



## **A Wedding Planner for Catholic Weddings**

Corpus Christi Church / Newcastle WY  
St Paul Church / Sundance WY  
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St Matthew Church / Hulett WY

# General Wedding Guidelines

## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your engagement and your intention to marry. We rejoice to see and to share in your love for each other and your commitment to prepare for a life lived together in this holy sacrament.

You have already shared in the rich sacramental life of the Church.

- In Baptism, you rejected sin and professed your faith in Christ Jesus. You were united with Christ, becoming a member of His Body, the Church. By the power of His death and resurrection, your sins were forgiven and the gates of everlasting life were opened for you.
- In Confirmation, you received the special gift of the Holy Spirit binding you more closely with Christ and the Church. You were entrusted with the special mission of witnessing to the Gospel and defending the faith.
- In the Holy Eucharist, you participate in the banquet of Christ's paschal mystery. Together with the rest of the Church, you recall the death and resurrection of the Lord in this sign and effect of the unity of the people of God, which achieves the building of the Body of Christ.
- In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you experience the mercy and forgiveness God offered to us through Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. God's saving grace reconciles you to Himself and to the Church, which was wounded by our sin.

Now, in the Sacrament of Matrimony, you will be given a special grace and will take on a new vocation in which you become an image of God's love for his people.

As you prepare to enter into this lifelong partnership, we look forward to assisting you in the task of forming the most loving Christian relationship possible, one in which you both can have confidence.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

In order to aid you in successfully living your life together as husband and wife, the Diocese of Cheyenne has a preparation program that ordinarily lasts a minimum of six (6) months. This time is for you. It is a time for you to come to know and understand each other even more fully than you do now, and to enable you to express your expectations and hopes for your married life. It is a time for you to confirm and finalize your decision to marry, becoming as certain as possible that you will be able to live your life together as husband and wife until death do you part, and that your decision has been made freely. To assist the two of you in this endeavor, we provide the following:

1. FOCCUS (For Open Couple Communication and Understanding Skills): This instrument is used to help you discuss together the many aspects of Christian married life, e.g. your values, your expectations of married life and parenting, your expectations of each other, your hopes for growth and change, etc. The FOCCUS is designed to facilitate dialogue, to raise questions, and to identify areas you need to think about, discuss, and as a couple come to a mutual understanding.
2. Sessions with the Priest or Deacon: You will have sessions with a priest (or deacon), during which time you will go over the results of your FOCCUS, and will discuss the involvement of Christ in your life together, the sacramentality of marriage, your life

together as Christian parents, and your church attendance. He, along with the parish musician, will help you plan your wedding liturgy. It is critical to keep in mind that while this is your wedding, it is also a wider celebration for those who gather with you and the entire community of the Church.

The preparing priest or deacon will assist you in completing and collecting all the necessary documentation that the Church requires. These documents include:

- Proof of Baptism: If you are Catholic, you must provide us with a Baptismal Certificate or Profession of Faith and Reception into Full Communion Certificate. The Certificate needs to be issued within six (6) months of your anticipated wedding date, and the certificate should include notations of other sacraments you have received, such as Confirmation. Please provide the marriage coordinator with a current certificate or the name and place of the church of your baptism. For non-Catholic Christians, a photocopy of the baptismal certificate will be sufficient.
- Proof of Confirmation: This may be included on the back of the baptismal certificate. If not, you will need to provide evidence of your confirmation. Catholics are to be confirmed prior to being married, unless it poses a serious difficulty. In such cases, confirmation may be deferred until after the marriage. Contact the Parish Office for information.
- The Pre-nuptial Investigation: A brief interview to collect biographical information.
- The Freedom to Marry Affidavits: Statements from your parents or other close relatives concerning your marital status and freedom to marry.
- Dispensations, Permissions and Other Documents: If they are necessary, the priest, deacon, or pastoral minister will be happy to explain the reason these documents are essential and will help you collect them.

### 3. Engaged Encounter Weekend

This weekend experience is presented by two (2) married couples and a priest sharing various topics pertaining to married life. The focus of the weekend is on couple reflection, discovery, understanding and development of life-long communication techniques.

### 4. Natural Family Planning

We strongly encourage couples to examine, learn, and practice this form of family planning. We have NFP teaching couples and information on a home study program from Couple to Couple League which will instruct you in this form of family planning. (See pamphlets.)

## **SOME WISE AND ESSENTIAL THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- Cohabitation: The time of preparation for marriage is a time of courtship, not cohabitation. Avoiding cohabitation more readily assures the freedom needed to exit the relationship, and the physical and psychological distance necessary to make objective decisions. Living apart also removes occasions for sins against the sixth and ninth commandments. If these distinctions are confusing, discuss them with the priest or deacon assisting you.
- Premarital Sex: Sexual relations prior to marriage, besides violating our belief as Christians, move the relationship beyond courtship. Another reason to avoid this behavior is to ensure the freedom necessary to exit the relationship and the objectivity to make a good decision.
- Reconciliation: Each of us experiences our own sinfulness and our constant need for repentance and conversion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is an

excellent way to express this sorrow for our sins, to make a firm amendment of purpose, and to celebrate the loving mercy and forgiveness of God. This sacrament can be a great assistance to you as you prepare yourself spiritually for the reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony. The priest assisting at your wedding would be more than happy to provide you with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the deacon assisting at your wedding can arrange for a priest to provide this opportunity.

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If one of you is not Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming a Catholic, you are invited to inquire further about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes or to arrange for private instruction. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

## **SOME CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT THE CEREMONY**

The Entrance Rite. The Rite of Marriage states: "If there is a procession to the altar, the ministers go first, followed by the priest [or deacon], and then the bride and the bridegroom. According to local custom, they may be escorted by at least their parents and the two witnesses." The Rite encourages the parents of the bride and bridegroom to participate in the entry procession. Mothers and fathers contribute to the formation of their sons and daughters. Inclusion in the procession is an expression of devotion and gratitude.

Servers, Readers, Communion Ministers, and other Liturgical Ministers. In addition to those you have selected for your wedding party, please encourage other members of your families and friends to take part in the wedding liturgy. Non-Catholics may serve as musicians, ushers, or gift bearers (Mass only). However, readers and communion ministers (Mass only) must be Catholic. In addition, communion ministers must be commissioned in their home parish or diocese.

Times for Weddings. The time you choose to celebrate your wedding must not conflict with other activities in the church. Typical times for Saturday weddings are 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Saturday evening weddings are discouraged. If your wedding is Saturday afternoon, the ceremony, the pictures taken in the church, and the removal of decorations need to be completed by 3:30 PM.

Rehearsal. Rehearsals are usually held the day before the wedding, but cannot conflict with other activities in the church. For Saturday weddings, rehearsals may be scheduled on Friday at 4:00 PM., 6:00 PM, or 7:00 PM.

Weddings in Advent and Lent. Weddings are not permitted during Advent and Lent without a serious reason.

Wedding Pictures. Some photographers desire to have the couple and the wedding party dressed and at the church prior to the wedding or following the wedding. Please note that the taking of wedding pictures cannot interfere with other scheduled events in the church.

## **FLOWERS AND OTHER DECORATIONS**

Flowers. Floral arrangements should not be placed on the altar. Flowers should be arranged in such a way that they do not impede movement in the sanctuary. It is always a welcome gift when couples donate their floral arrangements to the parish or to one of the nursing homes.

Flower Girl. Please instruct the flower girl(s) to not drop flowers in the church. Dropped flowers tend to be ground into the carpet and can be difficult to clean up.

Pew Bows. We recommend Adhesive Transfer Tape by 3M or some pre-formed, non-scratch fixture, which can be set on or over the edge of the pew to which the bows can be attached. Please do not use scotch tape or masking tape.

Candles. Because of fire hazard, candles are not permitted to be held by wedding guests or attached to the pews.

Unity Candle. The so-called "unity candle" is not an actual part of the marriage rite, so its use is optional. Should you choose to use this symbol during your ceremony, you will need to provide the candles and the stand. The unity candle may not be placed on the altar.

Runners. An aisle runner is discouraged as it poses a particular hazard to the elderly when they come forward for communion or are leaving the church following the ceremony. Originally used to protect the bridal gown from dirt floors, it is no longer a practical necessity.

Photographers/Videographers During the Wedding. During the wedding ceremony, photographers and videographers are permitted in the choir loft and the aisles. They are never permitted in the sanctuary during the wedding.

## **OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

Church Offering. The suggested donation for a wedding is \$100. Please make checks payable to the church where your wedding will take place.

Other Offerings. If you wish to make a special gift to the priest or deacon who witnesses your wedding vows, you need to do this separately.

Promptness. It is necessary to begin the rehearsal and the wedding on time in order to be courteous to your guests and not to interfere with other church activities.

Guest Book. Ordinarily guests feel they are expected to sign a guest book when it is present. Signing the guest book in the vestibule of the church is what most often delays the start of the wedding ceremony. If you choose to have a guest book at the church for people to sign, please close the book approximately five minutes before the service so that all your guests can be seated and the service can start on time.

Dressing Rooms. Dressing rooms can be designated at each of the churches. The church is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Rice, Birdseed, or Confetti. Throwing of rice, birdseed, or confetti outside the church is not permitted. Birdseed naturally attracts pigeons. Rice not only attracts birds but also is detrimental to their health. All pose a cleaning problem. Bubbles, balloons, and bells are good alternatives, but may never be used inside the church.

Food and drink. No food or drink may be brought into the church proper. Food and drinks must stay in the dressing rooms. Please assign an usher or another individual the task of disposing of trash.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the church, hall, dressing rooms, or parking lots. The use of reason is required for marriage. Alcohol and other mind-altering substances can adversely affect the use of reason. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering substances cannot participate in the wedding and will be asked to leave. **If either the bride or the groom is under the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering substances, the wedding cannot take place.**

Decorum in Church. The church building is a special, sacred place of prayer and worship. Good taste and manners are in order. Please keep talking, laughing, and other noise to a minimum.

Smoking is not permitted in the church, dressing rooms, sacristy, or hallways. If you choose to smoke, please do so outside.

## Wedding Music Guidelines

Music is an integral part of your wedding celebration. It reflects and highlights the sacredness, the importance, and joy of the commitment you are making. Care should be taken in choosing your music so that it expresses the special character of the Christian marriage. For example, many couples do not realize that "The Bridal Chorus" ("Here comes the Bride") besides being overused and putting too much emphasis on the bride, is from the Opera Lohengrin by Wagner, in which Wagner expresses his view that marriage, is like death and that fidelity in marriage is absurd.

Wedding music should be spiritual in nature. Secular tunes (e.g. pop music, country music), therefore, should be reserved for the wedding reception. To assist you in choosing appropriate music, we would like you to work closely with the musicians chosen for your wedding.

Below is a list of suggested wedding hymns. Other selections from the parish worship books may also be used.

- \* Ave Maria
- \* Doubly Good to You
- \* Gift of Love, The
- \* God of Love
- \* Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
- \* He Has Chosen You for Me
- \* Here I Am
- \* How Beautiful
- \* I Will Choose Christ
- \* In This Very Room
- \* Love Brought Together
- \* Love I Come To You
- \* Love One Another
- \* May God Bless You
- \* May Love Be Ours
- \* One Bread, One Body
- \* Only God Could Love You More
- \* Speak Lord
- \* Take Our Bread
- \* That's The Way
- \* Ubi Caritas
- \* We Are Many Parts
- \* We Celebrate Your Love
- \* Wedding Prayer
- \* Wedding Song (There Is Love)
- \* Where There Is Love
- \* Where There Is Love
- \* Wherever You Go
- \* When Love is Found

**WEDDING PLANNER (Mass)**

Instructions: (1) Print this form. (2) Complete the form. (3) Get a copy of the completed form to the priest/deacon at least two weeks prior to the rehearsal.

GROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

REHEARSAL DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Procession Music: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

Homily

Exchange of Vows

Blessing of Rings

Unity Candle (optional)    yes \_\_\_\_ / no \_\_\_\_

Prayer of the Faithful: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Prayer

The Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Blessing

Recessional Music: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSICIANS / SONGLEADERS / SOLOISTS:

**WEDDING PLANNER (Non-Mass)**

Instructions: (1) Print this form. (2) Complete the form. (3) Get a copy of the completed form to the priest/deacon at least two weeks prior to the rehearsal.

GROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

REHEARSAL DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Procession Music: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

Homily

Exchange of Vows

Blessing of Rings

Unity Candle (optional)    yes \_\_\_\_ / no \_\_\_\_

Prayer of the Faithful: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

The Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

Final Blessing

Recessional Music: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSICIANS / SONGLEADERS / SOLOISTS:

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS :: FIRST READING**

### **FIRST READING**

**1-1 :: 801-1 :: 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 divine image 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

### **FIRST READING**

**1-2 :: 801-2 :: 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

### **FIRST READING**

**1-3 :: 801-3 :: 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

### **FIRST READING**

**1-4 :: 801-4 :: 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

### **FIRST READING**

**1-5 :: 801-5 :: Tobit 8:4b-8**

A reading from the Book of Tobit

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, "My love, 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

**FIRST READING****1-6 :: 801-6 :: 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

**FIRST READING****1-7 :: 801-7 :: Song 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 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

**FIRST READING**

**1-8 :: 801-8 :: Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16**

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Happy the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.  
A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the LORD;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,  
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;  
A gift from the LORD is her governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.  
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste person.  
Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens,  
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord

**FIRST READING**

**1-9 :: 801-9 :: Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a**

A reading from the Book of 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 kinsmen how to know the LORD.  
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS :: RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps-1 :: 803-1 :: Psalm 33**

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

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.

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

Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.

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

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps-2 :: 803-2 :: Psalm 34**

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out the Lord heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him,  
and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the Lord is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
Ps-3 :: 803-3 :: Psalm 102

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all my being bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity  
to eternity toward those who fear him.  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps-4 :: 803-4 :: Psalm 112**

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commands.  
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;  
The upright generation shall be blessed.

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
his generosity shall endure forever.  
Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,

who conducts his affairs with justice.  
He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear.

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.  
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear  
till he looks down upon his foes.

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
his generosity shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R: Blessed is the one who delights in the Lord's commands.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps-5 :: 803-5 :: Psalm 128**

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps-6 :: 803-6 :: Psalm 145**

R: The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The Lord is good to all

and compassionate to all his works

R: The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
The eyes of all look hopefully to you  
and you give them their food in due season.

R: The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The Lord is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

R: The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps-7 :: 803-7 :: Psalm 148**

R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.

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.

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.

You mountains and all you hills,  
you fruit trees and all you cedars;  
You wild beasts and all tame animals,  
you creeping things and winged fowl.

R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men, too, and maidens,  
old men and boys,  
Praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted.

R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.

His majesty is above earth and heaven,  
and he has lifted his horn above the people.

R: Let all praise the name of the Lord.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS :: SECOND READING**

### **SECOND READING**

**2-1 :: 802-1 :: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

### **SECOND READING**

**2-2 :: 802-2 :: Romans 12:1-2, 9-18**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

I urge you therefore, 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

### **SECOND READING**

**2-3 :: 802-3 :: Romans 15:1-3a, 5-7, 13**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

We who are strong 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-4 :: 802-4 :: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

A reading from the First Letter of St 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? But 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-5 :: 802-5 :: 1 Cor 12:31-13:8a**

A reading from the First Letter of 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-6 :: 802-6 :: Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33**

A reading from the Letter of St 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-7 :: 802-7 :: Phil 4:4-9**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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

**SECOND READING**

**2-8 :: 802-8 :: Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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

**SECOND READING**

**2-9 :: 802-9 :: Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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

**SECOND READING**

**2-10 :: 802-10 :: 1 Peter 3:1-9**

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

Likewise, 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-11 :: 802-11 :: 1 John 3:18-24**

A reading from the First Letter of St John

Beloved, 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-12 :: 802-12 :: 1 John 4:7-12**

A reading from the First Letter of St 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 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

**SECOND READING**

**2-13 :: 802-13 :: Revelation 19:1, 5-9a**

A reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I 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

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS :: GOSPEL**

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Gos-1 :: 805-1 :: 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

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Gos-2 :: 805-2 :: 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 lampstand, 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

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Gos-3 :: 805-3 :: 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

**GOSPEL**

**Gos-4 :: 805-4 :: 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, no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord

**GOSPEL**

**Gos-5 :: 805-5 :: 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

**GOSPEL**

**Gos-6 :: 805-6 :: Mark 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

**GOSPEL**

**Gos-7 :: 805-7 :: John 2:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the third day 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 servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs 7 in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

#### **GOSPEL**

**Gos-8 :: 805-8 :: 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 may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

The Gospel of the Lord

#### **GOSPEL**

**Gos-9 :: 805-9 :: 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

#### **GOSPEL**

**Gos-10 :: 805-10 :: 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 them, 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 and 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

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL :: PF-1**

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.

Reader or Priest/Deacon:

1. For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For our president and all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For married persons that they may continue to give, forgive, and see happiness deepen with the passing of each day, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, now beginning their married 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, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For these personal needs which we mention now in silence (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

O ever-living 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. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL :: PF-2**

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.

Reader or Priest/Deacon:

1. For leaders of the 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 of love among us, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all married people: for those 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.
3. For all young single people who look forward to a vocation full of life and full of love, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For the lonely old and the lonely young, for the hungry rich and the hungry poor, for the sick in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
5. 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

These are our words of prayer today for ourselves and for all people. Tomorrow there will be others. Lord God, the beloved of mankind, who has first loved us, listen to our words and give them the power of your word, so that all things may be accomplished sweetly and gently for the happiness of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL :: PF-3**

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.

Reader or Priest/Deacon:

1. For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation, we pray to the Lord.
2. For our world, to keep the promise of peace, we pray to the Lord.
3. For our country, to keep the promise of freedom, we pray to the Lord.
4. For our parish, to keep the promise of discipleship, we pray to the Lord.
5. For our hearts, to keep the promise of love, we pray to the Lord.
6. For our hands, to keep the promise of giving, we pray to the Lord.
7. For our lives, to keep the promise of growing. we pray to the Lord.
8. For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage, we pray to the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

Father, you have chosen us and given us your love, the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Hear our prayers this day. May our faith issue forth in action, our love show itself in deeds, and our hope give us courage. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.