

RITUAL MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

WEDDING PARTY (please list in order of entrance into church)

1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
BM. _____	MH. _____

OLD TESTAMENT READING (select) _____

- Read By _____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (sung / selected with the musician)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (select) _____

- Read by _____

GOSPEL READING (select) _____

- (Read by Priest or Deacon)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (edit accordingly)

- Read by _____

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (select 2 – 4 people)

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE WEDDING MASS

Unity Candle

- *Originating from non-Catholic origins and still popular in secular settings, the lighting the unity candle is not found in the Catholic ritual.*

Presentation of Flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Many couples who have a devotion to Mary present a flower and silently ask her to intercede in their married love. A Marian hymn like the “Ave Maria” is sung during this special moment.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- *Up to three family or friends who currently serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their respective parish may assist the priest.*

The Old and New Testament together form the inspired Word of God. The books of Sacred Scripture reveal God's eternal truth for the sake of our salvation.

Sacred Scripture is a deep font for the Church's worship and prayer life. Since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the Church makes expanded use of Sacred Scriptures in worship (liturgy) as well as the devotional life of the Church.

In Catholic worship and praise of God the New American Bible is used.

Catholic Wedding Readings from the Old Testament (select one)

- OT-1. Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
- OT-2 Genesis 2:18-24
- OT-3 Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67
- OT-4 Tobit 7:6-14
- OT-5 Tobit 8:4b-8
- OT-6 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
- OT-7 Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a
- OT-8 Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16
- OT-9 Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a

Catholic Wedding Readings for the New Testament (select one)

- NT-1 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
- NT-2 Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (*shorter version*: Romans 12:1-2, 9-13)
- NT-3 Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13
- NT-4 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- NT-5 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a
- NT-6 Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 (*shorter*: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32)
- NT-7 Philippians 4:4-9
- NT-8 Colossians 3:12-17
- NT-9 Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b
- NT-10 1 Peter 3:1-9
- NT-11 1 John 3:18-24
- NT-12 1 John 4:7-12
- NT-13 Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

Catholic Wedding Gospel Reading (select one)

- G-1 Matthew 5:1-12a
- G-2 Matthew 5:13-16
- G-3 Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (*shorter*: Matthew 7:21, 24-25)
- G-4 Matthew 19:3-6
- G-5 Matthew 22:35-40
- G-6 Mark 10:6-9
- G-7 John 2:1-11
- G-8 John 15:9-12
- G-9 John 15:12-16
- G-10 John 17:20-26 (*shorter*: John 17:20-23)

Prayer of the Faithful (“Intercessions”)

Here is the standard set of intercessions:

- For Pope Francis and all the bishops that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord.
- For our President and all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, we pray to the Lord.
- For this newly married couple now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of the bride and groom, that they may enjoy everlasting life and love, we pray to the Lord.

Please edit the intercessions in ways so desired to make them more personable – e.g. the inclusion of the actual names of those who have died from your families.

If you want to write you own intercessions, you may do so by following a simple three-part pattern.

- *First*, clearly identify the person, group or interest for which we are praying.
- *Second*, succinctly express the specific need for which the assembly is asked to pray.
- *Third*, invite the assembly to pray together.

Here is an example of the simple three-part pattern for writing an intercession:

“FOR those who are persecuted because of their Christian belief, THAT divine protection will keep the safe from all harm. WE PRAY TO THE LORD.