

Wedding Florist Notes for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish weddings:

1. Please adhere to a certain amount of reverence as you place your flower arrangements. You are in a church, a sacred place for those who are Catholic.
2. Large or small flower arrangements are permitted on the back altar on both sides, but may not be placed directly in front of the tabernacle.
3. Pedestals with flower arrangements may be used, but you need to consult with the wedding coordinator for placement.
4. Flower arrangements of any kind may NOT be placed ON the front altar.
5. Flower arrangements may be placed on the floor in front of the front altar and in front of the ambo (where the microphone is for readers).
6. There are 17 pews on each side of St. Thomas Aquinas church, plus a stationary kneeler in front of the first pew. Flowers on the ends of pews along the main aisle are permitted, but must be secured either with plastic hangers, ribbon or florist's tape. Any other kind of tape is NOT allowed as it mars the finish on the pews.
7. If the wedding couple has requested that the existing church flower arrangements be removed for the wedding, the florist may move them into the work sacristy to the counter, (the work sacristy is entered through the door on the right of the altar.) If it is locked please ask the wedding coordinator to unlock it.
8. If wedding flowers will be taken after the wedding and not left for the church, and the existing flowers were moved before the wedding, it is the responsibility of the bridal party (either someone designated or the florist) to replace all of the church's existing flowers on the back altar after removing the wedding flowers.
9. If there is a wedding scheduled after your wedding, flowers that are to be removed need to be removed promptly in order that other florists may set up for their wedding.
10. Runners are allowed, but not recommended. The length of the carpet from the step up into the sanctuary to the end of the carpet in back is approximately 52 feet. Runners may NOT be secured with strong double sided tape as the tape leaves residue on the carpet which is extremely hard to remove.
11. Real flower petals are NOT permitted in the church (or for flower girls to throw). Silk (or other fake) flower petals may be strewn on aisle as long as someone in the wedding party is responsible for picking them up after the wedding ceremony.
12. Real flowers or petals are also NOT allowed to be tossed at the couple on steps outside in front of church. (For safety and liability issues, nothing is allowed to be tossed outside). Bubbles are the only acceptable thing that can be used as the couple leaves the church).

If you have any questions, please contact the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Wedding Coordinator at 650-400-0835