

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEDDING POLICY

I have read and agree to the contents of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church
Guidelines for Weddings:

Bride _____ Date: _____

Groom _____ Date: _____

Priest _____ Date: _____



Names of Clergy:

- Fr. Lambert A. Lein, SVD, *Pastors*
- Fr. Rofinus Jas, SVD, *Associate Pastor*
- Fr. Jerome LeDoux, SVD, *Priest in residence*
- Deacon Charles Richard

Wedding Coordinators: Mrs. Mary Daigle

(Church wedding coordinator is responsible for the REHEARSAL and anything pertaining to Wedding Celebration in Church)

Music Ministers:

We allow **ONLY APPROVED ORGANISTS**
to **Play** at Weddings.

Cheryl Clark, *Vocalist & Pianist* (337) 305-0237

Ignatious J. Carmouche, *Vocalist & Pianist* (337) 418-0077

Steve Smith, *Vocalist & Pianist* (337) 948-4247

Shelia Thomas, *Vocalist & Pianist* (337) 945-5770

Mercedes Majors *Vocalist* (337) 351-9365

Musicians/singers are required to submit the list of songs to be sung at the Wedding **NO LATER** than a week before the wedding.

These guidelines are effective August 1, 2016. They are here NOT to hinder your wedding celebration in any way but rather, to accommodate you and the other parishioners. So, we ask that you abide by these guidelines. Please feel free to discuss this with the priest at your initial interview.

Fr. Lambert A. Lein, SVD

Wedding Guidelines & Fees

1. Offering and church fees for a registered Member of Holy Ghost is \$100.00
2. Offering and church fees for a Non-Member of Holy Ghost is \$500.00.
3. A registered member is someone over the age of eighteen and not in college or some other institution of higher learning. If you are in college or some other institution of higher learning and your parent, parents, or guardian is a registered member, then you are considered a member.
4. A wedding date will not be official recorded until you have completed the initial interview with a priest/deacon.
5. A deposit of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of the initial interview for Non-Member.
6. The bridal party is limited to a total of twenty-one people, i.e., best-man, maid of honor, eight groomsmen, eight bridesmaids, two flower girls, and a ring bearer. This policy will be adhered to with no exceptions.
7. Only the coordinators for Holy Ghost Catholic Church will be allowed to conduct the wedding rehearsals. They will take directives from the bride and groom only.
8. Catholic wedding liturgies are very joyous but yet sacred occasions. Therefore, all songs must be appropriate for this occasion.
9. Regular scheduled wedding times are: Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with a Mass and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. without a Mass.
10. According to the policy of the Diocese of Lafayette, no wedding with a mass can be celebrated after the Anticipated Mass on Saturdays.
11. We often operate on a tight schedule; therefore, it is imperative that wedding ceremonies start at the scheduled time. Everyone should be at the church at least thirty minutes before the time of the wedding. Also, those who are not members of the bridal party should be escorted to their pews prior to the wedding start time. This includes parents, readers, tea girls, etc.

12. Please bring your marriage license to the rectory to the secretary at least three days before your wedding. In the state of Louisiana you must purchase your license within 72 hours before, but not longer than 30 days before your wedding. You will need a certified copy of your birth certificate to obtain the license.
13. You should meet with the priest at least two weeks before your wedding to plan the liturgy.
14. The Word of God is very sacred and revered by the Church, therefore, whoever you might choose to proclaim the Word for your wedding ceremony should prepare themselves well and meet with one of our Lector's at the rehearsal.
15. No isle runner is allowed in Church for safety reason!
16. The couple is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at the time of rehearsal.