

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Wedding Planner

Bride _____ Groom _____

Best Man _____ Maid of Honor _____

Priest/Deacon _____ Musician _____

Church _____ Date/Time _____

Pre-Service Music

Music before the wedding may be vocal, instrumental, or a combination of the two. Music should be chosen from the repertoire of sacred or liturgical music. Popular music or "show tunes" are inappropriate even before the service.

Selection(s) _____

Introductory Rites

The processional music accompanies the entrance of the bridal party.

Selection _____

Greeting

Opening Prayer _____ by the Priest Celebrant

The Liturgy of the Word

Your parish priest can help you make the selection from the Lectionary. Please list the Scripture citation. The Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation should always be sung.

First Reading _____ Reader _____

Responsorial Psalm (optional) _____ Cantor/Reader _____

Second Reading _____ Reader _____

Gospel Acclamation _____ Cantor _____

Gospel _____ by the Priest Celebrant

Homily _____ by the Priest Celebrant

Rite of Marriage

Instruction on the Nature of the Sacrament

Consent (Vows)

Repeated after the Priest Celebrant

I, N. take you N., to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

OR

I, N. take you N., for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Blessing & Exchange of Rings

Optional Floral Offering to Mary or Lei Exchange

Note: The Unity Candle is not part of the Catholic marriage liturgy. The primary symbols of a couples' unity are their vows, the exchange of rings, and the Eucharist (if celebrated), which is always a symbol of unity between Christ and his body the Church.

Prayer of the Faithful

by the Priest Celebrant

The liturgy concludes with the Concluding Rite. Or if you are celebrating marriage in the context of Mass, please see the note below.

Concluding Rite

Lord's Prayer

Final Blessing

Recessional _____

[If Planning A Wedding Mass...]

Consideration should be given to those who will be attending. If it is a mixed marriage where one party is not Catholic, or if many of your guests are not Catholic, celebration of the Eucharist is discouraged. However, if you choose to celebrate your marriage in the context of Mass, you will also need to select Service Music.

Music During the Presentation of Gifts _____

Service Music/Mass Setting _____

Communion Song _____

General Information

1. At least one party must be Catholic.
2. Weddings are celebrated in the *church building only*, Monday through Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Weddings are not scheduled during the sacred Triduum, holy days, or civic holidays.
3. Your marriage preparation should begin at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date.

Preparation

Your marriage preparation should begin at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. It is necessary for couples in the Diocese of Honolulu to complete the Engaged Encounter weekend retreat.

Offering

If you are a registered, active parishioner of the Co-Cathedral the suggested donation is \$750.00. If you reside in another parish or outside the State of Hawaii, the suggested donation to the Co-Cathedral is \$1000.00. This amount does not include the gratuity to the priest or the fee for the musician.

Marriage License

You will need to obtain a marriage license from the State of Hawaii Department of Health prior to the wedding. **Please bring the marriage license to the rehearsal.**

Rehearsal

We will be happy to schedule a rehearsal for you and your wedding party with our parish priest before your wedding day. The rehearsal usually lasts about a half hour. This may be scheduled by contacting our Parish Office.

Flowers

You are welcome to add flower arrangements (except during Lent) provided they do not obstruct the view of the altar, ambo, or the Presider's Chair. No flower petals, rice, birdseed, or confetti may be thrown inside or outside the church.

Music

Only sacred songs and instrumental music appropriate for Catholic liturgy will be permitted at the Co-Cathedral. All music must be approved and arranged with Bernie Gora, our Director of Liturgy and Music. You may contact her directly at 808-721-0387. The fee for the musician is \$150.00 payable to *Bernie Gora*. Other musicians are welcome to accompany our parish Director of Liturgy provided they conform to the norms for Catholic worship and are approved by the Director of Liturgy.

Photography/Videography

We understand the desire to preserve the wedding on film and videotape. Professional photographers and videographers are welcome to take pictures during the liturgy provided that no flash photography is used, no one enters the sanctuary, and the movement of the participants is not impeded by the photographer. Videographers and photographers should check with the parish priest prior to the start of the wedding.

Unity Candle

The lighting of the “unity candle” is not part of the Roman Catholic marriage ritual. The primary symbols of a couples’ unity are the vows themselves, the rings, and the reception of the Eucharist. If the unity candle is important to you, we suggest you make it part of the Table Prayer at the reception. A more appropriate gesture during the ceremony might be a floral offering to Mary after the exchange of rings.

Church Furnishings

The altar, ambo, and Presider’s Chair are symbols of God’s abiding presence with his people and are not to be moved. Additional decorations should not be taped, nailed, or tacked to the walls or chairs and must be removed following the ceremony.

Food and Beverages

Neither are allowed in the church. Consumption of any drugs or alcohol prior to the liturgy will result in cancellation of the wedding.

Dressing & Parking Facilities

Unfortunately, we do not have changing rooms at the Co-Cathedral. We suggest the couple come to the church dressed for the ceremony. Restroom facilities are available. There is ample parking for guests.

Visitor Weddings

Contact your parish priest to begin the formal preparation required by your home diocese. Once your preparation program is completed, your priest will send the marriage documents to your local diocese of review. After their review is completed, they will forward the documents to: **The Chancery, Diocese of Honolulu, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 (ATTN: Nettie Pelier)**. Following the approval of our Chancellor, your documents will be forwarded to the Co-Cathedral. Your marriage will be recorded in our parish register and your files will remain as permanent records of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

After you have met with your priest, contact our parish office to reserve the date of your wedding. We can advise on the availability of the church at that time and will tentatively hold your requested date. **The date will not be confirmed until we receive the required non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 (personal check or money order in US Currency).**

In addition to the deposit, we request you send a Letter of Intent to the Co-Cathedral to include the following:

- a. The couple's names, religion, home addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.
- b. The date and time of the wedding.
- c. The complete names of your witnesses (Best Man, Maid/Matron of Honor). **Two witnesses are required.**
- d. The name, address, and phone number of your parish church.
- e. The name of the priest preparing you for marriage.
- f. The date of arrival in Honolulu and local contact information.

You will also need obtain your **State of Hawaii Marriage License** as soon as you arrive in Honolulu. No blood tests are required in the State of Hawaii. You will need to show a form of picture identification at the time you apply for your license. The license is obtained at the State of Hawaii Department of Health. **Please bring the marriage license and the balance due (\$500.00) with you to the rehearsal.**

Bringing Your Own Priest

If you wish to have another priest, who resides outside the State of Hawaii, to preside at your marriage, it is necessary that he be sent additional information to obtain a marriage license from the State of Hawaii. There are also additional requirements for the Diocese of Honolulu. Our office and the Diocese of Honolulu will need to receive copies of his license and paperwork several weeks before the wedding date. Please note the offering for the use of the Co-Cathedral remains the same.

How To Contact Us

Our Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. – 12 Noon (Hawaii Standard Time). We are located at 712 North School Street, Honolulu, HI 96817.

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