

Preparing for

Your Wedding



Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel -
St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Youngstown, OH

INTRODUCTION

You are about to make the most important decision of your lives: to become husband and wife, and someday, God willing, mother and father.

Marriage is a Sacrament of Christ and His holy Church. One must approach marriage in the true spirit of prayer and with deep faith. Your faithfulness at Sunday Mass, giving to the support of the Church, and a spirit of loving service to others are essential qualities of your married life together. Your marriage is to be centered in Christ.

The wedding ceremony is the high point of your wedding day. As you plan the wedding Mass, every attempt must be made to make it prayerful and a true act of worship befitting of the Sacrament.

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel intercede for you to her Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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OUR WEDDING PLAN

(Please complete this section prior to meeting with the Priest for your Liturgical Planning Meeting.)

Bride: _____

Phone: () _____

Groom: _____

Phone: () _____

Date of Wedding: _____

Time: _____

Approximate number
of guests expected in church: _____

OUR WEDDING PLAN | ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COUPLE

How do you want to be announced? _____

Is there a formal receiving line at the reception hall? Y N

Where is your reception? _____

What time? _____

Address of Couple after Wedding:

Street _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

What Parish will you attend after the wedding? _____

Special Notations (Priest): _____

OUR WEDDING PLAN | WEDDING LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE

Date of Rehearsal: _____

Time: _____

Visiting Clergy or Deacon: _____

Notes: _____

Altar Servers:

Assigned by Parish Office: Y N

Notes: _____

PARTICIPANTS & ORDER OF SEATING

Before Ceremony: Seating of Gift Bearers (*usually 2-4*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Before Ceremony: Seating of Readers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

8 Minutes Before Ceremony: Seating of Grandparents

Of Groom _____

Escorted by _____

Of Groom _____

Escorted by _____

Of Bride _____

Escorted by _____

OUR WEDDING PLAN | PARTICIPANTS & ORDER OF SEATING Continued

8 Minutes Before Ceremony: Seating of Grandparents (Continued)

Of Bride _____

Escorted by _____

Seating of Groom's Parents

Groom's Mother _____

Escorted by _____

Groom's Father _____

Seating of Bride's Mother

Bride's Mother _____

Escorted by _____

Mothers Light Their Candles (OPTIONAL)

(Escorted by Best Man)

1 Minute Before Ceremony: Pulling of Aisle Runner (OPTIONAL)

Usher _____

Usher _____

Wedding Party Order of Procession (In Order of Appearance)

(The wedding party may process as partners down the main aisle or groomsmen may escort the bridesmaids from the side aisle.)

1. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

2. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

3. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

4. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

5. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

6. Groomsman: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Additional: _____

OUR WEDDING PLAN | BEGINNING OF NUPTIAL MASS/LITURGY Continued

Wedding Party Order of Procession (In Order of Appearance) Continued

Junior Groomsman: _____

Junior Bridesmaid: _____

Ring Bearer: _____

Flower Girl: _____

Best Man: _____

Maid/Matron of Honor: _____

Entrance of Bride

Escorted by: _____

Relationship: _____

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS DURING THE LITURGY

SIGN OF PEACE

Flowers to the Mothers at the Sign of Peace: Y N

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Flower to Our Lady of Mount Carmel? Y N

Wedding Candle? Y N

OUR WEDDING PLAN | SCRIPTURE READINGS AND VOWS

You will choose a reading from the Old Testament, a reading from the New Testament, and a reading from one of the Gospels. **At least one reading must speak explicitly about marriage. These are marked with an asterisk * after the letter-number combination.**

Please review the selected Scripture in this book, and choose which readings you want used for your wedding. Indicate your choices in the spaces below:

First Reading (Old Testament): _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Sung by Cantor/Music Director

Second Reading (New Testament): _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____

Sung by Cantor/Music Director

Gospel: _____

Read by Priest/Deacon

Vows: OPTION 1 OPTION 2

(Circle the Vows option from the provided choices found on page 65)

Prayer of The Faithful: OPTION 1 OPTION 2

(Circle the Prayer of the Faithful option from the provided choices found on pages 66-69)

Read by: _____

Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory):

You may select up to four guests to present the gifts during the Liturgy.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



About the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful:

from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

69. In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all.

70. ... in any particular celebration, such as ... a Marriage ..., the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion.

71. ... they are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful.

An outline of the Wedding Mass follows. At your scheduled meeting with the Music Director, you will discuss options for these listed selections:

- Prelude
- Entrance Procession
- Offertory Hymn or instrumental selection
- Communion Hymn
- Flowers to the Blessed Mother and/or lighting of the unity candle
- Recessional

*The Music Director's contact information is found on the back of this book.
Options for the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel acclamation verse are chosen from the provided texts in this book.*

Prelude Music Choices:

1. _____
2. _____

Entrance Procession Music Choices:

1. (Bridesmaids) _____
2. (Bride) _____

Additional Music Choices:

Offertory Hymn (or instrumental selection): _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Flowers to the Blessed Mother
and/or Lighting of the Unity Candle: _____

Recessional: _____

A soft, ethereal photograph of a woman in a white lace wedding dress. She is seen from the side, her right hand gently touching a light-colored window curtain. The lighting is bright and diffused, creating a dreamy atmosphere. The text 'GENERAL INFORMATION' is centered over the image in a clean, sans-serif font.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WEDDING POLICY GUIDELINES

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica – St. Anthony of Padua Parish accepts weddings from our “active, registered parishioners.” This term is interpreted as including three conditions:

- You are registered as a parishioner.
- There is evidence of regular attendance at Sunday Mass and parish stewardship.
- You desire to enter into a marriage with Christ and the Catholic Church.

The parish office is to be contacted at least **six (6) months prior** to your planned wedding date. **Ordinarily, weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30pm or 2:00pm.**

THE PASTOR/RECTOR

The pastor is usually the principal celebrant. Upon request, the pastor may give permission to another priest to either officiate or concelebrate. For interfaith marriages, visiting ministers are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION MEETINGS

Couples meet three times for pre-marriage instructions with the priest. The final meeting is to plan the Wedding Mass. The couple shall participate in the diocesan retreat day, God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage.

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Baptismal records for both prospective bride and groom must be submitted. The civil license must be applied for (through the County Courthouse) at least two weeks in advance of the wedding.

The license needs to be brought to the rectory as soon as possible in order to prepare ecclesiastical documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS

When planning floral arrangements, *simplicity is beauty ...*

Guidelines are:

- Nothing may be nailed or taped to the walls, altars, or any other furniture in the sanctuary.
- Floral arrangements may be used in the sanctuary area but should not be overdone. Trees are not appropriate.
- Two floral arrangements should remain on the altar after the wedding to facilitate the celebration of the Holy Mass with the parish community throughout the weekend.
- For reasons of fire safety, candles are not to be brought into the church by the florist.
- Pews may be decorated with bows or greens, which may be either taped or hung on the ends. There are 22 pews on each side of the church.
- Balloons are not to be brought into the church.
- Florists should contact the parish secretary the week of the wedding to determine the best time to set up.
- An aisle runner may be used. The church aisle is 75 feet long. Flower petals should not be thrown on the aisle runner.
- Florists are to be instructed to pick up their rentals immediately following the ceremony.
- Throwing of rice or birdseed, as well as the releasing of balloons, is prohibited for reasons of safety and liability.

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING MASS/LITURGY

The couple and the pastor plan the Liturgy.

The reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is highly encouraged before the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

The couple selects the readings from the Old and New Testament, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, and the Gospel. The readers should be Catholic, have previous experience as readers, and need to attend the rehearsal.

Family or friends may carry the gifts of bread, water, and wine in the Offertory Procession. They should be Catholic.

Lighting a Wedding Candle and presenting a bouquet of flowers to the Blessed Virgin are options.

Altar servers are provided through the parish. If a relative or friend is desired, inform the pastor at the planning meeting.

CHOOSING SACRED MUSIC

An important consideration in planning the wedding ceremony is the choice of music. The use of music in the marriage rite provides a fitting way to aid in the worship to God while celebrating the sacred event of Christian love.

The Diocese of Youngstown Marriage Preparation Policy states: “The purpose of music ... is to foster a sense of prayer and praise within the gathering assembly. It has no entertainment value.”

Your choice of proclaiming your vows in the presence of God and His Church indicates spiritual and mystical union through the Sacrament of Matrimony. Your Wedding Liturgy reflects the sacredness of the spiritual union between yourselves and Christ.

Music for worship must be a medium of prayer, with words that express true

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHOOSING SACRED MUSIC (CONTINUED)

Christian faith. As recommended in the document *Music in Catholic Worship* (Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, 1972), liturgical, musical, and pastoral judgment must be considered.

As you select your music, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do the songs or hymns chosen express the Christian view of love and marriage as a sacred event uniting two people in the love of Christ?
- Does the hymn or song express the meaning of the part of the religious ceremony at which it occurs? *Or is it there just for its own sake without reference to the liturgical action taking place?*
- Does the music aid in prayer? *Or is it chosen purely for sentimental reasons?*

Accordingly, contemporary music is not discouraged on the grounds that it is "popular," but because it does not express the Sacrament being celebrated. Music of this type is more appropriate for the reception. Our Music Director will assist you in choosing music appropriate to a Catholic ceremony. Playing of recorded music (CDs, tapes, etc.) is not permitted.

It is important that the wedding music involve the participation of the congregation in the singing of all appropriate acclamations and hymns. Your congregation is there to pray with you and should be active participants in prayer, not passive spectators.

Our Music Director will assist you with the selection of music for your wedding. You must contact him at least two months before the wedding. Only music which reflects the Christian values of marriage is permitted. All music must be approved by the Director of Music. Each wedding will have a cantor and an organist; fees for these musicians can be found on page 20 along with other customary gift suggestions.

Arrangements for additional musicians (e.g. instrumentalists) are made through the Director of Music. There is a fee for each additional musician. The organist will meet with additional musicians prior to the service to rehearse with them. There is an extra fee for rehearsal(s).

GUIDELINES FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographers are to abide by the parish guidelines if they wish to be granted the privilege of taking pictures in our church.

Our Sanctuary is a sacred worship space. Since it is the House of God, photographers and all participants are to respect the worship space. Total silence in Church before, during, and after the ceremony is expected.

Photographers shall remain as inconspicuous as possible and refrain from moving about when the congregation is praying, listening to the Scripture, during the homily, and especially during the Eucharist Prayer. Walking up and down the aisles, through pews, and moving from one side of the church to the other creates a sense of casualness, which detracts from the sacredness of the ceremony.

Photographers are not permitted in the Sanctuary. Photographers may take pictures of the wedding party after Mass but always in an atmosphere of reverence and silence.

Picture-taking after the ceremony must reflect a sense of sacredness. Pictures are limited to 20 minutes. Photographers are to be in control of the wedding party and insist on quiet reverence while in church. Pictures of the bridal party should be taken on the steps in front of the Sanctuary but never in the Sanctuary. Persons are to stand and are never permitted to sit casually on the steps. Prank or casual snaps are never permitted. Pictures may be taken outside but must remain formal since we are still on church grounds.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES

While there is no fee for the priest, a customary gift is welcome.

For couples who are not active parishioners, an offering of at least \$200 is customary to defray the cost of utilities and maintenance of the church.

Organist - \$200

Cantor - \$125

Instrumentalists - \$125 per instrumentalist

There is an additional fee of \$25 per rehearsal with musicians as required.

Altar Servers - \$30 per server

It is most helpful for good order that you bring separate envelopes containing the fees and gifts on rehearsal night.

GUIDELINES FOR FOOD & DRINK

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the church or on the church grounds.

Food and other beverages should be kept to sundry items and water only. Please be courteous, and clean up after yourself should the need arise.

IMPORTANT WEDDING DAY REMINDERS

- The bridal party must be reminded that this is the House of God. Please ask them to remain reverent and quiet at all times while in the Church. There will be plenty of time for socializing later.
- Please remind everyone (family and bridal party) to arrive on time.
 - Bride and attendants – **40 minutes before ceremony**
 - Groom and ushers – **30 minutes before ceremony**
- Purses and valuables should not be left in the lower Church hall before, during, or after the ceremony. The Parish is not responsible for the loss of any items.
- Please remind family and friends that the throwing of rice and/or bird seed, as well as balloon releases, is not permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Church grounds.
- No gum chewing or candy, please.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Therefore
what God
has joined
together,
no human
being must
separate.

Mark 10:9



OPTIONS FOR FIRST READING (OLD TESTAMENT)

At least one reading must speak explicitly about marriage. These are marked with an asterisk * after the letter-number combination.

OT-1* Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
Male and female he created them.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said:

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
the birds of the air, and the cattle,
and over all the wild animals
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image;
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

"Be fertile and multiply;
fill the earth and subdue it.
Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,
and all the living things that move on the earth."
God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The word of the Lord.

OT-2*

Genesis 2:18-24

The two of them become one body.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a suitable partner for him."

So the Lord God formed out of the ground
various wild animals and various birds of the air,
and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;
whatever the man called each of them would be its name.

The man gave names to all the cattle,
all the birds of the air, and all wild animals;
but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man,
and while he was asleep,
he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib
that he had taken from the man.

When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
This one shall be called 'woman,'
for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife,
and the two of them become one body.

The word of the Lord.

OPTIONS FOR FIRST READING (OLD TESTAMENT)

OT-3* Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67

In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother.

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:

"I bowed down in worship to the Lord,
blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham,
who had led me on the right road
to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.
If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master,
let me know;
but if not, let me know that, too.
I can then proceed accordingly."

Laban and his household said in reply:

"This thing comes from the Lord;
we can say nothing to you either for or against it.
Here is Rebekah, ready for you;
take her with you,
that she may become the wife of your master's son,
as the Lord has said."

So they called Rebekah and asked her,

"Do you wish to go with this man?"

She answered, "I do."

At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave,
along with Abraham's servant and his men.

Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

"Sister, may you grow
into thousands of myriads;
And may your descendants gain possession
of the gates of their enemies!"

Then Rebekah and her maids started out;
they mounted their camels and followed the man.

So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi
and was living in the region of the Negeb.

One day toward evening he went out . . . in the field,
and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching.

Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him,
she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,

“Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?”

“That is my master,” replied the servant.

Then she covered herself with her veil.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done.

Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent;

he married her, and thus she became his wife.

In his love for her Isaac found solace
after the death of his mother Sarah.

The word of the Lord.

OT-4* Tobit 7:6-14

May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

Raphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel and greeted him.

Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy.

But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight,

he was grieved and wept aloud.

He said to Tobiah:

"My child, God bless you!

You are the son of a noble and good father.

But what a terrible misfortune

that such a righteous and charitable man

should be afflicted with blindness!"

He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah.

His wife Edna also wept for Tobit;

and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock

and gave them a cordial reception.

When they had bathed and reclined to eat,

Tobiah said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah,

ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah."

Raguel overheard the words;

so he said to the boy:

"Eat and drink and be merry tonight,

for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah

than you, brother.

Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you,

because you are my closest relative.

But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.

I have given her in marriage to seven men,

all of whom were kinsmen of ours,

and all died on the very night they approached her.

But now, son, eat and drink.

I am sure the Lord will look after you both.”
Tobiah answered, “I will eat or drink nothing
until you set aside what belongs to me.”

Raguel said to him: “I will do it.
She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses.
Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven!
Take your kinswoman
from now on you are her love,
and she is your beloved.
She is yours today and ever after.
And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both.
May he grant you mercy and peace.”
Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.
He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:
“Take her according to the law.
According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife.
Take her and bring her back safely to your father.
And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity.”
He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,
So that he might draw up a marriage contract
stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife
according to the decree of the Mosaic law.
Her mother brought the scroll,
and he drew up the contract,
to which they affixed their seal.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

OT-5* Tobit 8:4b-8

Allow us to live together to a happy old age.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,
"Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord
to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance."
Sarah got up, and they started to pray
and beg that deliverance might be theirs.
They began with these words:

"Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;
praised be your name forever and ever.
Let the heavens and all your creation
praise you forever.
You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve
to be his help and support;
and from these two the human race descended.
You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone;
let us make him a partner like himself.'
Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine
not because of lust,
but for a noble purpose.
Call down your mercy on me and on her,
and allow us to live together to a happy old age."

They said together, "Amen, amen."

The word of the Lord.

OT-6* Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

She who fears the Lord is to be praised.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth with skillful hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

OT-7

Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a

Stern as death is love.

A reading from the Song of Songs

Hark! my lover – here he comes
springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills.
My lover is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Here he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattices.
My lover speaks; he says to me,
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff,
Let me see you,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely.”

My lover belongs to me and I to him.
He says to me:

“Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;
For stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.”

The word of the Lord.

OT-8* Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Blessed the husband of a good wife,
twice-lengthened are his days;
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,
peaceful and full is his life.
A good wife is a generous gift
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,
priceless her chaste soul.
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

OT-9

Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a

I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt.

But this is the covenant which I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord.

I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives
how to know the Lord.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RP-1

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
Yes, the Lord's eyes are upon those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord,
He is our help and our shield,
in him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

OPTIONS FOR RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RP-2

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

I will bless the Lord at all times;
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me,
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look toward him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

RP-3

The Lord is kind and merciful.

or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear,
upon children's children his righteousness,
for those who keep his covenant.

OPTIONS FOR RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RP-4

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,
who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth;
the generation of the upright will be blest.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
He will never be moved;
forever shall the righteous be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news.

With a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Openhanded, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

RP-5*

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!

By the labor of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive.
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion:
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.

OPTIONS FOR RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RP-6

How good is the Lord to all.

Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look to you
and you give them their food in due season.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

RP-7

Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13a, 13c-14a

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens,
and the waters above the heavens.

Mountains and hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
beasts, both wild and tame,
creeping things and birds on the wing.

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all judges of the earth,
young men and maidens as well,
the old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted.

His splendor above heaven and earth.
He exalts the strength of his people.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Live in a
manner
worthy of the
call you have
received.

Ephesians 4:1



NT-1

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

OPTIONS FOR SECOND READING (NEW TESTAMENT)

NT-2

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 OR 12:1-2, 9-13

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

For the short form, omit the bracketed text.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil,
hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.
Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.

[Bless those who persecute you,
bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.
Have the same regard for one another;
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;
do not be wise in your own estimation.
Do not repay anyone evil for evil;

be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.
If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.]

The word of the Lord.

NT-3

Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13

Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves;
let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up.

For Christ did not please himself.

May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus,
that with one accord you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

NT-4

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Your body is a temple of the Spirit.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,

And the Lord is for the body;

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,
but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body

is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

NT-5 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

If I do not have love, I gain nothing.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

NT-6

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 OR 5:2a, 25-32

For the short form, omit the bracketed text.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us
and handed himself over for us.

[Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.
For the husband is head of his wife
just as Christ is head of the Church,
he himself the savior of the body.
As the Church is subordinate to Christ,
so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.]

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ loved the Church
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.
So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the Church,
because we are members of his Body.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

[In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,
and the wife should respect her husband.]

The word of the Lord.

NT-7

Ephesians 4:1-6

One Body and one Spirit

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner of the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

NT-8

Philippians 4:4-9

The God of peace will be with you.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

NT-9

Colossians 3:12-17

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,

if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,

that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

NT-10

Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b

Let marriage be held in honor by all.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect hospitality,

for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,

and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,

for you also are in the body.

Let marriage be honored among all

and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.

Let your life be free from love of money

but be content with what you have,

for he has said, I will never forsake you or abandon you.

Thus we may say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper,

and I will not be afraid.

The word of the Lord.

NT-11* 1 Peter 3:1-9

Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Beloved, you wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that,
even if some disobey the word,
they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct
when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.

Your adornment should not be an external one:
braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes,
but rather the hidden character of the heart,
expressed in the imperishable beauty
of a gentle and calm disposition,
which is precious in the sight of God.

For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God
once used to adorn themselves
and were subordinate to their husbands;
thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord."
You are her children when you do what is good
and fear no intimidation.

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding,
showing honor to the weaker female sex,
since we are joint heirs of the gift of life,
so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic,
loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.
Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult;
but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called,
that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

NT-12

1 John 3:18-24

Love in deed and in truth.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

NT-13 1 John 4:7-12

God is love.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love:
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.

NT-14 Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice
of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

"Alleluia!
Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God."

A voice coming from the throne said:

"Praise our God, all you his servants,
and you who revere him, small and great."

Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude
or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder,
as they said:

"Alleluia!
The Lord has established his reign,
our God, the almighty.
Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory.
For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,
his bride has made herself ready.
She was allowed to wear
a bright, clean linen garment."
(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

Then the angel said to me,
"Write this:
Blessed are those who have been called
to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.

OPTIONS FOR GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSE

GA-1

Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God.

GA-2

God is love. Let us love one another, as God has loved us.

GA-3

If we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.

GA-4

Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in Him.

GA-5

May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made both heaven and earth.

G-1

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-2*

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-3

Matthew 7:21, 24-29 or 7:21, 24-25

A wise man built his house on rock.

For the short form, omit the bracketed text.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
will enter the Kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.
The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

[And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them
will be like a fool who built his house on sand.
The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

When Jesus finished these words,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as their scribes.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-4* Matthew 19:3-6

What God has united, man must not separate.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"
He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning
the Creator made them male and female and said,
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-5 Matthew 22:35-40

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking,
"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him,
"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord.

OPTIONS FOR GOSPEL READING

G-6*

Mark 10:6-9

They are no longer two, but one flesh.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said:

“From the beginning of creation,

God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together,

no human being must separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-7*

John 2:1-11

Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
 and the mother of Jesus was there.
 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
 When the wine ran short,
 the mother of Jesus said to him,
 "They have no wine."
 And Jesus said to her,
 "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
 My hour has not yet come."
 His mother said to the servers,
 "Do whatever he tells you."
 Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial
 washings,
 each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
 Jesus told them,
 "Fill the jars with water."
 So they filled them to the brim.
 Then he told them,
 "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."
 So they took it.
 And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
 without knowing where it came from
 (although the servants who had drawn the water knew),
 the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
 "Everyone serves good wine first,
 and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
 but you have kept the good wine until now."
 Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee
 and so revealed his glory,
 and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-8

John 15:9-12

Remain in my love.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-9

John 15:12-16

This is my commandment: love one another.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-10

John 17:20-26 or John 17:20-23

That they may be brought to perfection as one.

For the short form, omit the bracketed text.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"I pray not only for my disciples,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.

[Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

EXCHANGE OF VOWS & RINGS

Select ONE of the following two options for the Vows and indicate your choice in the front of this book.

For each of the following two options, there is also the choice to simply say, "I DO," after the celebrant states the vows in the form of a question.

OPTION 1 (VOWS):

I, N., take you, N.,
to be my wife (husband).
I promise to be faithful to you,
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
to love you and to honor you
all the days of my life.

OPTION 2 (VOWS):

I, N., take you, N.,
for my lawful wife (husband),
to have and to hold, from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish
until death do us part.

RINGS: *Presented by Best Man*

THE NUPTIAL MASS/LITURGY CONTINUES

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Select ONE of the following two options (pgs. 66-69) for the Prayer of the Faithful, and indicate your choice in the front of this book.

OPTION 1 (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL):

The priest or deacon begins:

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity

By which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate

The love of our sister N. and our brother N.,

Let us commend them to the Lord.

A reader continues:

That these faithful Christians, N. and N.,

Newly joined in Holy Matrimony,

may always enjoy health and well-being,

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That he will bless their covenant

As he chose to sanctify Marriage at Cana in Galilee,

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace and strength,

And that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian,

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day,

And that all who are burdened by any need

May receive the help of grace from above,

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Continues on page 67

That the grace of the Sacrament
Will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married persons here present,
Let us pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The priest or deacon concludes:

Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,
The Spirit of your love,
To make them one heart and one soul,
So that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined
And no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Option 2 is found on pages 68-69

THE NUPTIAL MASS/LITURGY CONTINUES

OPTION 2 (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL):

The priest or deacon begins:

Dear brothers and sisters,
Let us accompany this new family with our prayers,
That the mutual love of this couple may grow daily
And that God in his kindness
Will sustain all families throughout the world.

A reader continues:

For this bride and groom,
And for their well-being as a family,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For their relatives and friends,
And for all who have assisted this couple,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For young people preparing to enter Marriage,
And for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all families throughout the world
And for lasting peace among all people,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of our families
Who have passed from this world,
And for all the departed,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the Church, the holy People of God,
And for unity among all Christians,
Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The priest or deacon concludes:

Lord Jesus, who is present in our midst,
As N. and N. seal their union
Accept our prayer
And fill us with your Spirit.
Who live and reign forever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE NUPTIAL MASS/LITURGY CONTINUES

SIGN OF PEACE

The couple ordinarily exchanges the sign of peace with parents ONLY.

Flowers to the Mothers at the Sign of Peace: Y N

Your choice should be indicated on page 10.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**** PLEASE NOTE:** Only Catholics who are properly disposed may receive Communion. Please have your Wedding Party and guests read the Guidelines for Receiving Communion which are found in the back of the missalettes.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Flower to Our Lady of Mount Carmel? Y N

Your choice should be indicated on page 10.

Wedding Candle? Y N

Your choice should be indicated on page 10.



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PRAYER FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness. Let us be thoughtful in word and deed. Help us to put away pretense and face each other in deep trust without fear of self-pity. Help us to guard against fault-finding and be quick to discover the best in each other and in every situation. Guard us from ill temper and hasty judgment; encourage us to take time for all things, to grow calm, serene, and gentle. Help us to be generous with kind words and compliments. Teach us never to ignore, never to hurt, never to take each other for granted. Engrave charity and compassion on our hearts. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.

Amen.



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