

Wedding Decoration



SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

- Floral set up is available one hour before the wedding.
- All flowers, pedestals, pew bows, stray petals or greenery must be cleaned up immediately following the wedding liturgy.
- **St Michael's is not responsible for anything left behind or for cleaning up after your wedding**

EXISTING DECOR:

- If your wedding takes place during the liturgical season of Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter or other parish celebrations, you may not alter the church décor.
- All existing flowers, pedestals, candles and other environmental elements in the church are to remain in place and must not be moved.
- The existing sanctuary candles are used in the wedding liturgy. No other candles are permitted in the sanctuary, aisles or foyer.

FLOWERS AND DECOR

- **Flower Arrangements:** Please refer to the last page for a layout
- **Church Candles:** The existing sanctuary candles are used in the wedding liturgy. No other candles are permitted in the sanctuary, aisles or foyer.
- **Pew Bows:** The following items are not allowed to be used: plastic clips, scotch tape, Velcro, staples, clamps, floral pins, etc. Bows, greenery or floral sprays may be used only if attached with a ribbon loop.
- Flower petals, confetti, and Aisle Runners are not allowed

DONATING FLOWERS:

- You are welcome to leave the flowers in the church after your wedding, as a gift to the parish. If you are donating flowers please inform the Wedding Coordinator.



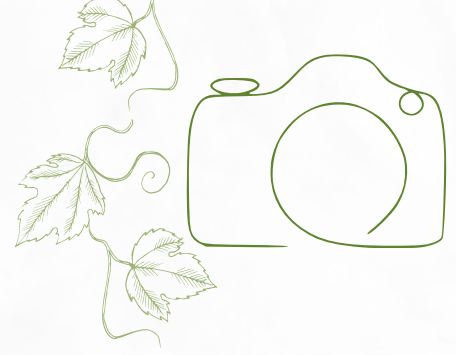
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Photographer and Videographer

GUIDELINES & POLICIES



STARTING ON TIME

It is crucial that your wedding party is on time. ***Weddings that start late will forfeit photography time following the celebration.*** The church will be open one hour before your scheduled start time.

For Saturday weddings, ***the last picture must be taken by 3:40 pm***, as our church needs to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Vigil Mass. Please understand that there are no exceptions to this rule.

1. The photographer & videographer shall conduct himself/herself in a respectful manner at all times out of reverent regard for the Church as a place of prayer and worship.
2. The photographer & videographer shall limit his/her movement during the ceremony to the pre-designated area (see next page).
During the liturgy, photographs may be taken only from designated areas: balcony, side aisles, center cross aisle and from the back of the church.
The photographer &/or videographer is absolutely not allowed in the sanctuary (altar area) at any time.
3. Flash photography is not permitted during the liturgy; it is allowed before or after the celebration. Extra lighting is not permitted.
4. Obtrusive equipment and wiring the bride and bridegroom for sound is not allowed. Priests may be wired, at their discretion.
5. The Church is available for set up of the photo & video equipment 1 hour before the wedding.
6. After the liturgy, the photographer & videographer shall work within the limited time allotted for picture-taking. This will ensure the next service has ample time for preparation.
7. Drones are not allowed inside the Church

Church Etiquette at the Wedding

It is common that many of your wedding guests will be unfamiliar with the etiquette in a Catholic Church. Please remind your wedding party and your guests of the common courtesies expected in the sacred space.

GUESTS

- The church is a sacred space. Respect must be shown by remaining quiet. Conversations can take place outside before and after the celebration.
- Cell phones and mobile device sounds must be turned off within the church.
- If guests must take pictures, please guide them how to be extremely discrete to avoid distraction.
- Plunging necklines, very short hemlines, spaghetti straps, sheer material, t-shirts with offensive graphics or language are *inappropriate* at Church.
- No food, drinks, chewing gum or smoking is allowed within the church. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on church property.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

If your wedding liturgy is within a Mass, only a practicing Catholic in a state of grace may receive Communion. The bare minimum requirements for a practicing Catholic to receive Communion is to assent to the following teachings of the Church and follow the Seven Precepts:

- a. Be free from Mortal Sin.
- b. To have right intention.
- c. Attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
- d. Confess your sins at least once a year.
- e. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season
- f. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- g. Provide for the needs of the Church

Non-Catholic guests and Catholics who are not practicing are invited to join in silent prayer during the Communion Procession.