

### Guidelines for Florists

*Note: Engaged couples are expected to read these guidelines and share it with the Florist of your choosing.*

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace Church. A Catholic wedding is a religious ceremony. It is recommended that you keep the focus on the actions of the sacrament, rather than decorate excessively. You are expected to be aware of our guidelines and follow them. Remember you are a guest at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Floral arrangement delivery times: 1 hour before the ceremony. The church personnel are not responsible for any floral arrangements dropped before the allotted period.

The following are the locations in the church for flowers and candle stands: two floral pieces in proper scale in 8" diameter papier-mâché or plastic pots, for the tall metal stands flanking the crucifix, or one floral piece under the crucifix. These stands may not be moved.

Please note:

- Avoid arrangements that leave behind excessive petals, leaves, moss, water, or any sort of litter on the floor.
- If the flower girl is to bring an arrangement of some sort, all flowers are to be securely fasten to a basket. The use of sphere foam or sphere oasis is not allowed, neither is the dropping of petals.
- The kneelers for the bride and groom are not to be decorated.
- No additional arrangements, decorations, or fixtures are to be used in the altar area.
- No floral arrangements may be placed in front of the altar.
- Do not interrupt services held in the church before or after the wedding. Please give parishioners time to exit and enter.
- Candles are not permitted.
- No floor runners are permitted.
- No tape of any kind is to be used on the floor, walls, fixtures, or furnishings. Any decorations attached to the chairs/pews, must be attached with a ribbon or rubber bands to prevent damage to the finish of the furniture.
- Avoid double-parking, blocking driveway entrances, or parking in the accessible zones.
- Ensure that floors, furnishings, wall, and surfaces are protected from damage of all kinds.