

**SAN JOSÉ CATHOLIC CHURCH
OFFICE OF LITURGY & MUSIC**

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Parish Wedding Music Policy

I. General Information

A. Your wedding is a public liturgical celebration and so the music is bound by liturgical norms and guidelines. This means the selected music must be sacred and compliment the beauty and dignity of the liturgy. Secular songs should be reserved for the wedding reception.

B. The San José Director of Music has final approval of all music you select for the liturgy, even if you choose to have non-staff or instrumentalists &/or vocalists from outside the parish (see below). Please make an appointment with the parish Music Director *four to six weeks* prior to the date of your wedding to plan the music for the celebration.

II. Musicians

A. The Director of Music will make every effort to meet your needs regarding instrumentalists &/or vocalists as needed, utilizing the talents of our parish music ministers. See below for fees.

B. If you wish to have non-staff &/or outside instrumentalists &/or vocalist these individuals should be familiar and experienced with the Roman Catholic liturgy. The Director of Music has final approval of *all* musicians. The names and contact information of outside musicians must be given to the Director of Music at the planning meeting. Please note: when outside musicians are used in place of parish musicians a fee will be charged for the sound system operator *OR* a \$200 deposit will be charged. This deposit will be returned once it has been determined that no equipment is damaged or missing. Any person operating the sound system other than the parish delegate will need to meet with the Music Director at her convenience to receive required instruction.

C. If a rehearsal is required of the parish music ministers with outside musicians an extra fee will be charged. This fee is due at the time of the music rehearsal.

D. It is presumed that every effort will be made to begin your wedding on time. Extraordinary lateness may result in musicians having to leave for other commitments before your celebration is completed, or extra fees.

III. Fees (A non-refundable deposit of half the musicians' fees are due four weeks prior to the wedding. All fees must be paid in full at the wedding rehearsal. Your Wedding Director will receive these fees and give them to the respective musicians.)

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| A. <i>Parish Pianist/Organist</i> | \$150 \$200 on holidays and holiday weekends* \$ 50/hr rehearsal fee (1 hour minimum) |
| B. <i>Bilingual Music Director</i> | \$150 \$200 on holiday and holiday weekends* \$ 50/hr rehearsal fee (1 hour minimum) |
| C. <i>Parish Cantors</i> | Determined by the individual cantors A list is provided as needed |
| D. <i>Sound System Operator</i> | \$ 50 (\$75 holiday & holiday weekends) <i>Please see above for alternative choice</i> |
| E. <i>Late Start</i> | \$25 first 20 minutes, each additional 15 minutes + \$25 payable to all parish musicians prior to start of the liturgy |

All of the above and the specific music selections for your wedding require your careful consideration and active dialogue with the Director of Music who is a valuable resource and guide as you make your selection. It is the desire of the all the Music Ministers at San José Catholic Church that the music at your wedding not only reflect your relationship with God, each other, and the gathered community, but that it be done prayerfully and professionally in the true spirit of Christian love.

**Holidays Include:*

New Year's Day (Weekend)
Martin Luther King Weekend
Valentine's Day
Presidents' Day Weekend
Memorial Day Weekend
July 4th (Weekend)
Labor Day Weekend
Veteran's Day (Weekend)
Dec. 21 – Dec. 31

Bride or Groom

Date

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