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403.1 Creating a Scheduling Policy:

A fair and reasonable parish policy needs to be established to ensure that Catholics have reasonable options available to them in scheduling their marriages at Mass or outside Mass. This will have to take into account the full schedule of parish services and the number of available clergy in each parish.

403.2 Communicating Scheduling Policy:

The parish policy for the scheduling of marriage celebrations should be clearly communicated to all parishioners. The parish policy should appear regularly in the parish bulletin. parish website, and be available in print as part of whatever marriage preparation materials are given to engaged couples. Since the number of weddings celebrated at Mass may be limited in a particular parish, couples should be helped to understand that it will not always be possible to celebrate a wedding on the day of their first choice.

403.3 Fostering Communal Nature of the Sacrament:

In the scheduling of marriage liturgies, the communal nature of the sacrament of marriage should be fostered. Appropriate catechesis of the faithful is necessary to help the community to understand the communal dimension of this sacrament. This is especially important, if marriages are

to be celebrated occasionally at a regularly scheduled Sunday Mass or if several marriages are celebrated together.

403.4 Respecting Liturgical Calendar:

In establishing a parish marriage schedule, the integrity of the liturgical calendar and the community's celebration of Sunday should be respected.

SOLEMNITY OR SEASON	WEDDING LITURGY ALLOWED	NUPTIAL MASS & TEXTS	MARRIAGE READINGS ALLOWED	NUPTIAL BLESSINGS ALLOWED
O.T. Sundays				
Parish Mass	Yes	No	1	Yes
Extra Mass	Yes	Yes	All	Yes
Sundays of:				
Advent/Lent/Easter	Yes	No	1	Yes
Epiphany, Pentecost, Corpus Christi	Yes	No	No	Yes
Sundays of Christmas Season:				
Parish Mass	Yes	No	1	Yes
Extra Mass	Yes	Yes	All	Yes
Solemnities:				
Christmas	Yes	No	No	Yes
Paschal Tridium	No	No	No	No
Easter Sunday	Yes	No	No	Yes
Easter Octave	Yes	No	1	Yes
All Saints	Yes	No	No	Yes
Assumption	Yes	No	1	Yes
January 1	Yes	No	No	Yes

Immaculate Conception	Yes	No	No	Yes

403.5 Policy for the Number and Time of Weddings:

A parish, through consultation with the Chancellor, may develop a policy scheduling the number and the time of weddings on a given day depending on the pastoral situation and the number of ministers available to celebrate marriages. This parish policy also includes the scheduling of special wedding anniversary Masses.

403.6 Ritual of Marriage Outside of Mass