

WEDDING GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS

Weddings in the Catholic Church are sacraments, places we encounter the presence of Jesus himself in the ceremony. It is more than just a gathering of people or another “event”. To that end, respect for and preserving the dignity of the ceremony must be observed by all parties, including vendors. These guidelines are provided to offer clear parameters to all involved in Weddings at Saint Teresa of Avila.

COUPLES MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES TO EACH PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER

1. Please check-in with the parish Wedding Attendant upon your arrival. The attendant will review our photo/video procedures with you.
2. **A maximum of two photographers and one videographer** are permitted inside the church. Tripods may not block the center aisle. All aisles must be kept clear of all equipment. Photographers/video personnel and their equipment are to be unobtrusive during the Wedding Liturgy. Flash photography or video lighting is not permitted. The designated areas for video are toward the altar on the side aisles., or a stationary camera in the choir loft. Once the liturgy begins, roaming around the church is not permitted by photographers or videographers. All personnel and equipment must be behind the front most pillar of the Church.
3. **At the discretion of the organist**, a single stationary unmanned video camera may be placed in the choir loft 20 minutes prior to the ceremony. The camera must be removed immediately following the recessional at the end of the ceremony.
4. **At the discretion of the organist**, photographers may take pictures from the choir loft.
5. Microphones and/or electric wiring cannot be taped across the aisles. Sanctuary microphones are not to be disconnected or have anything attached to them. Our Priests will not wear any microphones provided by videographers.
6. Photo and video lighting racks are not permitted during the ceremony. Altar furnishings and church decorations may not be moved or removed. **The use of drones inside or on the church property is prohibited.**
7. Proper attire is required of all personnel. **(No jeans, shorts T-shirts, caps, sneakers etc.)**
8. All posed photos after the ceremony should take place outside the church doors.
9. Any questions about these policies must be directed to the parish Wedding Attendant, not to the deacon or priest.
10. Any violation of these policies will be immediately addressed. Continued violations will result in the photographer/ videographer *being immediately asked to leave the church building and grounds. Further disruption or failure to comply will result in the Summit Police Department being called.*

Questions? Contact: Angela Intili, Pastoral Associate - angela@stteresachurch.org.

The parish reserves the right to refuse a photographer or videographer if the above guidelines are not followed.