

Rite of Marriage Liturgy Planning Document



Please fill this out and email it to the priest preparing you for marriage.

Please refer to the *Sacrament of Matrimony* for wedding ceremony rules.
It can be found on our website <https://saintmary.life/matrimony/>

Bridegroom: _____

Bride: _____

Names of Ushers/Greeters (Max of 4)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Names of Mothers and/or Grandmothers

- | | |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1. _____ | Ushered by: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Ushered by: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Ushered by: _____ |
| 4. _____ | Ushered by: _____ |

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Number of Bridesmaids/Groomsmen (Max of 7)

Maid of Honor _____

Best Man _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. _____

5. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. _____

7. _____

7. _____

Ring Bearer(s): Yes. No .

1. _____ Age: _____

2. _____ Age: _____

Flower Girl(s): Yes. No .

1. _____ Age: _____

2. _____ Age: _____

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Entrance Procession:

The First Option: The priest goes to the front doors of the church, receives the bridal party, without the bride and groom. The priest warmly greets this party, sharing their joy. The bride is out of sight, in the dressing room by the front church doors, and the groom is alongside the choir area of the church up by the altar area.

At the appointed time the priest goes with the servers (if there are servers) to their respective chairs in the sanctuary.

The bridal party's procession to the altar takes place with the bridesmaids and groomsmen (max of 7 each) paired up and going first. The ring bearers and flower girls may follow. There is a maximum of two children for each role and they cannot walk unassisted under the age of 5. All approach the altar, bow in front of the altar and take their place in the first front pews across the main aisle from each other.

When the bridal party's procession is complete, the priest comes forward, reverences the altar with a profound bow and venerates it with a kiss. He then makes his way to the front of the altar steps. The groom comes forwards to join the priest and take his place in front of the altar steps ready to greet the bride.

The bride proceeds from the dressing room and processes up the center aisle with or without someone to give her away. The groom greets her at the third pew in front of the altar and escorts her to the altar steps where the priest will greet them.

The Second Option: The priest goes to the front doors of the church, receives the bridal party including the bride and groom and warmly greets them, sharing their joy.

When the opening song or music begins, the procession to the altar takes place with the bridesmaids and groomsmen paired up and going first, (maximum of 7 each). The ring bearers and flower girls may follow. There is a maximum of two children for each role, and they cannot walk unassisted under the age of 5. All approach the altar, bow in front of the altar and take their place in the first front pews across the main aisle from each other.

The priest follows next, reverences the altar with a profound bow, venerates it with a kiss, and goes to his chair. The bride and groom are last. They reverence the altar with a profound bow, proceed up the steps in front of the altar and take their place at the chairs to the side of the altar.

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-Please refer to the *Wedding Readings with Codes* document found on our website for the reading selections. <https://saintmary.life/matrimony/>

First Reading: _____

Read By: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

(contact Music Director to make selection) sung by Cantor

Second Reading: _____

Read by: _____

Gospel: _____

(Read by priest or deacon)

Optional: Presentation of the Gifts

1. _____

2. _____

Optional: Placing of the lazo or veil

Yes: **No:**

Optional: Giving and receiving of the Arras

Yes: **No:**

Will photos be taken within the 30 minute block immediately following the ceremony?

Yes: **No:**