permanent, faithful and God-willing fruitful union is done in the presence of God and His ordained minister, the Priest or Deacon.

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The following regulations are applicable for any and all weddings performed here at St. Joan's. Please read them carefully and thoroughly.

- 1. Weddings begin at 11:00 am & 2:00 pm on Saturday.**
- 2. All music, no matter who is playing it, must be approved by our Music Coordinator. The Diocesan Guidelines for music at liturgical celebrations will be followed at all times.**
- 3. Holy Communion can only be given to practicing Catholics. Hence, in ecumenical weddings to prevent misunderstandings, hurt feelings and embarrassment, we highly suggest that the Catholic Wedding Ceremony Outside of Mass be celebrated. This is most appropriate if a non-Catholic minister is taking part in the service.**
- 4. NO rose/flower petals may be thrown on the floor of the church and NO rose/flower petals or rice or confetti or bird seed may be thrown outside. ONLY balloons, bells, bubbles, whistles, live butterflies are permitted to be used outside.**
- 5. Photographers and videographers are welcome in our church, however, they are not permitted to come anywhere in the sanctuary for pictures during the service.**
- 6. You may come into the Church for pictures or set up one hour before the service and you must vacate the church by 1:00 pm or 4:00 pm depending on the start time of your wedding.**
- 7. No flowers or decorations are to be placed on the altar. They can be placed in front or near to it.**
- 8. Reverence for the House of God is expected while in the Church. Hence, NO alcohol, drugs, food, beverages of any kind, as well as, NO smoking or any vulgar language or rude behavior will be tolerated in the Church. Please inform members of the bridal party that anyone not complying with these restrictions will be asked to leave the Church immediately.**

If the bride or groom is under the influence of alcohol or drugs on the day of the wedding, it WILL BE CANCELED IMMEDIATELY!