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ICSJ PARISH FLORAL & DECORATION GUIDELINES

Given the historic significance of St. Joseph Church, our natural ornate beauty, and the religious importance of the wedding liturgy, we recommend to couples that they keep floral arrangements modest in size and display. These guidelines will assist you in knowing what is permitted in our church.

Couples are responsible for communicating these guidelines to their florist. Our Parish Event Coordinator will check in with the florist directly 1–2 weeks prior to the wedding date regarding delivery times available.

- Weekends where more than one wedding is celebrated, delivery and pick up window times become tighter and should be respected. It is the responsibility of the florist and/or wedding party to remove any floral decorations not staying at the church within 30 minutes of the end of the ceremony. Example: for a 1:00 p.m. wedding, decorations need to be removed from the church by 2:30 p.m..
- Any seasonal decorations placed by St. Joseph Church must be left in place.
- Altar arrangements are allowed, but should remain modest in size and should not impact the flow of the ceremony on the altar.
- Floral arrangements should arrive to the church already assembled. The florist should not use the altar, sanctuary, or aisle way to create arrangements.
- Under no circumstance should flowers be placed directly on the altar table.
- Pew decorations are allowed for center aisle pews. No adhesive tape, wires, or pins should be used to secure decorations to the pews. We've found that rubber bands, twist ties, or ribbon works best.
- Back of church decorations are allowed as long as they remain modest. For safety they should be smaller than the altar arrangements, either fitting on the table tops in the back or on short pedestals off to the sides of the center aisle.
- We do not allow for outside furniture or "props" to be brought into the church. Any special requests need to be approved by the pastor in advance.
- The outside sidewalk is public property; no decorations should be placed outside of the church entrance.
- No decorations should be hung on the outside of the church building or placed in the church's flower beds.
- Aisle runners must be white. Our aisle is a 100 feet long from the first altar step back to the title.
- If real petals are used by the flower girl(s) an aisle runner is required to preserve the carpet.
- Rice, confetti, bubbles, seeds, petals, etc. are not allowed inside or outside the church.