Guidelines for Photographers & Videographers

Note: Engaged couples are expected to read these guidelines and share them with the Photographers & Videographers 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. You are expected to be aware of our guidelines and follow them. Remember you are a guest at Our Lady of Grace Church.

The couple is responsible for providing your photographer and videographer a copy of our guidelines. The priest or the Church Coordinator may ask a photographer or videographer to leave if our guidelines are not followed.

To ensure that the sacred character of the sacramental celebration is not disrupted, Our Lady of Grace Parish discourages the use of flash photography during the ceremony, nor are they to interrupt or delay the flow of processions. Consult with Church Coordinator on the use or placement of equipment.

If pictures will be taken in the church after the wedding, once the wedding party has reached the back of the church, the Church Coordinator will escort them out the side door and through the Cloister into the Church Sanctuary for the signing of the marriage license. All photo sessions must be completed and all people out of the church before 4:20pm on Saturday. The Church Coordinator will remind the photographer at the end of the allotted picture time.

During photo sessions before or after the ceremony, no furniture in the church may be moved. A stationary video camera may be set up either in the choir loft, or on the side of the sanctuary, out of the way of activity.

Video lights are not permitted. Our sound system is off limits to any guest musicians and videographers. If you desire that the priest use a lapel mic, please consult with priest himself. Please discuss video plans with the Church Coordinator before signing a contract.

Any violation to these guidelines will prompt us to ask your photographer or videographer to leave the facilities.

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