

# WEDDING FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

## Sacred Heart Parish

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### *Florist Information:*

- Seasonal decorations established by the parish liturgy committee take precedence and are not to be moved.
- Flowers may be used at the altar and at the ambo (pulpit). The cantor music stand is never decorated.
- To prevent an overcrowded environment, flowers may be situated:
  - in front of the altar (center, or two smaller arrangements around the clusters of candles on the sides of the altar. If placed in front of the altar, the arrangement cannot be higher than the top of the altar (40 inches).
  - in front of the ambo (pulpit)
  - on two plant stands provided by the parish on either side of the presider's chair
  - a small arrangement in the church lobby as a sign of welcome and hospitality.

### *Pew/aisle decorations:*

An aisle runner is not necessary. At times from our experience, a runner can pose some safety risks, particularly for wedding guests during communion time. If a runner is used, the parish uses a metal bar to weigh down the runner at the altar. **The runner should not be taped to the floor.**

Church decor should never distract from the primary action at the altar. For this reason a floral archway is not allowed in church as it takes focus away from the altar, and hinders the view of the sanctuary. These types of things are best set up at the reception.

### *Please note that:*

- There are 32 pews on either side of the church.
- The church aisle requires a 100 ft. runner.
- Pew bows/ribbons/flowers are to be assembled with ribbon and/or rubber bands only. No tape or wire of any kind is allowed on the pews.
- No flowers, garland, etc. are permitted directly on the altar.
- No candles, other than those supplied by the parish and a unity candle (if desired and supplied by you) are permitted in the church
- The use of flower petals, rice, confetti, etc. is not allowed inside or outside of the church.