



## Saint Lucy's Catholic Faith Community

Since your wedding celebration truly begins in the Church, it is very important that you give this part of your special day as much planning and attention as you are giving to the rest of your day. The following are some guidelines to help you make your wedding celebration at St. Lucy's very special:

1. Contact the organist, leader of song and any other musicians you may want at your wedding ceremony as soon as possible. A list of musicians and leaders of song is included on the music selection sheet. It is very important to have the musicians who are familiar with the Catholic liturgy and music. Keep in mind that a musician needs to be comfortable with the music to perform successfully. Our organist, Flo Oliveira, will be very happy to work with you and your musicians to select appropriate music and share her experience with weddings to make your ceremony your personal celebration.
2. Be aware of any paperwork and fees that are to be submitted. Be sure to find out due dates and turn these items in on time. If you are using a visiting priest, remind him of your schedule and follow through to make sure your paperwork is being processed.
3. Be on time for any consultations, rehearsals, and especially your wedding day!
4. Photography is allowed during the ceremony at St. Lucy's. However, to remove distractions and interruptions by photographers, please ask your photographer to keep his/her movement to a minimum by taking a place in the congregation and staying there once the ceremony has started.
5. Try to attend a wedding at St. Lucy's to see how the ceremony is celebrated. No one has to be "invited" to the church ceremony. This will give you the opportunity to make decisions about your wedding ceremony before the night of the rehearsal.
6. Confetti, rice, bird seed, flower petals, etc. are not allowed because of the danger of falling.

7. If you are not a parishioner of St. Lucy's but are using our church for your wedding ceremony, we ask that you work with us in planning your ceremony. To paraphrase an old saying..."When in St. Lucy's do as we do". There has been some frustration in the past working with our guests who want to use our church but only want to do everything the way it was done in their church. Many weddings have been performed in our new church as well as our old church and we feel very confident that our "house rules" do work.
8. The seasonal decorations provided by St. Lucy's decorating committee are not to be removed for weddings.
9. Please save your champagne toast for the reception. Ask your driver not to open the champagne on the church grounds or parking lot.

Do not leave the Church part of your special day to the last minute. The more you do ahead of time in regards to any part of your celebration, the more relaxed you will be once the day arrives. Make your celebration at St. Lucy's special and personal through your choice of music and scripture. We further encourage you to consider our additional suggestions such as options in your processional, a greeting by someone other than the priest, lighting of unity candle and flowers for the mothers at the sign of peace.

A final word about decorations: our sanctuary was designed to allow full and easy movement of the bridal party in front of the altar area and to allow for good visibility for everyone. Please do not order flower stands, candelabra, plats, etc. to inhibit movement or block vision. The most successful decorations for St. Lucy's Church seem to be flowers on the wooden shelf area behind the celebrant's chair. In our experience "less is better". If you are thinking of any special decorations, please contact your celebrant before ordering. Also, tape is not allowed anywhere---for pew decorations, mikes, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation on these matters. They can help to make your ceremony beautiful and reverent.