



Wedding Guidelines

Amended for Pandemic Conditions

To ensure the health and safety of couples marrying at Christ the King as well as their families, guests, celebrant, and Cathedral volunteers and employees, the following guidelines will apply beginning June 20, 2020, until further notice.

Weddings may have up to 100 people in attendance, including the bride, groom and wedding party with the following conditions:

- Christ the King sacristan is available to assist the celebrant.
- A Wedding Guild volunteer is available to assist the bridal party.
- The wedding couple can provide at least two ushers to assist with seating and social distancing guidelines. (See attached guidelines)

If these conditions cannot be met, weddings are limited to a total of 25 people per city and state health and safety guidelines. Couples will be advised as soon as feasible if these conditions can be met. Photographers, videographers and musicians/soloists do not count towards the total number of people.

At this time, it is recommended that all weddings be celebrated as liturgies without Mass. The final decision will be made by the celebrant. The final decision will need to be communicated to Kathleen Swann at kswann@ctking.com to ensure any needed ministers are present.

Weddings will be managed as follows:

- Processions will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the preference of the celebrant and the size of the wedding party.
- Attendants must be socially-distanced both when seated and standing. Only the maid/matron of honor and the best man will join the bride and groom on the altar during the vows and exchange of rings.
- Wedding guests must wear masks inside the Cathedral. This should be communicated to guests prior to the wedding and extra masks should be provided by the couple for guests who arrive without one. The wedding party is dispensed from this requirement during the ceremony. However, it is advised that everyone have a mask available.
- Readers (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Prayer of the Faithful) need to bring their own copy of their reading to the rehearsal and wedding.
- There will be no presentation of the gifts.
- Only the host will be distributed to guests during communion, the celebrant may forego distribution of communion to the congregation.
- At the conclusion of the wedding, the wedding party will stay in place on the altar. Only the bride and groom will recess to the back of the Cathedral and will return immediately to the altar for photos.
- For weddings with 25 or more guests, 2-3 groomsmen/ushers will need to be provided to seat the guests. Details are below.

Other information:

- Couples with more than 25 people in attendance must indicate how many pews should be designated for family including parents and grandparents.
- No one should arrive at Christ the King any earlier than 1.5 hours prior to the start of the wedding.

Groomsmen/Usher Responsibilities:

- Groomsmen/ushers not seating guests will stand outside the church with extra masks for anyone who does not arrive with one. They can also distribute programs, if applicable.
- Two ushers inside the church will seat guests in pews marked with green tape only. They will simply walk each guest or family to the next open green pew behind the family section.
- Do not sit guests in the pews marked with red tape, except in the family section.
- First seat the guests in the side of the pew along the main aisle in the front half of the church on the bride side (left) and groom side (right).
- Once you get to the large break in the middle of the church, continue to seat guests in the front half but enter the pew from the side aisles to avoid crossing over any seated guests.
- Be sure there is enough room for social distancing between groups. All pews have seats marked in green tape. Please leave 3 seats between parties.
- Once the front half of the church is full, then follow the same procedure with the back half of the church, filling the pews along the main aisle side first and then seating from the side aisle.

Unless amended above all other wedding guidelines remain in effect.