

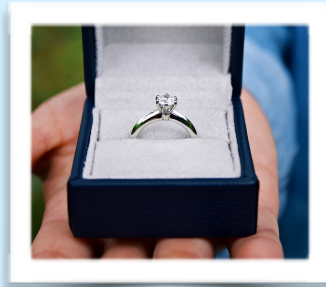
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



Marriage Preparation & Wedding Planning Guide

for Brides & Grooms / Wedding Planners / Visiting Priest or Deacon Celebrants

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Congratulations on your engagement! Your engagement has changed your life—your marriage will change your life even more. As you begin to plan for your marriage and wedding celebration, I would like to share with you the following information in hopes that it will answer some of your initial questions and concerns. Marriage preparation is intended to help your love grow so that it will become a true symbol and source of God's love for the world. May this time be a blessing for you.

~Fr. Ronald Wekerle

Pastor of Our Lady of the Snows

SETTING AND SECURING YOUR WEDDING DATE

Wedding Day & Time: Most weddings at Our Lady of the Snows take place on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Although Saturday weddings can be scheduled earlier than 2:30 p.m., they cannot be scheduled later than this, due to our regular Confession and Mass schedule. Saturday weddings must be cleaned up and the building vacated by 4:00 p.m. Weddings can also take place on Friday or another day of the week, depending on the schedule of the priest. Given the solemnity of Sunday, weddings are not ordinarily scheduled on Sundays.

Scheduling Your Wedding: The parish office at Our Lady of the Snows will assist you in scheduling your wedding. You may contact us at 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com.

Until the following actions have been taken, your wedding date will be considered tentative:

- 1.) Fill out and return our **Marriage Information Form** (available at www.svcatholic.org/marriage or see **Appendix A**).
- 2.) Provide payment for half of the wedding fee.

Send check to: Our Lady of the Snows, P.O. Box 1650, Sun Valley, ID 83353

Once you have fulfilled these requirements, your wedding date will be considered secured. We will inform you if another couple inquires about your wedding date during the time period when your wedding date is still considered tentative.

Please note: Unless you are bringing a visiting priest to officiate at your wedding, Our Lady of the Snows will determine the priest celebrant at a later date.

Scheduling Your Rehearsal: Normally your rehearsal will take place the day before your wedding, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. The parish office at Our Lady of the Snows will assist you in scheduling your wedding rehearsal. Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure a prompt start time.

A Note about Invitations: Invitations should not be ordered until a confirmed wedding date has been established with Our Lady of the Snows.

COST FOR WEDDINGS & RECEPTIONS

The fee for a wedding at Our Lady of the Snows is **\$1000** for parishioners and **\$2500** for non-parishioners. This includes all administrative costs and use of the church for a wedding ceremony. It also includes limited use of the parish hall for the bride and wedding party before the wedding, use of the restrooms, and use of the outside grounds of the church for photographs. It does not include musicians/choir, liturgical ministers, or parish hall rental for a wedding reception. A parishioner is a registered, active, contributing member of Our Lady of the Snows, who considers Our Lady of the Snows their home parish.

Half of payment is due at the time the church is reserved, and will be considered non-refundable. The other half is due within 30 days of the wedding, at which time the entire payment will be considered non-refundable.

The fee for rental of our parish hall and patio/garden (seasonally) for a wedding reception is **\$3500**, plus a \$500 refundable security deposit. Parish hall rental includes use of the kitchen; parish-owned plates; glassware; silverware; tables and chairs.

Please see **Appendix B** for more information about renting the parish hall for a wedding reception.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

All couples are required to complete a marriage preparation process, which should begin no later than six months before the desired wedding date. Marriage preparation takes place at the local Catholic parish where a couple lives. Couples who live somewhere other than the Sun Valley area are considered to be having a “Destination Wedding” at Our Lady of the Snows, and will need to contact their local parish to complete their marriage preparation.

Whether you are a local couple or a Destination Wedding couple, it is important that you contact your local parish as soon as possible to begin your marriage preparation.

Please make sure to read **Appendix C** for a detailed description of the marriage preparation process and its requirements. If you are a Destination Wedding couple, we request that you share **Appendix C** with the priest or minister who is responsible for your marriage preparation at your local parish.

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

Once you have completed the necessary paperwork and begun and/or completed marriage preparation, it is time to plan the wedding ceremony. As a general rule, what is appropriate to do during a Sunday Mass is appropriate to do in a wedding. Likewise, what is *not* appropriate to do during a Sunday Mass is probably *not* appropriate during a wedding. See **Appendices D-G** for planning resources.

Priest Celebrant: Some couples choose to bring a visiting priest or deacon to officiate at their wedding. Outside clergy will need to provide a Letter of Good Standing from their diocese or superior, and obtain delegation from the pastor of Our Lady of the Snows. Please have them read **Appendices C, H and I**.

Unless a couple decides to bring a visiting priest to officiate at their wedding, the priest celebrant will be determined by Our Lady of the Snows, and confirmed at a later date.

Location of Ceremony: The normal place for a wedding ceremony is inside of the parish church of the bride or groom.

Readings: You will need to choose readings (Old Testament and/or New Testament reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Gospel reading), as well as general intercessions for your wedding liturgy. The priest who will preside at your wedding may assist you with this. See **Appendix J** for your reading choices.

You will also need to choose someone to be your Reader. Readers are proclaimers of God's Word, and as such, they should believe what they read and proclaim. They do not need to be Catholic. Readers should practice their reading before the ceremony.

Liturgical Ministers: Our Lady of the Snows does not provide liturgical ministers for your wedding ceremony (Ushers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers); this is the responsibility of the wedding couple.

If you celebrate your wedding in the context of Mass, you may need to identify some Eucharistic Ministers. Eucharistic Ministers must be Catholics, in good standing, and trained to minister the Body and Blood of Christ.

You are welcome to ask young people to be Altar Servers, but this is not required. Altar Servers should have familiarity with this ministry.

Music: Music is an integral part of your wedding celebration and prayer, and there is a wide variety of music from which you may choose. The nature of our liturgy and worship requires that in all but the rarest situations, sacred music must be chosen because sacred music best expresses our Christian faith.

Catholic wedding ceremonies require that certain musical selections be congregational music, which are hymns or parts the Mass that everyone sings together. If needed, the priest who is presiding at your wedding can assist you in selecting appropriate music for your service.

And finally a word about secular music: if there is a secular song that is particularly meaningful to you, it is best placed before/after the religious rites have taken place, as long as it conforms to the dignity of the wedding ritual.

Please refer to **Appendix I** for further information about choosing the music for your wedding ceremony.

Our Lady of the Snows does not provide musicians/choir as part of the wedding fee, but can assist you in finding them, if needed. See **Appendix D** for the names and contact information of some local musicians.

Wedding Ceremony Planning Meeting with Priest Celebrant of Our Lady of the Snows: This meeting is to confirm the details of your wedding ceremony (readings, music, etc.) and ask any questions you may have about the ceremony. The meeting can take place in person or by phone or video call. Couples are responsible for scheduling this meeting with the priest. (This meeting is not necessary if you will be bringing a visiting priest.)

Wedding Program: It is encouraged that the priest celebrant of your wedding reviews your program before it is printed. This will help to confirm that reading and music choices are correct. See **Appendix G** for an outline.

Wedding Rehearsal: The wedding rehearsal is intended to acquaint your wedding party with the church, if necessary. *All details* for your wedding ceremony should be worked out with the priest or deacon witnessing your marriage *before the rehearsal*.

Wedding Party: Most couples ask their family and friends to participate in their wedding by joining them in the "Wedding Party." Groomsmen and bridesmaids do not need to be Catholic.

Please select your groomsmen and bridesmaids wisely. Your Best Man and Maid of Honor will sign the marriage license and function as your "official representatives."

If you plan to ask a child to be a ring bearer or flower girl, experience teaches that they should be at least school-age, as younger children may become frightened and bring undue attention to themselves.

Non-Catholic Members of the Wedding Party & Guests: It is wonderful to invite your friends and family to join in the celebration of your marriage, regardless of their faith tradition. The parish enthusiastically welcomes all people to the celebration. Their duty is to serve as witnesses for your wedding. Those attending your wedding who are not Catholic are welcome to participate in the celebration of Mass and are invited to come forward for a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish. Non-Catholics are asked to refrain from receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

Pictures: Both still photos and videos are permitted during the ceremony; however, no lights are allowed. Your photographer should consult with the priest or deacon before the ceremony for details and obtain instructions about where and when photos may be taken. Photos during the ceremony should be limited and not

distract the prayer. Also, your photographer should limit his or her movement and is not permitted to enter the special ritual space on or around the altar platform.

Live Stream Broadcast: Our Lady of the Snows has the capability to live stream a private broadcast of your wedding ceremony to guests who are not able to be there in person. Contact the parish office to learn more.

Marriage License: You will need to obtain a civil marriage license from the Blaine County Courthouse in Hailey, Idaho, or from another Idaho county Recorder's Office. The license is valid for 12 months and must be filled out before your wedding. You are asked to bring it to the parish office as soon as possible to be filled out by our staff and filed until the wedding. The priest celebrant and witnesses of the ceremony will sign the marriage license, and one copy will be given to the wedding couple, and the other will remain with the parish to be sent back to the Recorder's Office.

PARISH USAGE GUIDELINES FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES

Seating: The church will seat up to 250-300 people in the pews, with a maximum occupancy of 315.

Dressing Area: Please come to the church dressed for the ceremony. A room is available on the lower level for the bride and her attendants before the wedding. Restrooms are also available on the lower level. After the wedding this area must be straightened up and any garbage placed in trash cans in the parish hall.

Rice/Birdseed/Petals/Confetti: None of these items may be dropped or thrown either inside the church or outside on church grounds prior to, during, or following the wedding.

Tape: Tape is not permitted for attaching anything to the pews, as it can remove the varnish.

Pew Bows/Aisle Runners: Pew bows must be of a hanging style with no tape or tacks, and must not hinder entrance into the pew. Aisle Runners are not permitted as they are a tripping hazard and make it difficult for people with walkers or wheelchairs to maneuver.

Floral Arrangements: The wedding party or florist is to consult with the parish about the use and placement of floral arrangements. Placement of floral arrangements will depend on where the couple plans to sit during the wedding ceremony.

Alcohol, Drinks, Food, Tobacco & Gum: Because of the dignity of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, drinking alcohol in or around the church is not permitted. All liquids must be consumed outside the sanctuary. Also, food, tobacco, and chewing gum are not permitted in the church. Please be sure your wedding party is aware of this policy. (Exceptions may be made for receptions in the parish hall.)

Clean-up: It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to designate someone to clean up after the wedding. All things brought into the church, dressing area, kitchen, parish hall, church lawn, and parking lot need to be removed promptly at the end of the service, or placed in a trash can in the parish hall. The parish does not have someone designated to clean up after your celebration. Please leave the parish facilities as you found them, and be aware that ordinarily another ceremony will follow your wedding. Any damage to the facilities will be the responsibility of the wedding couple.



We are honored that you have chosen to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Our Lady of the Snows, and invite you to contact us with any questions at 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: *Marriage Information Form*

Appendix B: *Parish Usage Guidelines for Receptions*

Appendix C: *Guidelines & Requirements for Marriage Preparation*

Appendix D: *Local Wedding Vendors Familiar with Our Lady of the Snows*

Appendix E: *Wedding Worksheet*

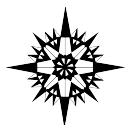
Appendix F: *Rite of Marriage*

Appendix G: *Outline of Wedding Ceremony for Wedding Program*

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Appendix I: *Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise Marriage Regulations*

Appendix J: *Reading Choices for Wedding Ceremony*



Marriage Information Form

TODAY'S DATE _____

GROOM'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

city

state

zip code

E-MAIL _____

TELEPHONE (C) _____ (H) _____

RELIGION _____

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS _____

PREVIOUS CIVIL OR RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE ____YES ____NO

EXPLANATION _____

BRIDE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

city

state

zip code

E-MAIL _____

TELEPHONE (C) _____ (H) _____

RELIGION _____

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS _____

PREVIOUS CIVIL OR RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE _____ EXPLANATION _____

WEDDING DATE _____ **TIME** _____ **MASS:** ____YES ____NO

REHEARSAL DATE _____ **TIME** _____

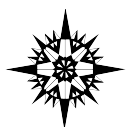
WEDDING PLANNER & CONTACT INFO _____

OFFICIANT (PRIEST OR DEACON) _____

Address:

Phone:

Diocese/Superior:



Parish Usage Guidelines for Wedding Receptions



Our Lady of the Snows has a spacious parish hall and beautiful lawn and garden area available for wedding receptions. The rental fee is \$3500, plus a refundable security deposit of \$500.

The parish hall is available for wedding receptions Tuesday-Friday, and will be reserved for the reception from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. The hall is not available on Saturdays, due to our regularly scheduled Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact the parish office to schedule the hall, or with any questions you may have: 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com.

Parish hall rental includes use of:

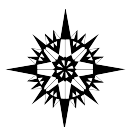
- Kitchen (including pans and utensils)
- Plates, glassware and silverware for 200
- Tables and chairs (16 round tables that seat up to 9)
- Limited number of tablecloths

The wedding party is responsible for:

- Returning the parish facilities to the way they were found, including putting away tables and chairs; re-setting the hall; and washing and putting away dishes and silverware
- Making sure caterers clean up after their preparation and service
- Bagging all trash and leaving it downstairs in the vestibule
- Arranging beforehand for cleaning of any tablecloths used
- Wiping down tables and counter tops and leaving rags in hamper

Our Lady of the Snows is responsible for:

- Cleaning the bathrooms
- Vacuuming and mopping the floors
- Taking trash bags to the dumpster
- Laundering rags used for cleaning
- Providing a parish staff member to be on premises during the reception who will lock the church when finished. This staff member will do a final walk-through with the wedding party to assess whether the deposit will be returned in full.



Guidelines & Requirements for Marriage Preparation

All couples are required to complete a marriage preparation process, which should begin no later than six months before the desired wedding date. Couples who live somewhere other than the Sun Valley area are considered to be having a “Destination Wedding” at Our Lady of the Snows, and will need to contact their local parish where they currently reside to complete their marriage preparation.

Destination Wedding couples please note: All of the paperwork and testimonies, as well as any other necessary documentation referenced below, will need to be sent by your local parish (where you are completing your marriage prep), to your local diocese for approval. After it is approved, your local diocese will send it to the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, who will then confirm that everything is in order, and send it to Our Lady of the Snows. The Diocese of Boise should receive the marriage file no later than one month before the scheduled wedding date.

This process can sometimes be delayed, so it is important that you begin your marriage prep with your local parish at least six months before your wedding date. We also request that you give the priest or minister with whom you are doing your marriage prep a copy of these **Guidelines & Requirements for Marriage Preparation** so that they are aware of the requirements. This is especially important if you are being prepared by a priest from a college or university, or from a religious order (such as the Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, etc.) because they are not always familiar with the protocols and requirements for a Destination Wedding.

Without completing the proper spiritual and canonical preparations, the parish of Our Lady of the Snows will not be able to serve as host to the wedding ceremony in any form.

The two main components of a couple’s marriage preparation are spiritual preparation and canonical preparation:

- 1. Spiritual:** This assists a couple in understanding the Catholic sacrament of Holy Matrimony. This formal preparation is generally either a parish-based pre-marriage program of classes or a pre-marriage retreat such as Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.
- 2. Canonical:** A couple must complete the proper paperwork to establish they are free and able to marry. This paperwork is completed at their local Catholic parish and consists of the following with possible additional paperwork and testimony:
 - a. Pre-Nuptial Inquiry:** This must be scheduled at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. A firm wedding date should not be set until the completion of this Inquiry. The bride and groom individually complete an interview with their parish priest (or other church official) to assess their freedom (ability) to marry in the Church. Discussed at this time will be:
 - i. Faith life and practice of religion:** When a couple asks to have their marriage witnessed in the Church, this is a statement of faith. Catholics must be practicing their faith and be committed to living a life of faith in the Church.
 - ii. Freedom:** In order to have a marriage witnessed in the Church, couples must be “free” to marry. It must be determined that the decision to marry is made freely and without coercion. If a person has been previously married, even civilly, this must be discussed and may affect someone’s freedom to marry in the Catholic Church.

iii. Maturity/Age: It is strongly recommended that couples be at least 21 years of age before entering into marriage. Couples between 18 and 20 years of age must undergo special preparation to ensure their ability to make and carry out a life-long commitment and parents must give consent. Couples under the age of 18 are strongly discouraged from entering into marriage.

iv. Compatibility: A compatibility instrument such as FOCUS is often given to a couple and the results reviewed with the couple before marriage.

v. Commitment to do Marriage Preparation (*Spiritual and Canonical*)

vi. A review of the necessary paperwork

- b. Dispensations or Permissions:** In certain situations, most commonly when either the bride or groom is not Catholic, the couple must request a dispensation or permission from their local diocese in order to be married in the Church.
- c. Testimony of Freedom:** A separate witness for the bride and groom offers a testimony to each person's freedom to seek Holy Matrimony. Usually the witnesses are family members or friends who have known the couple for many years.
- d. Sacramental Certificates:** A Catholic bride and groom (or whichever one is the Catholic party) must obtain a recent baptismal certificate with notations, from the parish in which they were baptized. "Recent" means dated not more than six months prior to the wedding date. In a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic Christian should confirm the fact of their baptism by a similar certificate or letter from the church where they were baptized.
- e. Letter of Good Standing:** If an outside clergy member, priest or deacon will be officiating at the wedding ceremony, he will need to provide a Letter of Good Standing from his diocese or religious order, as well as obtain delegation from the pastor of Our Lady of the Snows. Visiting clergy are expected to follow the diocesan regulations for marriage (see *Appendix I*) as well as Our Lady of the Snows *Marriage Preparation & Wedding Planning Guide*.
- f. Civil Marriage License:** The wedding couple will need to obtain a civil marriage license from the Blaine County Courthouse in Hailey, Idaho, or from another Idaho county Recorder's Office. The license is valid for 12 months and must be filled out before the wedding. Couples are asked to bring the marriage license to the parish office as soon as possible to be filled out by parish staff and filed until the wedding. The priest celebrant and witnesses of the ceremony will sign the marriage license. One copy will be given to the wedding couple, and the other will remain with the parish to be sent back to the County Clerk.

If the bride and groom are already civilly married, a copy of the civil marriage license must be included in the marriage file.

After completing your paperwork, you may begin planning the wedding ceremony itself. Your local parish may provide you with a planning booklet such as *Together for Life* to assist you in this. This planning aid will familiarize you with the wedding liturgy, as well as the readings available for you to choose from. You will also find the reading choices in *Appendix J*.

For guidance in putting together your wedding program, see *Appendices E, F and G* for our Wedding Worksheet, description of the Marriage Rite, and outline of the wedding ceremony with and without Mass. These resources will help you make the decisions necessary to plan your wedding ceremony and complete your wedding program.

After you have looked over these resources and are ready to confirm the details of your wedding ceremony, it is time to schedule your *Wedding Celebration Planning Meeting* with the priest celebrant from Our Lady of the Snows (unless you will be bringing a visiting priest celebrant). He will assist you with any questions you have about your wedding ceremony. *It is your responsibility to make contact with the priest to set up this meeting.* You can do this by contacting the parish office at 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com.



Local Wedding Vendors Familiar with Our Lady of the Snows

Wedding Consultants:

Amanda Seaward—Absolute Weddings

www.amandaseaward.com

Heather Minor Events

www.HeatherMinorEvents.com

Taylor'd Events

www.taylordeventssv.com

Music:

Tess Makena—Pianist & Vocalist

tessmakena@gmail.com

208-490-0833

Ashley Mekeel—Pianist

ammmkisd@gmail.com

815-535-1984

Dorinda Rendahl—Pianist

208-720-2891

R.L. Rowsey—Pianist & Vocalist

rlrowsey@gmail.com

208-720-7909

Rudy Kremer—Valley Ensembles

valleyensembles@gmail.com

415-577-3428

Photographers:

Kristin Cheatwood

ww.kcheatwood.com

Dev Khalsa

www.devkhalsaphotography.com

Thia Konig

www.thiakonigphotography.com

Kirsten Schultz

www.kirstenshultz.com

Flowers:

Tara Bella Flowers

www.tarabellaflowers.com

Yellow House Floral

ww.yellowhousefloral.com



Groom _____

Bride _____

Wedding Date & Time _____

Rehearsal: Yes___ No___ Date & Time _____

Check On:

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| ☐ Photographer | ☐ Readings selected | ☐ Identify clean-up person | ☐ Number of guests: |
| ☐ Marriage License | ☐ Readers selected | ☐ Review alcohol policy | _____ |
| ☐ Paid fees | ☐ Music selected | ☐ Pictures: before/after? | _____ |

Prelude Music

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Processional Music

a. **Bride's Mother:** (Circle one): Accompanies bride Seated separately
If so, who escorts bride's mother: _____

b. **Groom:** (Circle one): Accompanies bride Enters with parents

c. **Padrinos:** (Velacion, Annulos Arras, Biblia y Rosario, Lazo, Ramo, etc.)

d. Wedding Party:	Groomsmen (chamberlain)	Bridesmaids (damas)
	1. _____	1. _____
	2. _____	2. _____
	3. _____	3. _____
	4. _____	4. _____

e. **Ring Bearer/Flower Girl:** _____
Please make sure these people are old enough to do what you ask of them.

f. **Bride:** Escorted by: (Circle one): Father Both parents Other

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE & READERS

1st Reading _____ Reader _____

Psalm _____ **Responsorial Psalm**

2nd Reading (optional) _____ Reader _____

Gospel Reading _____ *Read by the priest or deacon* **Gospel Acclamation**

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Vows

Exchange of Rings (and Arras)

Regalos: bible, rosary, lazo? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Prayers of the Faithful

You are very welcome to write the Prayers of the Faithful. These are special prayers, particular to your gathering, and are an appropriate way to individualize your wedding ceremony and remember people who have been a part of your life, living or dead.

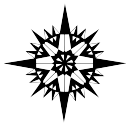
MASS & HOLY COMMUNION

Music for Mass Parts
Communion Songs
Music for Presentation

Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Recessional

Recessional Music



MARRIAGE RITE

Priest/Deacon: Dear friends, you have come to this Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the minister of the Church and of this community. Christ abundantly blesses your love. He has consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you through a special sacrament so that you assume the responsibilities of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. So, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

QUESTIONS

*The priest/deacon then asks the bride and groom about their 1.) **freedom** of choice; 2.) **fidelity** to one another and acceptance; 3.) **openness** to having children and raising children in the Catholic faith:*

1. N. And N., Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourself in marriage?

A: Yes, Father, I have.

2. Will you love and honor each other in marriage for the rest of your lives?

A: Yes, Father, I will.

The next question can be omitted if, for example, the couple is elderly or already has children.

3. Are you willing to receive with love the children that God gives you, and educate them according to the law of Christ and of his Church?

A: Yes, Father, I will.

MARRIAGE VOTES (union of life)

The groom says:

I, N. accept you, N., as my wife.
I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health;
I will love and honor you all the days of my life.

The bride says:

I, N. accept you, N., as my husband.
I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health;
I will love and honor you all the days of my life.



Priest/Deacon: You have declared your loving commitment before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your loving commitment to fill you both with blessings. What God has joined, no one must separate.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS (spiritual union)

The bride and the groom put the ring on each other's finger saying:

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





WEDDING PROGRAM *with* MASS

Entrance Rite

- Seating of Family Music
- Procession of Wedding Party Music
- Bridal Procession Music
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading (Name of Reading) Reader
- Responsorial Psalm Reader
- Please Respond: *Print response*
- Second Reading (Name of Reading) Reader
- (The second reading is optional)*
- Gospel (Name of Reading)

Rite of Marriage

- Exchange of Wedding Vows
- Blessing & Exchange of Rings
- General Intercessions
- Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Presentation of Gifts
- Prayer Over the Gifts
- Preface & Eucharistic Prayer
- Lord's Prayer
- Nuptial Blessing
- Sign of Peace
- Reception of Holy Communion

Concluding Rite

- Prayer After Communion
- Final Blessing
- Recessional Music

WEDDING PROGRAM *without* MASS

Entrance Rite

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| • Seating of Family | Music |
| • Procession of Wedding Party | Music |
| • Bridal Procession | Music |
| • Opening Prayer | |

Liturgy of the Word

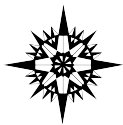
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| • First Reading (Name of Reading) | Reader |
| • Responsorial Psalm | Reader |
| Please Respond: <i>Print response</i> | |
| • Second Reading (Name of Reading) | Reader |
| <i>(The second reading is optional)</i> | |
| • Gospel (Name of Reading) | |

Rite of Marriage

- Exchange of Wedding Vows
- Blessing & Exchange of Rings
- General Intercessions
- Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Lord's Prayer

Concluding Rite

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| • Final Blessing | |
| • Recessional | Music |



Information for Visiting Priest or Deacon Celebrant



- **Marriage Preparation:** The visiting priest or deacon celebrant is responsible for making sure that the couple whose wedding he is officiating has completed all of their marriage preparation and required paperwork. This includes confirming that their marriage file has been sent to the diocese where they are preparing, no later than two months before their wedding date. As a courtesy, please inform our parish office when the marriage file has been sent to the local diocese by emailing us at parishofficeols@gmail.com. Please see *Appendix C* for details on marriage preparation requirements for a Destination Wedding.
- **Delegation and Letter of Good Standing:** The visiting priest or deacon celebrant will need to provide a Letter of Good Standing from his diocese or superior, and obtain delegation from the pastor of Our Lady of the Snows, Fr. Ronald Wekerle: ronwekmex@gmail.com or 208-622-3432.
- **Vestments:** Parish vestments are limited, but visiting clergy are welcome to use them.
- **Tour of the Church:** Someone from the parish staff will be available to meet with the visiting priest or deacon celebrant before the wedding rehearsal (Tues.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) to familiarize him with the church and answer any questions he may have. Please contact the parish office at 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com to arrange this.
- **Setting Up for the Wedding Ceremony:** The parish will be responsible for unlocking the church before the wedding ceremony; however, there will not be a parish Sacristan assigned to the wedding. The visiting priest or deacon celebrant will be responsible for turning on the lights and sound system, and setting up for Mass. Someone from the parish staff will set up a tray with the vessels, hosts, etc. for the credence table, to be used for the wedding ceremony. This tray will be on the table in the sacristy, along with the marriage license, sacramental marriage certificate, and *Rite of Marriage* book.
- **Readings:** The visiting priest or deacon celebrant is responsible for bringing the readings for the ceremony. The parish can supply a binder for the readings, if needed.
- **Marriage License:** After the priest or deacon celebrant and witnesses have signed the marriage license, one copy is to be given to the couple, and the other is to be left in the sacristy for parish staff to send to the County Clerk.
- **Locking Up:** The parish is responsible for locking the church after the wedding ceremony.
- **Questions?** Contact Martha Deffe at the parish office at 208-622-3432 or parishofficeols@gmail.com or Fr. Ronald Wekerle at ronwekmex@gmail.com.

Appendix I:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise Marriage Regulations

This document contains helpful information for visiting priest or deacon celebrants, as well as some guidelines for the wedding couple for choosing music for the wedding ceremony.

OTHER RESOURCES:

United As One: A Musical Resource the Celebration of the Christian Rite of Marriage. CD available from Oregon Catholic Press.

Don Y Promesa: Customs and Traditions in Hispanic Rites of Marriage. 2nd ed., Oregon Catholic Press.

El Amor Nunca Pasara: A Collection of Mariachi-Style Music for the Catholic Rite of Marriage. CD available from Oregon Catholic Press.

Celebrating Marriage: Preparing Roman Catholic Wedding Liturgy. A workbook for engaged couples, by Paul Covino with Lawrence Madden and Elaine Rendler-McQueeney. 3rd ed.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise Marriage Regulations

June 2016

WELCOME BY BISHOP PETER F. CHRISTENSEN

Preparation for marriage in the Catholic Church is one of the most important times for a couple and for the Church. Pastors and lay ministers in the Church have the ability to engage and challenge those who seek to enter into this holy state of life, especially in our age when the secular values about marriage and family life are so different from our Catholic understanding. This time of preparation is one of instruction, conversation, and evangelization as a couple begins to understand fully the many aspects of life that flow from this life-long commitment.

While canon 1064 certainly obliges all, and especially pastors, to make proper preparation for marriage a reality in every parish, there is more to this requirement than mere duty. There needs to be a strong desire to support couples who will build healthy families which are a blessing and good for our Church and society. I strongly urge those who are involved in marriage preparation to study these regulations and implement them in your pastoral practice. These regulations are to be applied respecting each person's dignity and worth in God's eyes always seeking to safeguard their personal salvation as a member of Christ's body.

Know that my prayers and thanks are with you as you undertake this important work. Strong families the foundation of the church. Proper preparation for marriage is crucial in our culture today.

These norms were re-promulgated in April 2001 and are hereby reauthorized as of June 3, 2016.



Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

7. **Visiting Clergy:** If the couple wishes someone other than the pastor, parochial vicar, or deacon in the parish to witness the marriage, proper delegation and permission must be obtained.
8. **Music:** Since marriage is a part of the Church's liturgy, the music should be the same kind as used on Sunday. The words of the songs must reflect the spiritual meaning of marriage. The wedding music chosen should invite and enable everyone assembled to participate in the liturgy with full mind, heart, and spirit. **USE ONLY SACRED MUSIC IN A CATHOLIC WEDDING.** Sacred music is prayer and invites everyone to a deeper commitment to God and faith. Couples have a wide variety of music from which to choose. Please refer to *Sing to the Lord* for general guidelines regarding music in Catholic liturgy, especially pages 216-224.

Couples should refer to the music director at the parish for appropriate selections. Some questions to ask a couple when considering a piece of music for a wedding are:

 - Is the music prayerful?
 - Do the words refer to Christian love between a man and a woman and/or the love that comes from God who is Love?
 - Does the musical text enhance the spoken word from Scripture and *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 2nd edition*?
 - Popular music, love songs, or show tunes may be very beautiful and have some personal meaning; however, they often do not embody the Christian meaning of marriage. They may be appropriate at the reception and/or rehearsal dinner, but not at the wedding liturgy.
 - Please discourage the use of “The Bridal Chorus” from Wagner’s opera *Lohengrin*, and “Wedding March” from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. Both pieces serve as accompaniment to illicit sexual scenes in these dramatic works. Further, both pieces place undue emphasis on the bride whereas in a Catholic marriage, both the bride and groom are the primary ministers.
 - Please inform music ministers in local parish communities about the diocesan regulations and the need to comply with them.
9. **Photographers/Videographers:** Guidelines regarding videographers, and photographers during the liturgy must be communicated to the presider and couple based on each parish’s policy.
10. **Symbols:** Discourage the importing of symbols and practices from popular culture and other traditions into the wedding liturgy. Essentially, we discourage you from practices not found in the ritual book.

MARRIAGE REGULATIONS FOR CLERGY AND PASTORAL MINISTERS PREPARING COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE

C. WEDDING CELEBRATION

Great care must be taken to see that the prayer for this special moment be reverent, graceful, and beautiful. The prayers, scripture, and music chosen for wedding celebrations must embody Christian values and follow the liturgical norms of the Church and the Diocese of Boise as described in *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 2nd edition* (promulgated 2016).

The couple should begin reflection and prayer on their marriage ceremony very early in the process so that they may make appropriate choices. Some key principles to keep in mind:

1. **Date and Time:** When scheduling weddings, parishes and couples must abide by the instructions for this ritual Mass regarding appropriate dates and times as outlined in the Ordo and in the ritual book, *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 2nd edition*.
2. **Place:** The normal place for a wedding celebration is the parish church of the bride or groom unless there are extenuating circumstances. The bishop must give express permission for the sacramental celebration of marriage outside a church or oratory.
3. **Participation:** Catholic worship requires the full, active participation of the assembled community. Accommodations must be made for various language groups who will be present at the wedding. The use of liturgy aids is encouraged. The celebration should invite and enable the guests to pray and sing so that they are not just spectators, but active participants in the wedding liturgy.
4. **Scripture:** the proclamation of the Word of God is an essential part of a wedding liturgy. There are many appropriate scriptural selections from which a couple may choose, listed in the ritual book but also in the USCCB's publication, *Book of Readings on Marriage*, and in the preparatory book *Together for Life*. Use only Scriptural selections during the wedding ceremony. Poetry and other readings are not appropriate at Mass but can be recited at the reception or another place.
5. **Prayers:** *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 2nd edition* provides several choices for each part of the wedding ceremony. Encourage the couple to choose prayerfully from the various options there.
6. **Environment:** Remind the couple that the church is the worship place of the local parish community. Additional flowers and candles should be simple yet beautiful. Any additional decorations should be placed where they do not hinder the movement of the ministers. Primary consideration should be given to the liturgical concerns of the worship space.

The preparation period for every marriage is a minimum of four (4) months, beginning after the completion of prenuptial inquiry, and has three (3) stages: Pre-Nuptial Inquiry, Marriage Preparation Program, and the Wedding Celebration.

Each parish should develop guidelines for marriage according to the local needs and customs (e.g., on the use of flowers or on the incorporation of Hispanic customs).

A. PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY

Do not set a firm date for a wedding until completion of the prenuptial inquiry. An inquiry may consist of interviews with the couple by the person arranging the marriage. During this inquiry the necessary papers are given and explained, answered and signed, and the proper permissions and delegations are obtained. In certain cases, such as annulments or questions regarding citizenship arise, time may be a factor in obtaining proper documentation

When a couple seek to marry in a parish in which neither resides, they should be made aware of any fees, expenses, guidelines, requirements, etc., of the parish in which they wish to marry. The parish minister should consult with the pastor of the parish where one or both reside before setting a firm date for the wedding.

The pre-nuptial inquiry must address the following areas:

1. **Faith:** Discuss why the couple wants to marry in the Catholic Church as opposed to marrying simply through the civil law of the state. If Catholics are not actively living the faith (through attendance at Eucharist and celebration of the sacraments) give them the special time and attention needed to encourage their faith life. Catholics who explicitly reject the teachings of the Church about marriage and the sacramental process, of which marriage is a part, place an obstacle to marriage in the Church, and the marriage must be postponed until the obstacle is removed. (See Familiaris Consortio, 68)

2. **Freedom:** Determine if either party has ever been married before or lived in a common law union and whether either is under pressure to marry. If there is a previous marriage, a process with the Tribunal of the Diocese of Boise must be completed **before** a firm date is set.

3. **Maturity: Each party should be at least twenty-one years of age.** Individuals under the age of 21 must undergo special preparation to ensure the ability to make and carry out a life-long commitment before they may marry in the Church. The Diocese recommends that this special preparation include at least a consultation with a mental health specialist to assess maturity or to identify any other special issues for the couple. It should also include any needed follow-up meetings with the Pastor for his assessment of the couple's readiness.

If they are under 18 years of age, parents must also give consent. The Bishop must give permission before such a marriage may take place. Prior to this permission, in addition to parental consent, professional psychological counseling may be requested in order to establish the couple's ability to make and carry out the serious commitments of marriage.

Further inquiry into maturity may use appropriate parts of the "formal case" questionnaires from the Tribunal.

4. **Compatibility:** The couple must take the *Pre-Marriage Inventory*, *FOCUS*, *Perspectives of Marriage*, *Engaged Couple Inventory*, *Prepare, Fully Engaged* or a similar instrument. The couple should receive adequate explanation of the results.

When only one is Catholic, the non-Catholic party is encouraged to attend special instructions in the Catholic faith. This instruction would include a review of the major theological, spiritual, and moral teachings of the Church. These instructions are intended to help the non-Catholic understand the faith of the Catholic party. The Catholic party should also seek to know more about the faith of the intended spouse. If possible, the distribution of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is encouraged.

5. **Special Circumstances:**

- a. Pregnancy is not a good reason for marrying and does not shorten the preparation time of four (4) months, but does require additional professional counseling for the couple.
- b. When the couple is cohabiting before marriage, the pastoral minister preparing them needs to discuss this behavior with them.
- c. The validation of civil marriages in the Church **requires** preparation appropriate to the couple based upon the assessment of the clergy overseeing preparation.
- d. The person arranging the marriage should address other circumstances that may limit the couple's freedom and knowledge (e.g., alcohol, drug abuse, pornography, or any mental health or behavioral issues).

B. MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

1. Each couple must participate in a program of individual marriage preparation with the pastor or other appropriate parish minister. The parish should provide the necessary formation sessions.
2. Local parishes may employ marriage preparation programs such as: Engaged Encounter, parish-based programs, or suitable online programs. Per Tribunal recommendations, documentation regarding the results, outcome, or any other pertinent information regarding the couple's participation in the program, should be included in the couple's marriage file.
3. Preparation programs should include in-depth presentations on the following areas and be presented by competent and qualified presenters:
 - Christian meaning of Love
 - Commitment
 - Communication in Marriage
 - Decision Making
 - Finances
 - Spirituality
 - Importance of Religion in Marriage
 - Sacrament of Marriage
 - Sexuality and an Introduction to NFP
 - Responsible Parenting
 - Family Issues and Dynamics

Appendix J:

Reading Choices for Wedding Ceremony

You will need to choose readings (Old Testament and/or New Testament reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Gospel reading), as well as general intercessions for your wedding liturgy. The priest who will preside at your wedding may assist you with this.

Here is a list of the most popular reading choices:

Old Testament: B-1; B-6; B-7; B-8

Responsorial Psalm: C-1; C-2; C-3

New Testament: D-1; D-5; D-9

Gospel: F-2; F-4; F-6; F-7; F-8

B-1 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

Male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-28, 31a

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.

B-2 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

The two of them become one body.
Genesis 2:18-24

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 the 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.

B-3 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

*In his love for Rebekah,
Isaac found solace after the death of his mother.
Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67*

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.

B-4 FIRST READING**LECTOR:** _____*May the Lord of heaven prosper you both.**May he grant you mercy and peace.*

Tobit 7:6-14

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 seals.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

B-5 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

Allow us to live together to a happy old age.

Tobit 8:4b-8

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.

B-6 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

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.

B-7 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

Stern as death is love.

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

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.

B-8 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

*Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,
the beauty of virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.*
Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

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 a 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.

B-9 FIRST READING

LECTOR: _____

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

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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

D-1 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

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,

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.

D-2 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

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

Long Version, Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

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.

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exercise hospitality.

This is the word of the Lord.

D-3 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.

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

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.

D-4 SECOND READING

LECTOR:_____

Your body is a temple of the Spirit.

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

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 in him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,

but the immortal 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.

D-5 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

If I do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

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.

D-6 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

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

Long Version, Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33

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.

D-6 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

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

Short Version, Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

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.

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.

D-7 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

The God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:4-9

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.

D-8 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

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

Colossians 3:12-17

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.

D-9 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

Let marriage be held in honor by all.

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

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.

D-10 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

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

1 Peter 3:1-9

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

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.

D-11 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

Love in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18-24

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.

D-12 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

God is love.

1 John 4:7-12

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.

D-13 SECOND READING

LECTOR: _____

*Blessed are those who have been
called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

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.

F-1 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

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

Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

F-2 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:13-16

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 lamp stand,

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.

F-3 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

A wise man built his house on rock.

Long Version, Matthew 7:21, 24-29

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.

F-3 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

A wise man built his house on rock.

Short Version, Matthew 7:21, 24-25

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

F-4 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

What God has united, man must not separate.

Matthew 19:3-6

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.

F-5 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

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

Matthew 22:35-40

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.

F-6 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

They are no longer two, but one flesh.
Matthew 10:6-9

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.

F-7 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

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

John 2:1-11

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.

F-8 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

Remain in my love.

John 15:9-12

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.

F-9 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

This is my commandment: love one another.

John 15:12-16

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.

F-10 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

That they may be brought to perfection as one.

Long Version, John 17:20-26

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, 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.

F-10 GOSPEL

PRIEST / DEACON

That they may be brought to perfection as one.

Short Version, John 17:20-23

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, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

J1 PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LECTOR: _____

**Priest /
Deacon:** Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for people in the world today.

Lector: The response is "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"
For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops, clergy, and lay ministers everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For our president and all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For married persons that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For _____ and _____, now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health until a ripe old age, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For those who have died, especially for _____ and _____'s family and of all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For these personal needs which we mention now in silence *(pause – count ten breaths in your head)*, We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

**Priest /
Deacon:** O ever-living and caring God, Jesus taught us to ask, to seek, and to knock. We have just done so, confident that you will now look upon our many needs, consider our trusting faith, and in your great love grant these requests which we present to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen

J2 PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LECTOR: _____

**Priest /
Deacon:** **We have listened to the word of God. Let us now ask God
to listen to us, to bless our words of prayer which we offer
for the people of the world.**

Lector: The response is “*Lord, hear our prayer.*”

For leaders of Church and state
for heads of institutions,
for heads of homes and households . . .
that they will lead us and guide us
in the search for God and the good life,
in the search for peace and joy,
in the search for love among us—
let us pray to the Lord.

For all married people:
for those who married yesterday,
for the new couple _____ and
_____, married today,
for those who will marry tomorrow . . .
that they may savor
the joy of being together,
warm love, and children,
a long life, wine, and friends,
and a new day, every day—
let us pray to the Lord.

For all young single people
who look forward to a vocation
full of life and full of love—
let us pray to the Lord.

For the lonely old and the lonely young,
for the hungry rich
and the hungry poor,
for the sick in body, mind, and spirit,
for the weakness in all of us—
let us pray to the Lord.
For our relatives and friends
who walk with us on life's journey
and for those who have gone before us
to the other side of life.
For the fulfillment of all their
unfulfilled desires—
let us pray to the Lord.

**Priest /
Deacon:** **These are our words of prayer today for ourselves and
all human beings. Tomorrow there will be others. Lord
God the beloved of humankind who has first loved us, give
our words by your listening the power of your word so that
all things may be accomplished sweetly and gently for the
happiness of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

J3 PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LECTOR: _____

**Priest /
Deacon:** **God has given us promises in the word of Scripture.
_____ and _____ have given their promises
to each other in their marriage. This hour of promise is also
a time of prayer. We turn to God our Father and make our
response by saying: “Lord have mercy.”**

Lector: For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our world, to keep the promise of peace,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our country, to keep the promise of freedom,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our parish, to keep the promise of discipleship,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our hands, to keep the promise of giving,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For our lives, to keep the promise of growing,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage,
We pray to the Lord (*pause for 2 seconds*).

For those who have gone before us, in particular,
all the deceased members of the _____ and
_____ families, We pray to the Lord
(*pause for 2 seconds*).

Priest /
Deacon: **Father, you have chosen us and given us your love, the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Hear our prayers today and keep us open. May our faith issue forth in action, our love show itself in deeds, and our hope gives us courage. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

C-1 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LECTOR: _____

The goodness of the Lord.

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

Response: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

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.
R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.
R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

C-2 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Bless the Lord.

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

LECTOR: _____

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

C-3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LECTOR: _____

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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

Response: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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

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.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

OR: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to 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.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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

C-4 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LECTOR: _____

Blessed is the man.

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

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

OR: Alleluia.

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.

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

OR: Alleluia.

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.

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

OR: Alleluia.

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.

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

OR: Alleluia.

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.

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

OR: Alleluia.

Openhanded, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness stands firm forever.

His might shall be exalted in glory.

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

OR: Alleluia.

C-5 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LECTOR: _____

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5ac and 6a

Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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

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.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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

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

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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

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.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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

C-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is compassionate.

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

LECTOR: _____

Response: How good is the Lord to all.

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.

R. How good is the Lord to all.

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.

R. How good is the Lord to all.

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.

R. How good is the Lord to all.

C-7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LECTOR: _____

Praise the Lord.

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

Response: Let all praise the name of the Lord. OR: Alleluia.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR: Alleluia.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR: Alleluia.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR: Alleluia.

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.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR: Alleluia.

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

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR: Alleluia.