

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION – THE WEDDING MASS

A. CHECK LIST

- 1) Get vested in the “Storage Room” – use white cincture/rope/belt – Look into the mirror and make sure your collar is not sticking out and that you are neatly dressed.
- 2) Say a prayer (a prayer for servers is posted in the Storage Room)
- 3) Light the candles on the altar.
- 4) Go into the Sacristy and take out the water and wine. Place the water on the credence table. Place the wine on the offertory table in the back. Take the ciboria (if any) and place them on the offertory table in the back. Take the chalice of the priest celebrant and place it on the credence table in the front. Place the Holy Water Bucket in front of the altar. Place the ring tray on the altar.
- 5) Line up when the priest is ready to begin Mass.

B. THE MASS

- 1) Process up the aisle with the priest. When arriving at the front of the altar, make sure you split up and leave a space for the priest.
- 2) After genuflecting or bowing to the altar, turn around and face the congregation. The bridal party and the bride will process up the aisle.
- 3) After the priest welcomes the bride and groom, he sends them to their seats. Servers will bow to the altar, bear right and proceed to the bench behind the Presidential Chair. One server will come forward to hold the book.
- 4) After the Opening Prayer, Mass continues with the First, Second readings, Gospel, Homily.
- 5) The priest will return to his seat. When he stands, follow him to the front of the altar. One server will hold the bucket of Holy Water while the other one holds the tray for the rings.
- 6) After the Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Vows, the server with the tray will hold up the tray to the best man who will then place the rings onto the tray. The priest will bless the rings and the bride and groom will exchange their rings.
- 7) After the ceremony, the priest may hand one of the servers the bride’s bouquet – server is to receive the bouquet and come to the seat where the bride will return. She and her new husband will burn the unity candle. After they return to their seat, server will hand the bouquet back to the bride. Server will then return to his/her seat. The prayer of Intercession follows.
- 8) When the Offertory gifts are brought up, the two servers will come down to the bottom step with the priest to receive the gifts. Servers will place the ciboria on the altar and return to the credence table to take the priest’s

- chalice. One server will place the chalice on the altar and return to the credence table.
- 9) At the credence table, one server will remove the lids from the wine cruet and the water cruet. Both servers will come to the altar holding the cruets with the handle of the cruets facing the priest so he can take them. After the priest hands the cruets back to the servers, they will bow slightly and process back to the credence table.
 - 10) One server will then hold the water cruet and the bowl while the other server will OPEN up the finger towel. They will process to the altar.
 - 11) One server pours the water onto the priest's hand while the other holds up the finger towel the priest. After the priest hands back the finger towel, the servers will bow slightly and return to the credence table.
 - 12) After placing the water cruet, bowl and finger towel back on the credence table, they will come and stand next to the altar.
 - 13) Mass continues with the Preface followed by the Sanctus.
 - 14) After the Sanctus (Holy, Holy), servers will come and kneel next to the side of the altar. One server will kneel next to the bell.
 - 15) Mass continues with the Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration.
 - 16) Bells are to be rung three times: when the priest places his hands on the gifts, when he elevates/raises up the Host, when he elevates/raises up the chalice.
 - 17) Mass continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, Lord's Prayer.
 - 18) After the Lord's Prayer, one server may come down to the bottom step with the priest in order to hold his book for the Nuptial Blessing.
 - 19) After the blessing, Mass continues with the Lamb of God and Communion.
 - 20) After receiving Communion, the servers will remain kneeling on the sides of the altar. When the priest is finished with communion, one server will process to the credence table where he/she will pick up the water cruet. After removing the lid from the cruet, he/she will bring the cruet to the altar and pour the water into the priest's chalice. After pouring the water, he/she will walk back to the credence table and place the cruet back.
 - 21) When the Blessed Sacrament is reposed inside the Tabernacle, servers will walk around the front, bow, and return to their seats – on the bench behind the priest.
 - 22) When the priest says: "Let us pray..." the book bearer will walk to the priest and hold the book for him.
 - 23) After the Closing Prayer, servers will follow the priest to the bride and groom. If there is a Presentation of bouquet to the Blessed Mother, the priest may take the bride's bouquet and hand it to one of the servers.
 - 24) The bride and groom will come before Mary. After the Ave Maria, they will return to the center. The server holding the bouquet will hand the bride her bouquet back.
 - 25) The priest will hand the book to the book bearer and he will pray over the bride and groom. After he finishes he will send the bride and groom down

the aisle. Servers remain standing until the priest turns around and genuflects. Servers will lead the priest down the aisle.

- 26) The priest will return to the Sacristy while the other servers will process back to the credence table where they will extinguish/blow out all the candles and pick up the water, wine, chalice, finger towel, bowl, water bucket and ring tray and bring all of them back to the Sacristy.