

Please give this copy to your Photographer and/or Videographer

Rules for photographers and videographers

We welcome photographers and videographers, both professional and amateur, for still pictures and videotapes. The Church itself is not a studio but a sacred place in which a community of believers worship. The photographer and videographer should keep this in mind before, during and after the celebration of Marriage. We ask that the following rules be observed. **(It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to ensure that their photographer and/or videographer is aware of these rules.)**

Wedding photographs and videographs may precede the wedding liturgy.

Photographers and videographers may not enter the sanctuary (alter, ambo, and chair platform area) during the wedding liturgy. They may photograph and videograph only from behind the last row of pews on either side of the wedding aisle during the ceremony.

Formal portraits with studio equipment such as background screens, lights, props, etc. are not to be done in the Church but at home, in the studio or at the reception.

No Church furnishings are to be moved for photographs or videos.

All photography and videographing must be finished by 12:30pm for an 11:00am wedding and 3:00pm for a 1:30pm wedding. These time limits will be strictly enforced.

Flash photography may be taken only during the processional and recessional but not during the wedding liturgy itself.

The photographer and/or videographer may not slow down or halt the procession or any other part of the wedding liturgy. Photographers and videographers should be prepared to begin taking their pictures immediately after the wedding party leaves in the recessional. Pictures may be taken as the congregation departs.

Any photographers or videographers new or unfamiliar with the Church should check with the priest or deacon at the rehearsal.