

Liturgical Planning *For Weddings* St. Patrick's Parish

*"Be devoted to one another in love.
Honour one another above yourselves."*

- Romans 12:10



“THE TWO WILL
BECOME
one flesh.”
MARK 10:8, NIV

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**First
Readings
from the
Old
Testament**

**Please choose one of the
following readings**

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

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

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."

So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Abrahams' servant said to Laban,
"I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD,
and blessed the LORD, the God of my master
Abraham, who had led me by the right way
to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for
his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my
master, tell me; and if not, tell me,
so that I may turn either to the right hand or to
the left."

Then Laban and Bethuel answered,
"The thing comes from the LORD;
we cannot speak to you anything bad or good.

Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and
let her be the wife of your master's son,
as the LORD has spoken."

Rebekah's mother and brother called her, and
asked her, "Will you go with this man?" She said,
"I will."

So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her
nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
"May you, our sister, become thousands of
myriads; may your offspring gain possession of
the gates of their foes."

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up,
mounted the camels, and followed the man;
thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi,
and was settled in the Negev.

Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field;
and looking up, he saw camels coming.

And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac,
she slipped quickly from the camel,

and said to the servant,
"Who is the man over there, walking in the field to
meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master."
So Rebekah took her veil and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all the things that he
had done.

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's
tent.
He took Rebekah, and she became his wife;
and he loved her.
So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Tobit.

Raguel jumped up and kissed Tobias and wept.

He also spoke to him as follows, "Blessings on you, my child, son of a good and noble father! O most miserable of calamities that such an upright and beneficent man has become blind!" He then embraced his kinsman Tobias and wept.

His wife Edna also wept for him, and their daughter Sarah likewise wept.

Then Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock and received them very warmly. When they had bathed and washed themselves and had reclined to dine, Tobias said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to give me my kinswoman Sarah."

But Raguel overheard it and said to the lad, "Eat and drink and be merry tonight. For no one except you, brother, has the right to marry my daughter Sarah. Likewise I am not at liberty to give her to any other man than yourself because you are my nearest relative. But let me explain to you the true situation more fully, my child.

I have given her to seven men of our kinsmen, and all died on the night when they went in to her. But now, my child, eat and drink, and the Lord will act on behalf of you both."

But Tobias said, "I will neither eat nor drink anything until you settle the things that pertain to me."

So Raguel said, "I will do so.

She is given to you in accordance with the decree in the book of Moses,
and it has been decreed from heaven that she be given to you.

Take your kinswoman; from now on you are her brother and she is your sister.

She is given to you from today and forever.

May the Lord of heaven, my child,

Guide and prosper you both this night

And grant you mercy and peace."

Then Raguel summoned his daughter Sarah.

When she came to him

he took her by the hand and gave her to Tobias,
saying, "Take her to be your wife

in accordance with the law and decree written in the book of Moses.

Take her and bring her safely to your father.

And may the God of heaven prosper your journey with his peace."

Then Raguel called her mother

and told her to bring writing material; and he

wrote out a copy of a marriage contract,

to the effect that he gave Sarah to Tobias as wife according to the decree of the law of Moses.

Then they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Tobit.

On their wedding night, Tobias got out of bed and said to Sarah, "Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord that he may grant us mercy and safety."

So she got up, and they began to implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever.

You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support.

From the two of them the human race has sprung.

You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.'

I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity.

Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together."

And they both said, "Amen, Amen."

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the Song of Songs.

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the
lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my
love, my fair one, and come away;

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert
of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your
voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is
lovely."

My beloved is mine and I am his.

"Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as
death, passion fierce as the grave.
Love's flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it."

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of Sirach.

Blessed is the husband of a good wife;
the number of his days will be doubled.

A loyal wife brings joy to her husband,
and he will complete his years in peace.

A good wife is a great blessing;
she will be granted among the blessings of the
man who fears the Lord.

Whether rich or poor, his heart is content,
and at all times his face is cheerful.

A wife's charm delights her husband,
and her skill puts flesh on his bones.

A silent wife is a gift from the Lord,
and nothing is so precious as her self-discipline.

A modest wife adds charm to charm,
and no scales can weigh the value of her chastity.

Like the sun rising in the heights of the Lord,
so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered
home.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely 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 that I made with
their fathers
when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

But this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel after
those days,
says the LORD:
I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my
people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to
each other,
"Know the LORD,"
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says
the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Second
Readings
from the
New
Testament**

**Please choose one of the
following readings**

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:
If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors
through him who loved us.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be
haughty,
but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be
wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of
all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

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

Brothers and sisters:

The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord,
and the Lord for the body.

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

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

But anyone united to the Lord
becomes one spirit with him.

Shun fornication!

Every sin that a person commits is outside the body;
but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

Or do you not know
that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within
you,
which you have from God,
and that you are not your own?

For you were bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

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

Brothers and sisters, strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of human beings and of
Angels, but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or
boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable
or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but
rejoices in the truth.

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

Love never ends.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the Church, the body of which he is the Savior.

Just as the Church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the Church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it,

just as Christ does for the Church,
because we are members of his body.

“For this reason, a man will leave his father and
mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will
become one flesh.”

This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to
Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved:

Wives, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing.
rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight.

It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands.

Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you.

Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life—so that nothing may hinder your prayers.

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse;

but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.
It is for this that you were called—that you might
inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Little children, let us love,
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the
truth and will reassure our hearts before him

whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows
everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have boldness before God;

and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we obey his commandments and do what
pleases him.

And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in the name of his Son
Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has
commanded us.

Whoever obeys his commandments abides in him,
and he abides in them.
And by this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved,
let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows
God.

Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our
sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I, John, heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God."

And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great."

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the Angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Readings

**Please choose one of the
following readings**

**(The priest will read the
Gospel reading you select)**

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus went up the mountain with his disciples. He sat down and began to teach them: 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'Everyone then who hears 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 beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Some Pharisees came to Jesus, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?'

Jesus answered, 'Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning "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, let no one separate.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ 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, let no one separate.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding about a hundred litres. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved 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 do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions)

**Please choose one of the
following two options**

Option 1

After the priest's opening lines, the Reader begins by saying:

The Response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That these faithful Christians **(bride)** and **(groom)**, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God 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.

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.

Option 2

After the priest's opening lines, the Reader begins by saying:

The Response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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 faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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.