



# ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

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## A typical outline for a Catholic Wedding Mass:

Entrance Procession

[Entrance Song or Entrance Antiphon]

Greeting

Gloria

[This is new to the English translation of the Rite of Marriage published in 2016. This normally must be sung.]

Opening Prayer

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

[Second Reading]

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

[note: please print the people's response so that they may participate]

[note: the acclamation this is less important than the rest of the elements in this list, and is thus indented. When there are musicians present, the Gospel Acclamation must be sung.]

### Rite of Marriage

Instruction and Examination of Couple

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

[Unity Candle]

[Presentation to Parents]

[Couple's Prayer]

General Intercessions

... these are all optional, and thus less important than the key elements of the Rite of Marriage, thus they are indented...

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

The Sign of Peace

Fractioning Rite

Lamb of God

Holy Communion

[Communion Antiphon, or]

[Song of Thanksgiving]

... these sub-elements and the "Lamb of God", below, probably do not need to be listed, but when there are musicians present, these items must be sung. It is included here as a reminder for your musicians...

... Normally the Lord's Prayer is recited and not sung, to allow everyone to pray and participate in this common prayer ...

... Catholics who are properly disposed and in the state of grace are invited to receive Holy Communion. The norm will be to distribute under both species, which will usually require one or two Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion ...

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

### Suggestions when preparing a program:

- The three key parts of the liturgy are the Liturgy of the Word, the Rite of Marriage, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which are set apart here in bold print. The entrance and recessional are not formally parts of this structure, and should not be emphasized over other elements.
- Items set apart with brackets, [ xxx ], are optional. Only include these lines (without brackets) when the particular option is being used.
- For the sake of readability, it is best to select a larger, simpler font which is easy to read. "Script" fonts tend to be difficult to read. Remember that many of your more elderly guests with reduced eyesight may not be able to read small, frilly typefaces. One needs to be considerate when constructing a program to make sure that all guests are invited to participate and follow along in the service.
- It is simply not possible for any priest to grant a 'dispensation' from Sunday Mass when a Wedding Mass takes place before 4 pm on Saturday. Any priest who does so acts against the laws of the Church and the spirit of the Sunday obligation. Any Mass (even a Wedding Mass) starting after 4pm on Saturday or anytime on Sunday "counts" for Sunday Mass.