



Wedding Guidelines at Old St. Joseph's Church

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Please check with the sacristan or presiding priest upon your arrival. He will review our floral/wedding decor guidelines with you.

Keep in mind that different colors are used in the church during the varying liturgical seasons throughout the year. Expect to find some of these colors present in the church or in the sanctuary.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are not required, but if they are used, they must be delivered and in place at least 60 minutes prior to the wedding ceremony.

Sanctuary floral arrangements must be done by a professional florist. They may be placed on the pillars provided on both sides of the tabernacle – never upon the altar itself or in front of the altar. Nor may they be placed on or in front of the ambo (pulpit). The sacristan will offer direction in this regard. Paper-mache containers are not permitted and all flower containers must be free of any danger of leaking.

Flowers may be left in the church after the ceremony. If the wedding couple wishes to retain the flowers, the flowers must be removed promptly at the conclusion of the ceremony.

All containers used for corsages, floral arrangements, etc., must be removed at the conclusion of the ceremony.

DECORATIONS

Decorations of any type may not be affixed to any structural wall or element in the church.

The only candles permitted are those already in place in the church. In particular, candles in the aisles or on pews are not allowed. Pew-end decorations are discouraged, and pews may never be blocked by ribbons, cords, strings, etc. Aisle-runners are not permitted.

Sanctuary appointments such as the presider's chair, candlesticks, banners, altar cloths or any other liturgical objects are not to be altered or removed under any circumstances.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, sparklers, glitter, balloons, birds, butterflies, bubbles, etc., may not be used, thrown or released in the church or outside the church.

PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES TO YOUR FLORIST AND/OR WEDDING DECORATOR