

GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM AT HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

This policy is completely separate from and has nothing to do with the actual marriage preparation. This document merely outlines the financial requirements for the wedding ceremony itself, and is concerned exclusively with the church building and personnel. Financial requirements regarding externals, flowers, photography, etc., are the responsibility of the bride and groom and are not covered in this document, but are specified in the major guidelines for parishioner or non-parishioner weddings. These guidelines can be found above and govern all weddings in general, regardless of liturgical form. Please find the document appropriate for you.

Mass possibilities:

1. Low Mass without music.
2. Low Mass with music.
3. Sung Mass.
4. Solemn Mass.

Basic Fees: Low Mass with or without music; Sung/Solemn Mass

Fee for parishioners: \$ 500.00

Fee for non-parishioners: .. \$1,500.00

Additional Fees for Low Mass with music:

Parish organist.....\$150.00

Vocal soloist (optional)..... \$150.00

Outside organist: Any organist brought in from outside the parish must be approved by the parish music director. Since the parish organist would normally play the wedding, he has a right, in justice to the appropriate compensation. As specified above, this compensation is \$150.00

Outside singers: Any singers brought in from outside the parish must be approved by the parish music director, who will be present and in charge. If the music director has a scheduling conflict, a competent substitute will be found.

Additional Fees:

Parish organist..... \$150.00

Parish schola \$50.00 per singer

Parish choir \$50.00 per singer

All fees to music personnel must be paid prior to the day of the wedding or prior to the Mass on the day of the wedding, and must be paid in cash.

Music for Sung and Solemn Masses is of two varieties: 1) a Mass setting; 2) a chant Mass. If a Mass setting is to be sung, a choir of at least four (4) professional singers/section-leaders is necessary (soprano, alto, tenor, bass, i.e., two women and two men), depending on the Mass setting used. However, the propers of the Mass require the use of a schola, comprised of at least five men. It is possible that the two men from the choir do “double duty” and also sing in the

schola for an additional \$50.00 each. If the Mass is a chant Mass (No. 2 above), only a schola is needed which would comprise the normal complement of five men who would sing the propers and the mass ordinary.

Solemn Mass

Same requirements as Sung Mass but with an additional two (2) sacred ministers (deacon and subdeacon). If the bride and groom find and engage priests/deacons to serve as deacon and subdeacon, the compensation for these ministers is between them and said ministers. Ministers (if able to be found) engaged by Holy Rosary are to be paid \$100.00 each.

Traditionally the bride and groom also make a donation to the priest and servers. The pastor/administrator makes no stipulations for himself. Any offering for him is a free will offering from the bride and groom. For all weddings, Holy Rosary will secure altar servers. For weddings in the Extraordinary Form (Sung or Solemn), the minimum number of servers is five (5). In the case of “Low Mass” in the Extraordinary Form, the number of servers is two (2). Each server will be guaranteed a minimum honorarium of \$20.00. These donations are not to be confused with and are in addition to the parish wedding stipend described above.

Honoraria for servers and other liturgical ministers, if secured by Holy Rosary, are to be paid prior to the ceremony.

The basic parishioner/non-parishioner fee for the wedding is due at the time request and application is made and all schedules are firmed up – at least six (6) months prior to the ceremony. The other fees, those for ministers, servers and musicians are in addition to and not to be confused with the basic parish fee. These other fees are to be paid prior to the ceremony.

We understand and agree to everything specified above:

Bride signature _____ Groom signature _____