



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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Wedding Music Guidelines

Marriage is a sacrament, a visible sign of God's grace. This is the day you affirm your love and commitment not only to each other, but also to the parish community. It is not a private ceremony, but a liturgy (a work of the people) in the truest sense of the word – one that involves your families and friends.

Because of the solemnity of this sacrament, only **sacred**, liturgical music is acceptable for your wedding ceremony or mass. Show tunes, pop music, secular love songs, operatic wedding songs are not considered appropriate for your wedding ceremony. Save them for the reception.

THE USE OF RECORDED MUSIC IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!

Musicians

To ensure that proper liturgical guidelines are followed, and to preserve the liturgy, guest musicians are not allowed. The parish has a capable music department, and musicians to provide music for your special day. The fee for the parish organist/pianist is \$300.00 per wedding, which includes a music consultation. Part of this fee also includes payment for the cantor/soloist. A cantor/soloist is required for weddings. Please contact one of the cantors below to hire one for your wedding. There are elements of the Rite of Marriage that require singing.

To ensure those who attend your wedding are given an opportunity to actively participate in the liturgy, a worship aid will be developed to assist them.

A \$50.00 deposit is required before your date will be placed on the calendar. The remaining balance due should be dropped off in the office ten days before your wedding. If not received by that date, the musician's participation may be canceled. Please see the attached sheet for more information.

Please note the organist receives an additional \$50.00 per hour rehearsal fee for any extra rehearsals with outside singers or musicians of any kind.

Cantors

Michelle Keast	(432) 230-3857
Lennie Garcia	(432) 254-0955
Cindy Juarez	(432) 230-4540

Instrumentalists

The parish has a list of instrumentalists who are willing to share their talents and add a more festive feel to your wedding. From trumpets to woodwinds to strings to timpani; adding musical instruments can greatly enrich your wedding liturgy. If you're interested in hiring an instrumentalist, please contact me at the office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the parish office, 367-4657 or by email, music@setonparishodessa.org

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Director of Music
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Wedding Music Selections

Name of Bride: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date & Time of Wedding: _____

Entrance – Option One

Instrumental music followed by an opening song. The opening song is not optional. It must be done in accordance with the Rite of Celebrating Matrimony. *Please note, the popular song, Here Comes the Bride isn't an option, as it's not appropriate for church.*

- Canon in D, *Pachelbel*
- Hymn to Joy, *Bach*
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, *Bach*
- Jupiter Chorale, *Holst*
- Largo, *Handel*
- Prelude to Te Deum, *Charpentier*
- Trumpet Tune, *Purcell*
- Trumpet Voluntary, *Clarke*

Entrance Song Selections

- God of Love, Embrace Your People
- God, in the Planning
- Love Has Brought Us Here Together

Entrance – Option Two

Opening song during the procession.

- God of Love, Embrace Your People
- God, in the Planning
- Love Has Brought Us Here Together

Gloria – Sung at all Weddings

Responsorial Psalm – The psalm between the two readings is sung by the cantor and the congregation. Please choose one.

- Psalm 33 **The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord**
- Psalm 34 **Taste and See**
- Psalm 103 **The Lord is Kind and Merciful**
- Psalm 112 **Blessed the Man Who Greatly Delights in the Lord's Commands**
- Psalm 128 **Blest Are Those Who Love You**
- Psalm 145 **How Good is the Lord to All**
- Psalm 148 **Let All Praise the Name of the Lord**

Preparation of the Gifts – This music occurs after the General Intercessions in the mass. If there is no mass, please do not select from this category.

- God of Love, Embrace Your People
- God, in the Planning
- Love Has Brought Us Here Together
- May the Grace of Christ Our Savior (Set to Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)
- Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts

Communion Song – Please skip if you are not having a full mass. A congregational hymn with a refrain is appropriate here. Please choose one.

- Blest Are They (English or Spanish)
- Eat This Bread (English or Spanish)
- Gift of Finest Wheat
- One Bread, One Body (English or Spanish)
- Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts
- Ubi Caritas (English or Spanish)

Devotion to Mary - If you are taking flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, please choose one.

- Ave Maria, *Schubert* (Only if sung by a soloist)
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- Hail Holy Queen
- Immaculate Mary

Recessional – This is usually the wedding liturgy’s most festive and joyous of musical expressions. Please choose one.

- Hymn to Joy, *Bach*
- Now Thank We All Our God, *Bach*
- Prelude to Te Deum, *Charpentier*
- Rondeau, *Mouret*
- Trumpet Voluntary, *Clarke*
- Trumpet Tune, *Purcell*

Organist Contract for Weddings & Quinceaneras

To engage the services of Christopher Wilcox, for your event, complete the following contract, attach the deposit, and return to St. Elizabeth's office at least **TWO MONTHS** before your event.

Deposit - \$50.00

If your event is cancelled less than thirty (30) days before it is scheduled, this deposit will not be returned.

Fee - \$300.00 (\$250 plus deposit)

This fee is due in the office **ten days** before the event. If not received by that date, the organist's participation may be cancelled.

This fee entitles you to:

1. One planning session with the organist
2. Sacred music during your wedding or quinceanera.

Fee for working with outside soloists - \$50.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your signature below constitutes your agreement to this contract.

Signature

Date

Return with deposit to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Office

