

# MUSIC

The reverence and dignity of the sacred liturgy should be reflected in your musical selections.

The Ordinary Mass parts used at Our Lady of Fatima services (English or Latin) will be sung by the parish Cantor.

Secular music of any kind is forbidden, including music from movies, television, plays, musicals, and operas.

Use of pre-recorded music is forbidden. Without exception, all music for the nuptial ceremony must be performed live by musicians present at the ceremony.

Only Fatima Church staff musicians may provide music for weddings. This includes organists, pianists, trumpeters, violinist, flutists, etc. **All musicians will be hired by the Director of Music only. All other arrangements made, financial or otherwise, without permission will not be honored.**

Payment for musicians is due 3 months prior to the wedding and not before. If the wedding is cancelled for any reason, including change of venue from Our Lady of Fatima Church, and payment has already been made, only 50% will be refunded to the couple. This is necessary due to the fact that stated musicians could have booked other employment opportunities on that specific date.

**All music must be approved by the Director of Music**

## **Frequently asked questions:**

*Q: I have a friend/relative that sings. Can he/she sing for my wedding?*

**A:** Yes, but they must be trained musicians who read music and they may only sing prior to the wedding and sing 1 selection only. The vocalist will have to rehearse with the organist for a fee of \$100. Everything else within the ceremony must be sung by the parish cantor. **The Director of Music must approve this at the time of your meeting with him.**

*Q: May I request a certain instrumentalist (violinist, trumpeter, etc.) to play at my wedding? Can a relative/friend play?*

**A:** No. Only Fatima Church staff musicians may provide music at weddings. Simply inform the Director of Music which instrumentalist you desire, and he will contact the instrumentalist(s). Rest assured that only the finest musicians available will be used.

*Q: Is a cantor necessary? What if we don't want singing?*

**A:** Yes, the parish Cantor must sing the Ordinary Parts of the Mass (Gloria – Holy, Holy, Holy – Mystery of Faith – Great Amen – Lamb of God) at all wedding Masses. If your wedding will be a Liturgy of the Word (LOW) a cantor is still required to sing the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation.