

## Choosing Music for your Wedding at St. Joseph Church

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Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

The Catholic Church speaks of the loving and sacred purpose of marriage:

“Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves all.”

*We realize that you have many tasks to complete to prepare for your wedding, so this guide is to help you choose your music.*

### **Here is what you need to do:**

1. Read this guide.
2. Enter your desired music on the *Wedding Music Selection Form*. (Available on Church website)
3. Give your payments for the organist (\$250) and cantor (\$150) to the wedding coordinator at your rehearsal. However, if your wedding has been paid for with *the “all inclusive” plan*, you do not need to pay the musicians separately.

### **Some FAQ**

- Generally, music for the Wedding Liturgy is of a *sacred nature*, and the words of hymns should *address God and be of a sacred nature*. If you have questions about music you would like to have included, contact Dr. Gregory Hamilton, via e-mail.
- For your music, you will need at least an *organist* and a *cantor*.
- Dr. Hamilton plays for all weddings at St. Joseph as organist, unless he appoints a substitute.
- All weddings must have a St. Joseph Cantor... our members of the Cantor Guild, are highly dedicated, skilled, and sing all year round at every parish mass as volunteers. Having a St. Joseph cantor at your wedding ENSURES that the liturgy and music will be sung beautifully. Although not primary, Income is a consideration. The income from weddings is a traditional part of the income of the parish cantors and music director/organist.
- However, we do allow a visiting singer to sing one or two selections during the mass, subject to approval from the music director.
- We allow and can certainly help procure, trumpet players, woodwinds etc.
- We can provide a choir if desired for an additional cost. Our Schola Cantorum is a professional choir, please ask before bringing in other choirs.

We are committed to providing a beautiful Liturgy for your wedding, and remind you, that we are here to help in any way for your wedding preparation.

**Choice of Music** *Any of these choices can be left to Dr. Hamilton.*

SM: *Saint Michaels’ Hymnal*

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Note: There are two kinds of weddings in the Catholic Church - *Word Service* and *Mass*. For a Word Service, often called a Ceremony, there is no Communion, and it is without a Mass.

For a full Mass, you will need music for the following parts of the Mass:

### Procession

Processions for Bridal Party:

*Kanon in D* – Pachelbel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgh68Swuako>

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* – Bach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOVkt2JnCuO>

*Arioso* – Bach: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDHUyI2\\_yyk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDHUyI2_yyk)

Processions for Bride:

*Bridal March* – Wagner: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4sNsGePgs8>

*Trumpet Tune* – Jeremiah Clarke: <https://youtu.be/IyCJETwOb7U>

*Trumpet Tune* – Purcell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyCJETwOb7U>

*Fanfare* – Jean-Joseph Mouret: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZldaaUksmo>

*Also:* congregational hymns can be used: SM 653 O Father All Creating, 426 Alleluia Sing to Jesus, any praise hymn.

**Gloria** – For a Full Mass, (Normally the one sung during the current Liturgical Season)

**Psalm Response** (You may also consult your wedding booklet *Together for Life*)

Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22: *The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9: *I will bless the Lord at all times.*

Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8, 9: *Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.*

**Alleluia verse** (Chosen by Music Director)

**Offertory** (*only in full Mass liturgy*)

Hymns: SM #534 *God is Love*; SM #627 *Love Divine*; SM #653 *O Father, All Creating*;  
SM #806 *Ubi Caritas*; SM #832 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*; **OR** organ  
selections may be performed

**Communion** (*only in Full Mass*)

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Hymns: SM #408 *Adoro te Devote*; SM #426 *Alleluia Sing to Jesus*;  
#437 *At The Lamb's High Feast*; SM #528 *Gift of Finest Wheat*; #570 *Humbly  
We Adore Thee* OR any Eucharistic hymn in the SM

### **Presentation to Mary** (optional)

*Ave Maria* (many versions, including Schubert, Gounod or Gregorian chant);  
SM #462 *Bring Flowers to Rarest*; SM #700 *On this Day*; SM #739 *Salve Regina* (any  
selection in the Hymnal under "Blessed Virgin Mary")

### **Recessional**

*Wedding March* – Mendelssohn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxUsmAL2HOo>

*Final from Water Music* – Handel: [https://youtu.be/\\_4kMyoDP2hk](https://youtu.be/_4kMyoDP2hk)

*Fanfare* – Jean-Joseph Mouret: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZldaaUksmo>

## Wedding Music Selection Form

Please complete this form and email to Dr. Hamilton at [ghmus7@hotmail.com](mailto:ghmus7@hotmail.com).

Name of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prelude** (can be left to organist): \_\_\_\_\_

*(Any music choice may be left to the organist.)*

**Processional:**

*Bridal Party:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Bride:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offertory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation to Mary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recessional:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Remarks:**

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