

GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING WEDDING MUSIC

Sacred Music for Sacred Ceremonies. Because music should reflect the sacred nature of the sacrament of the church and enhance the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, only sacred music is sung during wedding liturgies at Saint Rita Catholic Church. Secular selections from Broadway musicals, movie soundtracks, or popular love songs, are used more effectively outside of religious celebrations (*e.g.* at a reception or rehearsal dinner).

Organist. The Saint Rita organist, Mr. Wesley Beal, is the organist for all wedding ceremonies. If he is not available, a professional substitute will be contracted for you by Mr. Beal. All organists can play either organ or piano, depending upon your musical selections.

The Saint Rita organist will act as the music director for your wedding. All consultations regarding the music for the wedding ceremony must take place between the wedding couple and the Saint Rita organist. *The Saint Rita organist must approve all music performed for the wedding ceremony.*

The organist is not in attendance for the wedding rehearsal. If special circumstances require you to have the organist present at the rehearsal, an additional fee of \$150 should be paid directly to the organist. Payment should be made at least two weeks in advance directly to the organist or left in a sealed addressed envelope at the Pastoral Center.

Cantor. It is important that a Saint Rita cantor be engaged for each wedding Mass. The cantor brings to the ceremony a high level of skill, familiarity with the liturgy, experience singing at Saint Rita, and a comfortable working relationship with the parish clergy and organist. For wedding ceremonies *without* Mass there is more lee-way in the use of a cantor; please discuss this with the parish organist during your wedding consultation. Payment should be made at least two weeks in advance directly to the cantor or left in a sealed addressed envelope at the Pastoral Center.

Instrumentalists. Additional instrumentalists will be contracted for your wedding by the Saint Rita organist. Fees for each type of instrumentalist will vary. Contact us at least one month in advance for discussions. Payment should be made at least two weeks in advance directly to the instrumentalists or left in a sealed addressed envelope at the Pastoral Center.

Recorded Music. No pre-recorded music or accompaniment CD's/Tapes are allowed at any liturgical ceremony at Saint Rita Catholic Church. There are no exceptions.

For a list of fees associated with the above, please see the **Personnel and Fees Worksheet**. When you have made your musical selections, return all forms and worksheets to:

Wesley Beal, parish organist
Saint Rita Catholic Church

PERSONNEL AND FEES WORKSHEET

A. Basic Requirements

For English wedding Masses, an organist and cantor are normally required.

Organist:	\$250	<i>Required</i>
Saint Rita Cantor:	\$125	<i>Required</i>
Visiting Cantor (rehearsal fee paid to organist):	\$50	___

B. Additional Choices (contracted by Saint Rita Catholic Church)

Contracting fee for securing instrumentalists:

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| • One musician - No Charge | Two musicians \$50 | ___ |
| • Three to Four musicians - \$75 ___ | More than Four - \$125 | ___ |

Trumpet solo:	\$200	___
Harp:	\$250	___
Solo flute, Oboe, Violin, or Cello (please specify):	\$200	___
String Quartet (2 violins, viola, cello):	\$800	___
Brass Quintet (2 trumpets, horn, trombone, & tuba)	\$1,000	___
Contemporary Ensemble (from Sunday 5:30pm Mass)	\$800	___
Saint Rita Choir including professional singers (from Sunday 10:45am Mass)	\$1,000	___

For Bilingual/Spanish wedding Masses

Spanish Music Group (includes one singer and one instrumentalist)	\$300	___
Mariachis (to be arranged through the Director of the Bilingual Choir)	\$400	___

Payment of musicians' fees is made directly to each musician, at least *two weeks prior to the wedding* by cash or checks, payable to the individuals specified and dropped off at the Pastoral Center in a sealed addressed envelope.

Please do not make these checks payable to Saint Rita Church.

Visiting Musicians

We are sometimes able to accommodate visiting musicians. Please make arrangements with Wesley Beal in the Music Department. If a visiting cantor is approved, there will be an additional fee of \$50 per hour. All visiting musicians, vocal or instrumental, are **required** to rehearse with the organist one hour in advance of the wedding ceremony. If you choose to provide your own organist, the guest organist **must** be approved by the St. Rita organist, Wesley Beal. All musical selections must still be approved by Mr. Beal, and a \$150 fee paid to him.

C. Signature

Please sign below to indicate that you agree to pay all fees and will pay them *no later than two weeks prior to the date of the wedding*

Bride _____ **Date** ___/___/___

Groom _____ **Date** ___/___/___

MUSIC REPERTOIRE CD and WORKSHEET

The CD and Wedding Music Worksheet provide you with a wide variety of musical choices. The music worksheet numbers correspond with the CD track numbers. The CD is available for a **refundable \$20 deposit**. **Please return the CD along with all fees, two weeks prior to the wedding.**

Here are the steps you should follow in choosing your music:

- Listen to the CD two or three times and note the selections that you particularly like.
- Contact Mr. Wesley Beal, Saint Rita organist, to arrange a music planning consultation.
- Select your music using the wedding planning worksheets provided
- Keep a copy of the worksheets for your records
- Sign the **Personnel and Fees Worksheet**
- Return all forms to the Saint Rita Parish office, to the attention of Wesley Beal
- Experience the great music you have chosen for your wedding!

DEPOSIT RECEIVED

Refundable Deposit paid by _____

Date Received ____/____/____ Via Cash \$_____ Check \$_____ # _____

Received by _____

DEPOSIT RETURNED

Date Refunded ____/____/____ Via Cash \$_____ Check \$_____ # _____

Processed by _____

Mailed on ____/____/____ or returned to _____