



Guidelines for Decorating

1. Please designate your florist, a family member or a friend to pin and distribute flowers to those who will wear them. The parish wedding attendant will be unable to assist.
2. Due to multiple events being scheduled each weekend, set up time is allowed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.
3. Altar flowers are not required, but if they are used, they must be delivered and in place at least 25 minutes prior to the wedding liturgy.
4. Altar flowers may not be placed on the altar, nor may they be placed on or in front of the ambo.
5. When flower stands are used, they must be placed only toward the back corners of the sanctuary to preserve necessary sightlines between priest, cantor, lectors, and congregation.
6. Pew-end decorations may be used, but they may not be attached by pinning, gluing, nailing, tacking, taping or stapling. Elastic bands or ribbons should be used instead.
7. Pews may never be blocked by ribbons, cords, strings, etc.
8. Aisle runners are not permitted.
9. Sanctuary floral arrangements must be done by a professional florist. Paper-mache containers are not permitted. Containers should present no danger of leaking.
10. Sanctuary appointments such as the ambo, presider's chair, candle sticks, banners, altar cloths, etc may not be altered or removed under any circumstances. Keep in mind that different colors are used in the church during the varying liturgical seasons throughout the year. Expect to find these colors present in the church or in the sanctuary. Questions regarding any seasonal colors being used on your wedding day may be directed to the pastoral minister assisting with your wedding planning.
11. Rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, sparklers, balloons, birds, butterflies, bubbles, etc., may not be used, thrown or released in the church or outside the church.
12. The only candles permitted are those already in place by the church staff. The couple is, however, required to supply the unity candle if it is to be present. The unity candle must be placed on the stand provided by the church.
13. All containers used for corsages, floral arrangements, etc. must be removed before leaving the church.
14. No food or beverage is to be brought into the church.
15. It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to ensure that the florist and decorating personnel abide by these policies.