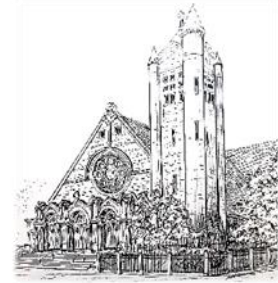


Recording Your Wedding at Nativity of Our Lord or Saint Gabriel Church



To our photographers and videographers:

Many couples hire professionals to take pictures and/or videotape their wedding ceremony. These images help recapture the event for later viewing. At our parish, as at



most parishes, certain restrictions are placed on taking pictures and videotaping to maintain an atmosphere of reverence and dignity. Here is what we ask of the professionals working at Nativity of Our Lord and Saint Gabriel:

- **Please refrain from taking any pictures in the raised sanctuary and altar area.**
Due to the presence of the Blessed Sacrament this is an extremely holy place for Catholics.
- **Nothing should be placed or moved on the altar.**
Kneelers can be moved for post ceremony pictures. Please put them back when finished.
- **Pre-wedding pictures should end no later than 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.**
This allows people to compose themselves for the important rite in which they are about to participate.
- **During the procession, photographers and videographers may move and use a flash.**
We ask that you do not hold up the procession.
- **Once the bridal party is down the aisle, the photographer and videographer should go to one spot and stay there for the entire ceremony.**
They are restricted to whatever pictures they can get from their established positions. Moving around in the church during the liturgy causes distraction. During the vows, moving to a position in the center aisle, but staying behind most of the seated assembly, is OK.
- **Flash may not be used during the ceremony.**
The ceremony begins after the procession is complete and ends when the couple is presented to the community. The flash and movement of photographers and videographers distracts the priest and the assembly from their worship.

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- **Tripods can be set up in the outside aisles.**
After the procession is over, a tripod can be set up in the main aisle, but it must be behind the seated community.

- **Photos may be taken from the choir loft**
See the wedding coordinator in advance for access to the locked loft at Nativity.

- **Guests are asked to not take pictures during the ceremony.**
When those in the assembly take pictures they remove themselves from prayer.

- **Post ceremony pictures can be taken in front of the altar.**
We ask that you keep the pictures respectful for being in a church. Church is different from any other place, as we sense God's presence so strongly there.

- **Wedding parties must finish with their picture-taking and vacate the church building no later than one hour and fifteen minutes after the designated start time for the weddings.** You may continue taking pictures outside near one of our beautiful shrines or lovely flower gardens.

Feel free to review these guidelines with the wedding coordinator prior to the start of the wedding.

To avoid misunderstanding on the day of the wedding, the photographer and/or videographer must read, sign, and return this form to the rectory prior to the wedding.

Names of couple getting married: _____

Date of wedding: _____

Name of professional: _____

Signature of professional: _____

Please staple business card here.

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