



St. James the Apostle Wedding Music Policy

Planning Your Sacred Music

Our **Director of Sacred Liturgy** will assist you in selecting your sacred music, and serving as your contact person throughout the journey to your Nuptial Mass. Approximately 1 to 3 months prior to your wedding, you should contact the Director of Sacred Liturgy (DSL) to set up a consultation to finalize the plans for the wedding. To assist you in choosing your sacred music, please visit our website. On the website, you will find short music examples, a list of the music, and an online form on which to fill out with your selections and send to the DSL.

Music chosen for your Wedding Liturgy must be sacred as it is a worship celebration, and we must adhere to the guidelines from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which is a set of rubrics from Rome outlining the requirements for liturgical services for the English speaking Catholic population. This includes any prelude or postlude music. Secular (non-God oriented) music should be reserved for the wedding reception and may not be used for a Nuptial Mass in the church

Guest Organists and Contract Musicians

If you wish to have a visiting organist provide the music for your wedding, there will be a bench fee of \$200 paid to the DSL above and beyond any stipends charged by the visiting organist. This is to ensure the presence of the DSL at your Nuptial Mass to help with equipment and address any other questions or issues.

The DSL can assist you with the contracting of other professional musicians (violin, trumpet, flute, etc.). Non-parish musicians establish their own stipend schedules and St. James the Apostle is not responsible for those stipends.

Stipends

The stipend for the DSL as the primary musician includes consultation on the selection of music, the execution of the music during the wedding ceremony, 10-15 minutes of prelude music, postlude music, and up to 30 minutes on the wedding date reserved for rehearsal with outside musicians. **These stipends are due to the Ministry Center office one week prior to your wedding.** If visiting musicians will be collaborating with our DSL and require more than 30 minutes of rehearsal, there is also an hourly rate for this additional rehearsal time.

DESCRIPTION	STIPEND
Director of Sacred Liturgy or Parish Accompanist	\$250.00
Cantor/Soloist provided by the parish	\$175.00
Hourly rate for extra rehearsal time*	\$75.00/hour
Contract Musicians (<i>set their own fees</i>)	\$250.00-\$275.00

(*typically, only required for non-parish musicians)