

Saint Brigid & Gate of Heaven Parishes

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Instructions for Wedding Photographers (Still and Video)

Couples – please present these instructions to your photographers before your wedding date.

The Liturgy during which we celebrate your Marriage is a sacred moment of rejoicing in prayer, song and gesture. While we understand your desire to photograph and record this moment, we ask that you observe the following guidelines so that the sacred joy of this day will be preserved.

1. Both professional photographers and video technicians are welcome at our Parish. We ask that only one Photographer and one Video Technician be employed during the ceremony. Any relatives or friends taking pictures should remain in their seats.
2. Video-photographers are not permitted to roam about the Church once the liturgy has begun. **Video cameras must remain on a tripod** in one of the side aisles once the bride reaches the altar until the final blessing. When placing your tri-pod in the side aisle please be aware that you may have to move it during Holy Communion to allow the flow of people returning to their seats via the side aisle to return without interference.
3. Still photographers may take pictures in the middle aisle **three times** during the ceremony:
 - i) As the wedding party enters the Church
 - ii) At the time of the exchange of Vows and Rings
 - iii) As the wedding party exits the altar.

Still photographers may use the choir loft and may take photos from the side aisles during the ceremony. We ask that you do not block guests and that you respect the sacredness of the Church and the celebration.

4. No additional lighting may be brought into the Church or used with a video camera. Flash Photography is permitted.
5. Photographers and video photographers should consult with the priest/wedding coordinator before the service begins concerning any restrictions that may apply. **Under no circumstances are videographers or photographers allowed in the altar sanctuary.**
6. These policies provide for ample time to take photos during the ceremony. If you think that additional time for pictures inside the church is needed following the ceremony, please speak with the Priest prior to your wedding date. Wedding photographers should not enter the Church while another wedding ceremony or Saturday/Sunday Mass is in progress.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions please consult with the wedding coordinator or the Priest officiating at the wedding.

I/We understand the photography instructions for the wedding ceremony within the Church and will abide by them:

_____ Signed _____ Date