



Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church

Mandeville, Louisiana

Notice to Photographers - effective 7/10/2007

We ask that photographers respect the dignity of the sacrament of marriage and the holiness of the commitment that couples are celebrating. Therefore, the photographer is expected to abide by the following guidelines and do nothing that will distract from the ceremony itself.

Before the Ceremony Including the Procession

1. Photographers should not move about in a distracting manner during the ceremony.
2. There are to be no pictures taken in the altar area of the church prior to the wedding. However, pictures may be taken outside the church.
3. During the entrance procession, a Photographer may sit or kneel in the front open pew on either side of the church. In a discreet manner, they can photograph the procession until the Bride approaches the altar. At that point, the Photographer must discreetly move to a side aisle.
4. During the procession, the photographer **must not** ask the parties processing to stop for pictures. All pictures of the procession must be done on the move.

During the Ceremony

5. Movement of photographers should be restricted to the side aisles and should be kept at a minimum.
6. To keep the focus on the Mass, the wedding ceremony, and the Bride and Groom, **no photos may be taken from anywhere in the sanctuary** during the ceremony. The sanctuary is the area on or above the bottom step, across the front of the church, and includes the side altar areas.
7. A photographer may be set up in the choir loft and may photograph throughout the ceremony, provided that the equipment nor the operator interfere with the musicians present in the loft.
8. A photographer may take pictures from the work sacristy area (please see below-facing the altar to the right) provided that the operator enters and exits this area from the back door.
9. A Photographer may take pictures of the exchange of vows by standing at the baptismal font in the center aisle of the church.
10. No flash photos may be taken during the homily or during the Eucharistic Prayer, the consecration or communion of Mass.

After the Ceremony

11. All pictures of the wedding party must be completed **twenty (20) minutes** after the wedding.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED DIAGRAM OF THE CHURCH
IN RELATION TO THESE GUIDELINES**

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PLEASE DETACH THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP

Please complete the following and return *at least two weeks before the wedding* to Our Lady of the Lake, 312 Lafitte Street, Mandeville, LA 70448. I agree to abide by these rules.

Studio Name, Address, and Telephone: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Wedding Couple _____ Wedding Date _____

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