

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Catholic Church in Germantown, TN**

**Wedding Music Information**

**Organist**

Melanie Marcom is the organist at Our Lady and plays all weddings. After your initial meeting with the pastor, you should make an appointment to meet with her to discuss the music for the service. If Ms. Marcom is not available to play the wedding, she will supply you with a list of other organists who have been approved by the pastor and the music director. Should you desire a guest organist not on the list, that person must meet with Ms. Marcom, who will assess the person's competence and experience in playing for wedding services and masses. If the person is approved, you will pay that person directly, as well as a fee of \$50 to Ms. Marcom for her consultations. Phone: (901) 569-3409 or email [mmarcom@olphgermantown.org](mailto:mmarcom@olphgermantown.org)

**Cantors and Soloists**

Our Lady has a team of trained, qualified cantors who are available to sing weddings at the church. As with the organist, it is the job of the cantor to lead the people in songs of prayer and praise. Many people with lovely voices are not qualified to serve as cantor at a mass or wedding service. Should you desire someone other than a cantor at Our Lady to sing at your wedding service, you must consult with Shane Cole, Music Director (901-754-1204, ext. 330; [scole@olphgermantown.org](mailto:scole@olphgermantown.org)). It may be possible to have a guest soloist in addition to a Mass cantor, with the soloist singing appropriate music as a prelude.

**Other Instrumentalists**

If you would like to have other instrumentalists play at your wedding service, e.g. a harpist or string quartet, we will be happy to make recommendations for good musicians in the area and will work with you to incorporate them in an appropriate way into the service. Any rehearsal time that involves the organist or cantor will incur additional fees.

## **Cancellation**

In the event the wedding must be cancelled or postponed, the organist and cantor have lost the time committed to the service and often cannot accept another opportunity for the same dates originally scheduled. Thus, their fees are not refundable.

## **Music Fees**

**Organist:** Wedding service or Mass: \$250 (includes consultation for music selections, and a rehearsal with the cantor.) Cash or check is accepted. Checks must be made out to Melanie Marcom, and not to the church.

**Cantor:** Wedding Service or Mass: \$150 (includes liturgical song selections, plus a music rehearsal.) Cash or check is accepted. Checks must be made out directly to the cantor's name, and not to the church.

**Payment:** Fee payments will be collected by the Wedding Coordinator, at or before the wedding rehearsal.

## **Music Selections**

The selection of wedding music should reflect the sacred and joyful nature of Christian worship. The music and texts chosen for the marriage ceremony must sustain and support this prayerful, liturgical celebration and be an appropriate complement to the scripture readings and formal prayers of the rite. Secular music is not appropriate for wedding masses and services, and should be reserved for the reception. Pre-recorded music is not permitted in weddings. The attached **Wedding Music Worksheet** will help you in selecting appropriate liturgical music for the service.

## **Live-Streaming Information**

### **Live-Stream Philosophy**

Our Lady is committed to the full and active participation of each parishioner or guest during the mass. Attendance and worship are designed to be in-person. However, we offer live-streaming as a ministry to those who are truly incapable of being physically present. A helpful article on this topic may be viewed here:

<https://www.saintcoleman.org/the-importance-of-going-to-mass#:~:text=Rather%2C%20we%20attend%20Mass%20because,sacrifice%20endured%20by%20our%20Savior.>

### **Live-Stream Operators**

Our parish has a team of trained live-stream operators who are qualified to provide video streaming. If a live-stream is required for your wedding mass, please notify your wedding coordinator at the time of your registration.

### **Live-Stream Platforms**

Our Lady uses the live-stream platforms afforded to us through our Facebook page and YouTube channel. All live-streams are publicly accessible. These platforms are utilized at the discretion of the pastor, and may be terminated at any time. The Wedding Coordinator will provide ample notice of any changes.

### **Live-Stream Fee**

Wedding service or Mass: \$75

Cash or check is accepted, but a check must be made out to the operator's name, not to the church. Fee payment will be collected by the Wedding Coordinator at or before the wedding rehearsal.

### **Live-Stream Title**

The title of the Live-Stream will typically be the last names of the bride and groom, with the bride's name listed first. For example, if Jane Doe and John Smith are getting married, the live-stream title will be "Doe-Smith Wedding Mass." If you require any variation to this format, please notify your Wedding Coordinator.

### **Live-Stream Availability**

We do not guarantee the availability of any live-stream video beyond the initial broadcast, because we do not directly control the storage capacity of our Facebook and YouTube platforms. Older broadcasts eventually get deleted. We have found that many videos are still accessible after several months or a year, but we cannot make any guarantees about your video. It is recommended that you digitally download and save the live-stream of your wedding mass.

Live-streams on the church Facebook page are usually viewable immediately, in real time, with a delay of only 15-20 seconds. Live-streams posted to our church YouTube channel are typically delayed several hours, and are not viewable immediately.

### **Live-Stream Links**

Facebook and YouTube links are provided on the homepage of our church website: [www.olphgermantown.org](http://www.olphgermantown.org)

Our Lady's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/olpcatholicchurch/>

Our Lady's YouTube Channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChdcmR3QJU\\_sKpbAqQ2RYw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChdcmR3QJU_sKpbAqQ2RYw?view_as=subscriber)