

# Wedding Music

## THE MUSIC

Music chosen for weddings should reflect the sacred and sacramental quality of the celebration and should therefore be of a sacred nature. There is an ample supply of extremely beautiful and appropriate Church Music for weddings. Romantic music, love songs, and other forms of music are more appropriately reserved to the wedding reception. Couples should also bear in mind that, by its nature, the wedding liturgy invites the active participation of those assembled. Planning of the Liturgy and Music should enable all present to feel welcome and to participate in the celebration.

The Director of Liturgy and Music will assist you in the selection of appropriate music for the liturgy, and can offer suggestions as to how to enable the assembly to participate in the liturgy as fully as possible. Couples should contact him to set up a meeting as soon as possible after their wedding date is scheduled. This allows ample time to secure the desired music and musicians.

Pre-recorded music (from CDs or tapes) is NEVER allowed at Liturgical celebrations. Like the environment, the music of the celebration should reflect the authenticity of ourselves and the God we worship. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

## PERSONNEL

Couples who will be wed at St. Luke's MUST plan their music in coordination with the Director of Liturgy and Music. It is important to the integrity of the Catholic liturgy that the music be provided by those trained in the proper use of Liturgical Music. Our parish has been blessed with many talented musicians and singers who are available to provide music for the liturgies of the parish. Couples must use the services of musicians and singers from an approved list available from the Office of Liturgy and Music of the parish. Couples who are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage within the Mass must use a Parish Cantor to lead the appropriate singing at mass. Guest vocalists and instrumentalists will be allowed to perform other incidental music such as during the prelude or a special song during the Rite of Marriage.

Depending upon availability, the parish can also assist in securing additional musical accompaniment such as trumpet, flute, violin, or other instruments.

The range of fees is:

Organist / Pianist	\$200
Vocalists	\$125
Trumpet / Flute/ or Other	\$125

Payment of fees MUST be made 2 weeks prior to the wedding date.