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Congratulations on your engagement! All of us at Saint Mary's Parish congratulate you and promise you our support and prayers. The Lord is inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him, and it is an honor to assist you in planning the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you have not already done so, please make an appointment to meet with one of our parish priests by calling the Parish Center at 781.326.0550, at least six months prior to your wedding.

In order to confirm a wedding date and time, it is necessary to meet with the priest first, to assure that you are ready and free to marry in the Catholic Church. You can understand that we are not able to schedule wedding dates over the phone. Once your freedom to marry has been determined, after your first meeting and completion of the preparation forms, your wedding date can be confirmed. Also, because of the full schedule at St. Mary's, we are only able to welcome for weddings those who have a previous or confirmed future relationship with our parish.

The priest and parish pastoral staff will assist you as a couple during your time of marriage preparation. There are many details with which you and your betrothed will be busy; this is a special time of preparation and coordination. The priests here are available to assist you in your preparation through conversation and prayer. It is our hope that the parish can support you and invite you "as a couple" to prepare for marriage to grow in your relationship by praying together, especially by joining fully in the celebration of Sunday Mass. I also invite you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession regularly, especially prior to your wedding day; all the sacraments will help you to grow in your relationship and trust in the Lord and with one another.

Below please find the answers to many commonly asked questions. If there is anything that I or our staff can do to provide additional support, please contact us at the Parish Center or feel free to speak with me before or after any of the parish Masses.

You are in my prayers. I wish you every grace and blessing as you move forward to your wedding day, and we ask our Blessed Mother, our patroness, to intercede for you and those you love. May the Lord bless and protect you both.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Wayne Belschner, Pastor  
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# Further Tips for Planning Your Wedding

## So what do we need to get?

A newly issued parish record of your Baptism and Confirmation must be requested and provided to complete the application form and for the necessary recording in our parish sacramental register. These are available at the parish location where you received your Baptism and Confirmation. They must be mailed directly from the parish that has the records to St. Mary's Parish, not to the persons being married. (Xeroxed copies of original baptismal and confirmation certificates are not necessary or sufficient.) Also, within a month of your wedding day, you are required to go to a City or Town Hall and complete application for a wedding license and any and all civil requirements for the Commonwealth. This license must be given to the priest, deacon or wedding coordinator on or before the wedding *rehearsal*. Without it, by law, the wedding cannot take place. You can contact the Town Hall ten days after your wedding and they will be glad to send you a formal Marriage Certificate for a small fee. If you need a copy of your marriage license for honeymoon travel or other immediate needs following the wedding, please just let the priest know.

## How do I Schedule a Wedding Rehearsal?

Your wedding rehearsal may be scheduled when you meet with the priest or by calling the parish secretary at the Parish Center. Each couple is assigned to our trained parish wedding coordinator. The coordinator spends adequate time with each couple at the rehearsal to assure that the format of the liturgy is explained and rehearsed and to make sure you and your guests are comfortable and at ease. She will also be present at the wedding for set up, to help the procession run smoothly, and to make sure the Church is back in order after the ceremony.

If for any reason your wedding plans change after a date has been scheduled, please notify the priest with whom you have been working.

Please bring the following to the wedding rehearsal: The completed selection sheet or program booklet for your ceremony, your Massachusetts marriage license, and your parish donation and all other payments. (Also, if you are having the optional "Unity Candle" at the wedding, please bring it to the rehearsal.)

Finally, the "Wedding Banns" (announcement of your marriage) will automatically appear in our bulletin for the three consecutive Sundays prior to your wedding day.

## **What about a Marriage Preparation program?**

Generally, the priest meets with the couple 3-4 times, and you are also asked to participate in a certified marriage preparation/Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter program of your choosing. You, as a couple, can consult with the priest to find the best and most appropriate certified program for marriage preparation. St. Mary's does offer a program twice a year; yet, you may also check online at *Archdiocese of Boston Marriage Preparation Program* for a comprehensive list of offerings. We particularly recommend the "*Transformed in Love*" program offered by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life at [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org). Also, please take a look at the 20-minute video [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org)

## **Flowers and Carpet**

Florists are typically accustomed to the set-up and delivery of flowers for your wedding. We welcome all appropriate displays. When the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated during Advent and Lent, please bear in mind the simpler nature of these liturgical seasons. During Christmas and Easter, the church is decorated seasonally. Even so, you may add particular appropriate additions with permission. There are 36 rows on each side of the main aisle. Please remind your florist that there is a 4:00PM Mass on Saturdays. Some couples are accustomed to leaving their flowers in the church following the wedding ceremony for the weekend Masses and you are welcomed to do so.

The florist or your own wedding assistants can help you in making arrangements for a carpet or runner. If you plan to have a runner, please note that the center aisle is 96 feet long. Please be mindful that the Church building is a sacred space. We ask you to make sure that your wedding party or guests do not throw anything - including flowers, rice, birdseed, bubbles or confetti, either inside or outside of the church or grounds. This is also for safety reasons. If you are putting bows on the pews, please plan for someone from your wedding party/guests to remove them after the wedding.

## **Photographer and Videographer**

Please have your photographer and videographer check with the celebrant (the priest or deacon) prior to the start of the Mass or ceremony. Additional lighting is not needed and should be discouraged for your comfort, as well as that of your guests.

## **Altar Servers**

St. Mary's Parish has a dedicated team of altar servers. We normally assign two servers for your Mass or ceremony. If you have trained family members or friends who are altar servers they are welcome to serve with the approval of the officiating minister. Albs are available for visiting servers.

## Marriage License

The Marriage License, which can be obtained from any city/town hall here in Massachusetts, should be delivered to St. Mary's one week prior to the Wedding Rehearsal.

## Music

Music is an important part of any celebration, no less so in our celebration of the sacraments. St. Mary's Parish is blessed to have a fine staff of musicians. All music must be approved by the Pastor and Music Director. All music played at Mass must be appropriate church music. Although other types of music may have special meaning for you, these would best be used more appropriately at the reception or other gathering times and places. Our Music Director will assist you in choosing your music. Under normal circumstances, the music director and parish cantors sing at all weddings. Sometimes couples have family members or friends who wish to share their talents. All guest musicians and/or cantors are to be approved by the Pastor and Music Director. Also, please note that, because weddings are figured into the salary of our organist/music director, he would receive full compensation *even if you bring in your own organist*. For questions or clarification, please contact your priest. When your wedding date is confirmed with the priest, please contact our Music Director, Mr. Kyle Bertulli, at least a month in advance to discuss the music for your wedding. He can be reached at 774-277-2485 or at [kbertulli@stmarysdedham.com](mailto:kbertulli@stmarysdedham.com).

## Fees and Donations

Of course, the sacraments are a free gift given to us by our Lord and His Church, and as such there is no fee for a sacrament. It is customary, however, when celebrating a sacrament, to make an offering to the Church and parish. This offering supports staff work involved in preparation for your wedding, as well as Church janitorial /maintenance needs and electricity.

The regular offering for weddings in parishes in this part of the Boston area are as follows:

- *Offering for the Parish/Church:* The donation is left to the discretion of the couple. (If there is financially difficult, please feel free to speak with the priest.)
- *Music Director/Organist: (Kyle Bertulli):* \$275.
- *Cantor:* \$225.00
- *Other optional musicians* (such as trumpet, violin, guitar, etc...) \$200.- \$300.
- *Wedding Coordinator: (Dolores Johnson):* \$100.
- *Altar Servers:* (\$10.00 donation)

One check should be made out to "St. Mary's Parish" and one check each to the music director, cantor, wedding coordinator, etc... These should be submitted no later than the wedding rehearsal.

## St. Mary of the Assumption ~ Wedding Music List

Music is a central part of the sacrament of Marriage. All music selected must be liturgically appropriate; music containing a text must be of a sacred nature. Although secular music is not appropriate for the wedding mass/ceremony, it may be included in the reception. Music requested not included on this list is subject to approval by the Music Director. Various recordings of the pieces listed below can be found on YouTube. For assistance with music selection, please contact Music Director, Kyle Bertulli—774-277-2485.

**Procession**-- Please inform the Music Director how many pieces you would like for the Procession. The pieces listed are of varying lengths. You may choose up to two pieces for the Wedding Party, depending on the number of people in the Procession, and one for the Bride. Some pieces listed may be used for the entire Procession.

### Wedding Party

Air (from Orchestral Suite #3)—J. S. Bach

Ave Maria (please specify the version you would like: Schubert, Gounod or other)

+Canon in D--Pachelbel

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (please specify instrumental or vocal)--J. S. Bach

+Prelude in F—Fanny Mendelssohn (recommended for larger wedding parties due to its length)

Jupiter [from The Planets; THAXTED (“O God, Beyond All Praising”)--Holst

### Bride

+Canon in D--Pachelbel

\*\*Trumpet Tune--Purcell

+\*\*Trumpet Voluntary--Clarke

+\*\*Trumpet Tune--David Johnson

Cathedral Fanfare--Gordon Young

+Rigaudon--Andre Campra

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+May be used for the entire procession.

\*\*For weddings in July, August, and early September, it is recommended that this piece be played only if a trumpeter has been hired. The tuning of the part of the organ necessary to play this music is rather unstable in hot/humid weather.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33--Blessed the People the Lord Has Chosen

Psalm 96—Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psalm 98--All the Ends of the Earth

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psalm 100--Sing Joyfully to the Lord

Psalm 128—Blessed Are Those Who Love You

Happy Are You Who Fear the Lord

Psalm 145—I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 146—Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Psalm 148--Let All Creation Praise the Lord

### **Offertory**

Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate--Mozart (for soprano soloist only)  
Ave Maria (Schubert, Gounod, or other setting)  
O Perfect Love (congregational or solo)  
Offertory--John Ness Beck  
The God of Love My Shepherd is—Eric Thiman  
The Servant Song (Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant) (congregational or solo)

### **Communion**

Panis Angelicus--Franck  
Taste and See (congregational or solo)  
The Gift of Love (Though I May Speak)  
Laudate Dominum--Mozart  
Magnificat (Proclaim the Greatness of God)--Chepponis

### **Meditation** (Immediately following Communion; optional)

Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate--Mozart (for soprano soloist only)  
Ave Maria (please specify the setting you would like)  
O Perfect Love (congregational or solo)  
Offertory--John Ness Beck  
The Servant Song (congregational or solo)  
The Wedding Song (Whither Thou Goest)--Peeters

### **Recession/Postlude**

A Pompous March--Young  
\*\*Baroque Trumpet—Young  
Ceremonial March--Herbert Sumsion  
Final from Symphony #1 for the Organ—L. Vierne  
Hornpipe (from Water Music)--G. F. Handel  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Ode to Joy)--arr. Albert Travis  
Postlude in D—Wilhelm Volckmar  
Postlude in G—Fanny Mendelssohn  
Psalm 19—Marcello  
\*\*Rondeau--Mouret  
\*\*Trumpet Tune--Frederick Swann  
Toccatina from Symphony #5 for the Organ--C. M. Widor  
Wedding March--Mendelssohn

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# St. Mary of the Assumption ~ Wedding Readings List

## *Old Testament*

### **1. 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.**

### **2. A reading from the Book of Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said: “It is not good for the man to be alone.

I will make a suitable partner for him.”

So the Lord God formed out of the ground

various wild animals and various birds of the air,

and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;

whatever the man called each of them would be its name.

The man gave names to all the cattle,

all the birds of the air, and all wild animals;

but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man,

and while he was asleep,

he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib

that he had taken from the man.

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

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called ‘woman,’

for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother

and clings to his wife,

and the two of them become one body.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **3. A reading from the Book of Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67**

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.**



#### **4. A reading from the Book of Tobit 7:6-14**

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

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

But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight,  
he was grieved and wept aloud.

He said to Tobiah: "My child, God bless you!

You are the son of a noble and good father.

But what a terrible misfortune that such a righteous and charitable man  
should be afflicted with blindness!"

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

His wife Edna also wept for Tobit; and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock

and gave them a cordial reception. When they had bathed and reclined to eat,

Tobiah said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah."

Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy:

"Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah  
than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you,  
because you are my closest relative.

But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.

I have given her in marriage to seven men,

all of whom were kinsmen of ours,

and all died on the very night they approached her.

But now, son, eat and drink.

I am sure the Lord will look after you both."

Tobiah answered, "I will eat or drink nothing  
until you set aside what belongs to me."

Raguel said to him: "I will do it.

She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses.

Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven!

Take your kinswoman from now on you are her love,

and she is your beloved. She is yours today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of  
heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace."

Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.

He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:

"Take her according to the law.

According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife.

Take her and bring her back safely to your father.

And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity."

He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,

So that he might draw up a marriage contract  
stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife  
according to the decree of the Mosaic law.

Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract,  
to which they affixed their seal. Afterward they began to eat and drink.

**The word of the Lord.**

**5. A reading from the Book of Tobit 8:4b-8**

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.

**6. A reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

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.**

**7. A reading from the Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a**

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.**

**8. A reading from the Book of Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16**

Blessed the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.

A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,  
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;  
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.

Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;  
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.

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

**The word of the Lord.**

**9. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a**

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.**

## Wedding Readings ~ New Testament

### **1. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

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

He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

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

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

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

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

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

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **2. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

*(Long Form)*

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.**

**OR**

*(Short Form)*

**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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**3. 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,  
or 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.**

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

Brothers and sisters:

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

And the Lord is for the body;

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

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

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

Avoid immorality.

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

Do you not know that your body

is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

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

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

**The word of the Lord.**

#### **5. 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.**

## **6. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

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

**The word of the Lord.**

## **7. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

*(Long Form)*

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.**



**OR**

***A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians  
(Short Form)***

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,  
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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.**

**8. 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.**

### **9. 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.

### **10. 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.**

## **11. 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.**

## **12. 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.**

### **13. 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.**

### **14. 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.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

Select one of the following...

A

For the pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere, that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord...

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

For married couples, 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...

For N. and N., 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...

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...

For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N. and N. and of all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, we pray to the Lord...

B

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, we pray to the Lord...

For all married people: for those who married yesterday, for the new couple N. and N., 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, we pray to the Lord...

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

## C

For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation, we pray to the Lord...

For our world, to keep the promise of peace, we pray to the Lord...

For our country, to keep the promise of freedom, we pray to the Lord...

For our parish, to keep the promise of discipleship, we pray to the Lord...

For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving, we pray to the Lord...

For our hands, to keep the promise of giving, we pray to the Lord...

For our lives, to keep the promise of growing, we pray to the Lord...

For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage, we pray to the Lord...

## D

For the holy church on this shining day, wedded forever to God's wondrous love, we pray to the Lord...

For the people of the world, the children of Adam and Eve, the children of God, we pray to the Lord...

For the bride and groom, N. and N., whose love and fidelity open a doorway into the mystery of God's love, we pray to the Lord...

For the renewed commitment of every married couple, we pray to the Lord...

For single men and single women and for their families, friends and colleagues, we pray to the Lord...

For those who cannot be here, but who join us in spirit and heartfelt affection, we pray to the Lord...

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Wedding Rehearsal Worksheet

Please type or print clearly. The worksheet should be returned to the Church one week prior to the Wedding Rehearsal via postal mail or email.

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| First and Last Name of Bride   | First and Last Name of Groom |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Rehearsal Date/Time:</b>  |                              |
| <b>Wedding Date/Time:</b>  |                              |
| <b>Will your wedding be a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mass?</b> <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ceremony?</b>  |                              |
| <b>Parents of Bride</b><br>(full names)  |                              |
| <b>Parents of Groom</b><br>(full names)  |                              |
| <b>Maid/Matron of Honor</b>  |                              |
| <b>Best Man</b>  |                              |
| <b>Grandparents</b><br><i>(if you have grandparents who will be part of the entrance processional, please list their full names and who will be escorting them, if applicable)</i> |                              |

### Procession

The order of the procession is up to you. However, as a guide, many couples select the following order:

- Grandparents (if applicable)
- Mother of Groom (with or without escort)
- \*Mother of Bride (with or without escort) – \*unless she is escorting the bride
- Bridesmaids and/or Groomsmen (*If you would like the groomsmen to process down the aisle on their own, they would generally go after the mothers, but before the bridesmaids. In many weddings, the groomsmen do not process down the aisle at all. The Best Man stays with the groom at the front of the church.*)
- Flower Girl/Ring Bearer
- Maid of Honor
- Bride and her escort(s)

-- if you wish to use a different order, please make a note on the following page--

Processional Order (please leave any fields which do not apply blank)

Groom's Mother  to be escorted by

Bride's Mother  to be escorted by

Will groomsmen process in?

If yes, will they be escorting bridesmaids?

Wedding Party in Order of Processional

Please list Groomsmen regardless of whether you wish them to participate in the entrance processional. (please exclude Maid of Honor & Best Man)

|   | Bridesmaids | Groomsmen |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| 1 |             |           |
| 2 |             |           |
| 3 |             |           |
| 4 |             |           |
| 5 |             |           |
| 6 |             |           |
| 7 |             |           |
| 8 |             |           |

|   | Flower Girl(s) Name & Age | Ring Bearer(s) Name & Age |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 |                           |                           |
| 2 |                           |                           |
| 3 |                           |                           |

Do you wish to have these children sit with  bridal party or  with their family?

*\* It is best to have a parent or other relative available to help escort children down aisle in the event that they are too scared to go on – it is also a good idea for these parties to sit near the children if the children are seated with the bridal party.*

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| <b>Maid/Matron of Honor</b> |
| <input type="text"/>        |

**Bride** to be escorted by



**Liturgical Information** (Please refer to the “Together for Life” book, and list name, # and page# of readings you have chosen).

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Old Testament):**

To be read by:

**Responsorial Psalm - will be chosen in consultation with and sung by the Cantor.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (New Testament):**

To be read by:

**Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) - will be chosen in consultation with and sung by the Cantor.**

**Gospel:** Read by the officiating priest

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

To be read by:

Do you wish to remember certain  
Individuals who have died?  
*Please list their names and give  
them to whoever you have chosen  
as your reader.*

**Offertory Gifts: (Mass only)**  
to be presented by: (two people)

**Communion: (Mass only)**

Will the bride/groom/maid of honor/best man  
be receiving communion?

**Receiving Line:**

Would you like to host a receiving line at the church – depending upon church  
availability?

Inside or out?

**Programs:**

Are you having programs?

If so, who will distribute them?

Who will stay to pick up any remaining wedding programs after your wedding?

**Guest Seating:**

How many guests are you anticipating?

What type of seating do you prefer?  Traditional *(bride's side on left, groom's on right)*

Open

Besides the parents' pews down front, how many pews do you wish to reserve on each side for other special guests?

Please list your contact address following the wedding:

Return form *via postal mail* or *email* at least one month before the wedding: