

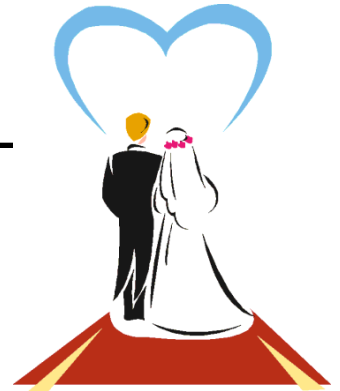


SAINTS VIATOR AND WENCESLAUS PARISH

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Sacrament of Marriage Requirements





Dear Couples,

It is a joy for us as priests and spiritual guides to welcome you here to the SS. Viator and Wenceslaus Parish Community.

God created male and female as complementary beings. Therefore, marriage is sacred because it comes from God and this God, which is defined as True Love, is made present by the sacrament of marriage. Our faithful God will remain with you so that with His help you can love one another with enduring fidelity.

During your marriage preparation I want to help you discover the beauty and greatness of the vocation to the love and to the service of life through the sacrament of marriage. You will have my moral and spiritual support at all times.

For this reason I invite you to prepare adequately to take the journey to marriage in order to appreciate this sacrament in the light of God's love. Good preparation will help you care for this wonderful vocation.

Marriage is a vocation of sanctity and service, therefore, I ask you to be responsible and conscious to prepare yourselves doctrinal as well as spiritually. Doctrinal, by understanding the responsibility that Christian marriage brings; and spiritually by getting closer to the sacrament of reconciliation before your wedding. Thus the grace of God will be more effective in your lives.

Once again, congratulations on this important step in your lives. I'll keep you in my prayers and I hope to see you on Sundays at mass. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Benjamin Arevalos
Pastor

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REQUIREMENTS

LIST OF DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

The marriage preparation process takes between 4—6 months

1. Baptism Certificate (recent, no more than 6 months old). We do not accept photos or screenshots.
2. Confirmation Certificate —Required if you have been Confirmed.
3. Attend marriage preparation (PreCana) and bring Certificate of attendance.
4. Use “Catholic Couples Check up”; an online program designed to help you and your partner to build a more fulfilling and intimate relationship.
5. Two witnesses per person.
6. Marriage license or certificate of civil marriage.
If you were previously civilly married, bring divorce decree.

THINGS TO DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

1 After receiving the information from the parish and obtaining your recent baptism certificate and confirmation certificate, please call the office to make an appointment with a priest to fill out the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire. We do not reserve your wedding date until you have your baptismal record and your appointment with the priest.

2 How to obtain new copies of baptismal certificates:

We cannot use the original copy given to your parents the day you were baptized. The reason we cannot use it is because we need to check the notations and make sure you haven't been married in the church before, since this would be an impediment for your wedding. Therefore, we need a current copy of the Baptism Certificate within the last 6 months.

If you were baptized in a different country, contact the parish in which you were baptized to request a recent copy of the Baptism Certificate or ask a family member to go to the church and request it for you.

If you were baptized in the Archdiocese of Chicago you can request a copy of the Baptism Certificate at the church you were baptized. If the parish was closed you can request it at the Archdiocese's Archives & Records Center at 312-534-4400 Fax: 312-831-0610.

3 Certificate of Confirmation:

You can bring the original certificate from when you received the sacrament or you can request a copy at the parish you were confirmed. If you haven't been confirmed yet let the priest, deacon or the person who is interviewing know to see what would be the next step, since is recommended that you have all three sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation).

If you haven't received any of the sacraments or you are missing one, the parish has an adult catechism program in which you can register so that you can receive your sacraments.

4 Marriage Preparation Classes PRE-CANA:

- Attend Pre-Cana classes and bring proof of attendance. The classes are offered in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The times and costs of the classes are available at events.archchicago.org/englishprecana
- This preparation is to have a deeper understanding of the sacrament of marriage. It would be ideal if you take the Pre-Cana classes together; but if you cannot, due to one of you living in another country or state, you can take the classes at the place where you reside. You have to pay a fee for the classes and it is required to register in advance.

5 Evaluation of “Catholic Couples Check up”

How to use the online program Couple Evaluation

I). Go to the following website: <https://www.catholiccouplecheckup.com>

III). Click on start now

IV). Create an account for you and your partner by clicking “Continue”. If your partner has already created an account, you must log in with the account number and password you created. You need to click “Continue” to buy the couple Assessment online (\$35.00 USD).

V). After completing the online couple assessment, please print the evaluation. If you do not have a printer, we can help you in the office.

6 Two witnesses per person.

7 State Issued Marriage License or Marriage Certificate:

- If you are not married civilly yet, it is necessary that you go to the County’s Clerk Office nearest you and get a Marriage License. Without the license, the priest will not be able to celebrate your marriage in church. (The license is valid for 60 days, request it 2-3 weeks before the wedding))
- Both, the groom and bride, have to go together to the Clerk’s Office with two ID’s to get the License. At the office they will ask you to sign your names and show proof of age. Usually, an Illinois Driver’s License is enough. If you don’t have a Driver’s License you will need two ID’s: Matricula, Passport, Birth Certificate, Translated into English, etc.
- Your names and ages will appear on the License. Please make sure that everything is correct. If something is wrong ask them to fix it right away. The License has to be in the office at least two weeks before the wedding.
- In some countries, a couple gets married civilly in the morning and in the afternoon in the church. Here, you buy the license and bring it to the parish office, therefore, **DON’T GET MARRIED IN THE COURT.** The State validates the religious celebration as a civil celebration. In the United States the priests have the right to celebrate a marriage under the two laws, Civil and Religious.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Donation Fee:

The donation fee for the mass is \$400.00. This fee covers the cost for electricity, maintenance, etc. To reserve the date of your wedding, a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required.

2. Music:

If you wish to have a choir you will have to make sure that the songs are liturgical, not commercial songs that an artist sings. Our parish has musicians and choirs available to play. Following is a list of the choir directors we have available:

<p>David Dubois 312-206-7167</p> <p>Jolanta 773-653-0367</p>
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3. Decoration:

- The church’s decoration is the couple’s responsibility.
- The church will be available **30 minutes** before the wedding to decorate and all decorations should be removed promptly after the wedding to help prepare for the next celebration.
- Rice and flower petals are not allowed inside or outside the church. A plastic runner is not allowed in the church as it presents a safety hazard.



4. Photographs and Video:

It is good to have a picture or a video of the celebration. But it is nicer to keep the memory of a Mass in which all participated fully. In many instances the professionals that are hired to capture the Mass, do not respect the important moments of the liturgy. We ask you to notify your photographer not to step on the altar or cross from side to side during

the celebration.

5. Attend mass every Sunday as a couple:

This helps you mature in your faith. We suggest you take the time after Mass to acknowledge your attendance to the priest with whom you are preparing.

6. Punctuality

We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before the celebration. If you are more than 15 minutes late we'll do a service. If you are more than 30 minutes late we'll only do the ritual (vows) without a service. If you arrive later than that, the celebrant has the right to cancel the celebration. members and friends to do the same. Please see the parish bulletin for a Confessions Schedule.

7. Celebrations Schedule

Our wedding celebrations are normally on a Saturday with the option to choose from the following times and sites:

At both St. Viator and St. Wenceslaus:

12:30pm, 2:00pm

Only at St. Wenceslaus 4:00pm

8. Participation:

We invite you to participate fully in the ceremony, this involves receiving the Eucharist. We ask you to receive the sacrament of confession before your wedding and motivate your family members and friends to do the same. Please see the parish bulletin for a Confessions Schedule.

9. Rehearsal

If you double check the last page of the order of the entry and place where participants are instructed to sit down, you will not need a wedding rehearsal.

10. Things to complete before the wedding:

- Complete and return the Wedding Booklet indicating you have **read, understand and agree to** these requirements.
- Pay the entire donation fee
- Choose your readings and turn in all documents, otherwise the parish reserves the right to cancel your wedding.

READINGS

- Here you will find many reading options for your wedding. We ask you to choose a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a reading from the New Testament and one from the Gospels.
- The first readings are from the Old Testament and are marked with letter A and a number.
- The Psalms are songs to praise the Lord and are marked with letter B and a number.
- The second readings are from the New Testament and are marked with letter C and a number.
- The Gospels are about Jesus' life and teachings and are marked with letter D and a number.
- The readings you choose will be read on your wedding day by a minister or priest.

After you have chosen the readings please indicate the numbers on **page 16**.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

A reading from the book of Genesis (1:26-28, 31)

A1

Then God said: "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth."

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth." God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. **The word of the Lord**

A reading from the book of Genesis (2:18-24)

A2

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. **The word of the Lord**

A reading from the book of Genesis (24:48-51, 58-67)

A3

Abraham's servant said to Laban, 'I blessed the Lord, God of my master Abraham, who had so graciously led me to choose the daughter of my master's brother for his son. Now tell me whether you are prepared to show kindness and goodness to my master; if not, say so, and I shall know what to do.' Laban and Bethuel replied, 'This is from the Lord; it is not in our power to say yes or no to you. Rebekah is there before you. Take her and go; and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has decreed.'

They called Rebekah and asked her, 'Do you want to leave with this man?' 'I do,' she replied. Accordingly they let their sister Rebekah go, with her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. They blessed Rebekah in these words: 'Sister of ours, increase to thousands and tens of thousands! May your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!' Rebekah and her servants stood up, mounted the camels, and followed the man. The servant took Rebekah and departed.

Isaac, who lived in the Negeb, had meanwhile come into the wilderness of the well of LahaiRoi. Now Isaac went walking in the fields as evening fell, and looking up saw camels approaching. And Rebecca looked up and saw Isaac. She jumped down from her camel, and asked the servant 'Who is that man walking through the fields to meet us? The servant replied, 'That is my master'; then she took her veil and hid her face. The servant told Isaac the whole story, and Isaac led Rebecca to his tent and made her his wife; and he loved her. And so Isaac was consoled for the loss of his mother.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the book of Tobit (8:5-7)

A4

On their wedding night Sarah got up, and she and Tobiah started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. He began to use 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.”

The word of the Lord

A reading from Song of Songs (2:8-10, 14, 16; 8:6-7)

A5

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 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 said 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

A reading from the book of Sirach (26:1-4, 13-16)

A6

Happy 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 person.
Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heaven,
The beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

B1

R:/The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as his very own.
But the Lord's eyes are upon the reverent, upon whose hope for his gracious help. **R:**

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.
For in God our hearts rejoice, in your holy name we trust. **R:**

May your kindness, Lord, be upon us; we have put our hope in you. **R:**

Psalm 34:

R:/I will bless the LORD at all times.

B2

I will bless the LORD at all times; praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD that the poor may hear and be glad. **R:**

Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, who answered me, delivered me from all my fears. **R:**

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called, the LORD heard and saved me from all distress. **R:**

The angel of the LORD, who encamps with them, delivers all who fear God.
Learn to savor how good the LORD is; happy are those who take refuge in him. **R:**

Psalm 103

R:/The LORD is kind and merciful.

B3

Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, my soul; do not forget all the gifts of God. **R:**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.
As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on the faithful. **R:**

But the LORD'S kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age.
He favors the children's children of those who keep his covenant,
who take care to fulfill its precepts. **R:**

Psalm 112

R:/Happy are those who do what the LORD commands.

B4

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in God's commands.
Their descendants shall be mighty in the land, generation upright and blessed. **R:**

Wealth and riches shall be in their homes; their prosperity shall endure forever.
They shine through the darkness, a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and just. **R:**

All goes well for those gracious in lending, who conduct their affairs with justice.
They shall never be shaken; the just shall be remembered forever. **R:**

They shall not fear an ill report; their hearts are steadfast, trusting the LORD.
Their hearts are tranquil, without fear, till at last they look down on their foes. **R:**

Lavishly they give to the poor; their prosperity shall endure forever;
their home shall be exalted in honor. **R:**

Psalm 128**R: / Happy are those who fear the LORD**

Happy are all who fear the LORD, who walk in the ways of God.
 What your hands provide you will enjoy;
 you will be happy and prosper. **R:**

Like a fruitful vine your wife within your home,
 Like olive plants your children around your table. **R:**

Just so will they be blessed who fear the LORD.
 May the LORD bless you from Zion, all the days of your life
 That you may share Jerusalem's joy. **R:**

Psalm 145**R: / The LORD is compassionate to all his creatures.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.
 The LORD is good to all, compassionate to every creature. **R:**

All your works give you thanks, O LORD and your faithful bless you.
 The eyes of all look hopefully to you; you give them their food in due season. **R:**

You, LORD, are just in all your ways, faithful in all your works.
 You, LORD, are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you in truth. **R:**

Psalm 148**R: / Let all praise the name of the LORD.**

Praise the LORD from the heavens; give praise in the heights.
 Praise him, all you angels; give him praise, all you hosts. **R:**

Praise him, sun and moon; give praise, all shining stars.
 Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. **R:**

You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
 You animals wild and tame, you creatures that crawl and fly. **R:**

You kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all who govern on earth;
 Young men and women too, old and young alike. **R:**

Let them all praise the LORD'S name, for his name alone is exalted,
 majestic above earth and heaven. The LORD has lifted high the horn of his people;
 To the glory of all the faithful, of Israel, the people near to their God. **R:**

Second reading from the New Testament Readings

C1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:31b-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for of us all, 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, neither 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

C2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1-2, 9-18)

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 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, and 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

C3

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:31-35)

If God is for us, who is against us? He who (C)did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, and who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

C4**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6:13-15, 17-20)**

The body is not for immorality; but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God rose up 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 immortality. Every other sin a man commits is outside his 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 and at what a price. Therefore glorify God in your body. **The word of the Lord**

C5**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:31; 13:1- 8)**

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, and endures all things Love never fails. **The word of the Lord**

C6**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5: 2, 25-32)**

Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us. 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. **The word of the Lord**

C7**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (3: 12-17)**

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 the 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**

A reading from the first letter of John (3: 18-24)

C8

Children, let us love not in word or speech but indeed 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 your 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

A reading from the first letter of John (3: 18-24)

C9

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

Readings from the Four Gospels

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (5:13-16)

D1

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 lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (19:3-6)

D2

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 to 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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:35-40)

D3

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 your entire mind. This is the greatest 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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (10:6-9)

D4

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (2:1-11)

D5

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."

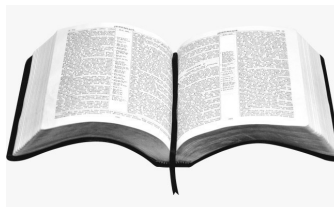
Now there are six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers 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

Indicate the reading number that you have chosen. The readings are proclaimed by a minister or the priest.

- First Reading** A _____
- Psalm:** B _____
- Second Reading** C _____
- Gospel:** D _____



Rite of Marriage

All stand, including the bride and bridegroom, and the priest addresses them in these or similar words:

The priest then questions them about their freedom of choice, faithfulness to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children.

(N) and (N), have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

The following question may be omitted if, for example, the couple is advanced in years.

Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Each answers the questions separately.

Consent

The priest invites the couple to declare their consent.

Priest: Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

They join hands.

The bridegroom says:

I, (N), take you, (Name), to be my wife. 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.

The bride says:

I, (N), take you, (N), to be my 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.

The bridegroom places his wife's ring on her ring finger. He may say:

(N), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The bride places her husband's ring on his ring finger. She may say:

(N), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

LIST OF BRIDAL COURT

Groom: <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	
Bride: <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	
	Name (s)
Bridesmaids	
Groomsmen	
Flowers for Mary	
Bible & Rosary <i>(optional)</i>	
Crucifix <i>(optional)</i>	
Rings	
Coins <i>(optional)</i>	
Cord	
Wedding Witnesses	
Best Man	
Maid of Honor	



Bride & her parents



Wedding



Cord or Unity Candle



Coins
(optional)



Rings



Crucifix
(optional)

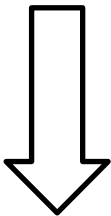


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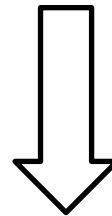


Flowers for Mary

Facing the Altar
Right Side



Facing the Altar
Left Side



Wedding Court ↓

Priest ↓

Second pew on the right:
Best Man & male court

Second pew on the left:
Maid of Honor & female court

First pew on the right: Flowers, Bible &
Rosary, Crucifix & Groom's parents

First pew on the left: Bride's parents,
Wedding witnesses, Cord or Unity Candle,
Coins & Rings



Bridegroom
& his parents



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