



## Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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### Notice to Florists – updated 6/2014

The Archdiocese of New Orleans does not allow a Catholic wedding to take place outside of a consecrated church or chapel. Thus, the primary reason a couple should choose a church wedding is its sacramental nature. While photographs, videos, floral arrangements and decorations are important, the focus of all of our efforts should be to protect the solemnity of the occasion. Your cooperation is essential in order to ensure a prayerful celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The following instructions are to be followed under all circumstances:

- Liturgical candles will be lit in the sanctuary (altar area) of the Church. *No additional candles, candelabras, battery-operated candles, or luminaries will be allowed.*
- Two arrangements of flowers are allowed in the sanctuary. They may be placed on stands on each side of the altar. *Stands are available from the church.*
- Flowers and decorations must be removed within twenty minutes of the service.
- Tape **must not** be used to attach flowers or ribbons to pews. *We suggest either plastic holders or circular ribbons that slip over the end of the pew.*
- **No** aisle runners are allowed.
- **No** flower petals are allowed to be dropped before or after the ceremony, either inside or outside of the Church.
- In keeping with tradition, liturgical and seasonal décor may be present in the Church during certain times of the year (Advent, Easter, etc.) *Please work around this décor, as it may not be removed.*
- During ordinary time, weekend floral arrangements may be present in the sanctuary, but are not guaranteed. *These may be moved in the work sacrist on the left, but must be replaced after the ceremony.*

Wedding Couple Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Florist Name, Address, and **Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to abide by the above rules**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_