Wedding Liturgy Planning Appendix

On the following pages you will find

Scripture Readings from which to choose

Samples of the Prayer of the Faithful

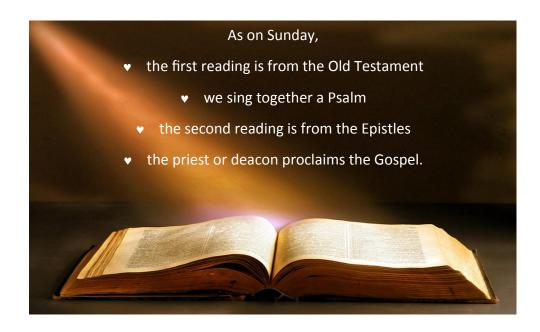
two copies of your vows for you to memorize.

Outlines of the Wedding Mass and the Rite of Marriage celebrated outside of Mass.

Liturgy planning sheet:
Please bring this with you to your final planning with the priest.



Sacred Scripture



Following are the options for your readings.

If you have other ideas from the Scriptures,
please discuss them when you meet with Mary Dumm, our Pastoral Associate.

If you have friends or relatives who are lectors, please feel free to invite them to proclaim the Word of God at your wedding. If not, the parish will be honored to provide a lector.

(This is not simply another slot to fill with someone. The Sacred Scriptures are God's holy word.

Persons unaccustomed to this ministry are often put in an awkward situation.

We ask you to be sensitive to the pressure your friends and family may feel in honoring your request.)

If you have a lector, please feel free to rip out their reading from this book for them to practice.

They do not bring it with them the day of the wedding.

An exact copy will be on the ambo waiting for them.

The first reading is from the Old Testament Choose one of the following

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Gn 1, 26-28. 31)

God said: "Let us make human beings 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 human beings in God's own image; in the divine image they were created; male and female they were created.

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 that was made, and found it very good.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Gn 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 God 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 was taken from the man.

When God 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.

A Reading from the Book of Tobit (Tb 8, 5-7)

On the wedding night Sarah got up, and she and Tobiah started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs.

He 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 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."

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

Who can find a woman of worth?

Far beyond jewels is her value.

Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life.

She seeks out wool and flax and weaves 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. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

A Reading from the Song of Songs (Sg 2, 8-10. 14. 16; 8, 6-7)

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 our voice is sweet,
And you are lovely."

My lover belongs to me and I to him.

He said 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.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31, 31-32. 33-34)

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 ancestors 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 will be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and kinsman how to know the Lord.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

The second reading is from the Epistles or Revelation Choose one of the following.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Rom 8, 31-35. 37-39)

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

Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides?

Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
God, who justifies?
Who shall condemn them?
Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up,
who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Trial, or distress, or persecution,
or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?

Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loves us.

For I am certain that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor principalities,
neither the present or the future, nor powers,
neither heights nor depth nor any other creature,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (12: 1-2, 9-18)

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.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (15: 1-3a, 5-7, 13)

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12, 31—13, 8)

Set your hearts on the greater gifts.

I will show you the way which surpasses all the others.

If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and,
with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries,
if I have faith great enough to move mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind.

Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish.

Love is never rude,
it is not self-seeking
it is not prone to anger;
neither does it brood over injuries.

Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth.

There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6)

I, then, 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.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 5, 2. 21-33)

Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you. He gave himself for us.

Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be submissive to their husbands as to the Lord because the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of his body the church as well as its savior. As the church submits to Christ,

so wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church.

He gave himself up for her to make her holy,
purifying her in the bath of water by the power of the word,
to present to himself a glorious church, holy and immaculate,
without stain or wrinkle or anything of that sort.

Husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

Observe that no one ever hates his own flesh;

no, he nourishes it and takes care of it as Christ cares for the church – for we are

no, he nourishes it and takes care of it as Christ cares for the church – for we ar members of his body.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cling to his wife, and the two shall be made into one."

This is a great foreshadowing;

I mean that it refers to Christ and the church.

In any case, each one should love his wife as he loves himself, the wife for her part showing respect for her husband.

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9)

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.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (Col 3, 12-17)

Because you are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy,
with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another;

forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace.

Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness.

Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you.

In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another.

Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs.

Whatever you do,
whether in speech or in action,
do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Give thanks to God the Father through him.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews (13: 1-4a, 5-6b)

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.

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.

A Reading from the first letter of John (1 Jn 3, 18-24)

Little children,

Let us love in deed and in truth, And not merely talk about it.

This is our way of knowing we are committed to the truth
And are at peace before him
No matter what our consciences may charge us with;
For God is greater than our hearts
And all is known to him.

Beloved,

If our consciences have nothing to charge us with, We can be sure that God is with us And that we will receive at his hands Whatever we ask.

Why? Because we are keeping his commandments And doing what is pleasing in his sight.

His commandment is this:

We are to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, And are to love one another as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him And he in them.

And this is how we know that he remains in us: From the Spirit that he gave us.

A Reading from the first letter of John (1 Jn 4, 7-12)

Beloved,

Let us love one another Because love is of God; Everyone who loves is begotten of God And has knowledge of God.

The person without love has known nothing of God, For God is love.

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:
He sent his only Son to the world
That we might have life through him.

Love, then, consists in this:

Not that we have loved God, But that God has loved us And has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

Beloved,

If God has loved us so,
We must have the same love for one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet if we love one another God dwells in us, And his love is brought to perfection in us.

A Reading from the book of Revelation (Rv 19, 1. 5-9)

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud song of a great assembly in heaven.

They were singing:

"Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God."

A voice coming from the throne cried out:

"Praise our God, all you his servants,
the small and the great, who revere him!"

Then I heard what sounded like the shouts of a great crowd, or the roaring of the deep, or mighty peals of thunder, as they cried:

"Alleluia. The Lord is king,
Our God, the Almighty!

Let us rejoice and be glad,
And give him glory!

For this is the wedding day of the Lamb,
His bride has prepared herself for the wedding.

She has been given a dress to wear
Made of the finest linen, brilliant white."

The linen dress is the virtuous deeds of God's saints.

The angel then said to me:

"Write this down:

Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The Gospel is proclaimed by the deacon or priest. Choose one of the following.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 5, 1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside.

After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"How blest are the poor in spirit:

the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are they sorrowing;

they shall be consoled.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;

they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;

mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single hearted

for they shall see God.

Blest too the peacemakers;

they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness sake,

the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you

and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great."

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 5, 13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But what if salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor? Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

People do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket.

They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way,

your light must shine before all people so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father."

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 7, 21. 24-29)

Jesus said to his disciples:

When the rainy season set in,

"None of those who cry out, 'Lord, Lord'
will enter the kingdom of God
but only the ones who do the will of my father in heaven.

"Anyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like the wise person who built their house on rock.

the torrents came and the winds blew and buffeted the house. It did not collapse, it had been solidly set on rock.

Anyone who hears my words but does not put them into practice is like the foolish person who built their house on sandy ground. The rains fell, the torrents came,

the winds blew and lashed against the house. It collapsed under all of this and was completely ruined."

Jesus finished this discourse and left the crowds spellbound at his teaching.

The reason was that he taught with authority and not like the scribes.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 19, 3-6)

Some Pharisees came up to Jesus and said, to test him, "May a man divorce his wife for any reason whatever?"

He replied,

"Have you not read that at the beginning the creator made them male and female and declared, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two shall become as one"?

Thus they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore, let no one separate what God has joined.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 22, 35-40)

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, in attempt to trip up Jesus, asked him, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him:

"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with your whole mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (Jn 2, 1-11)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

At a certain point the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

Jesus replied

"Woman, how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother instructed those waiting on table, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were at hand six stone wash jars, each one holding fifteen to twenty five gallons.

"Fill those jars with water," Jesus ordered, at which they filled them to the brim. "Now," he said, "draw some out and take it to the waiter in charge." They did as he instructed them.

The waiter in charge tasted the water made wine, without knowing where it had come from; only the waiters knew since they had drawn the water.

Then the waiter in charge called the groom over and remarked to him:

"People usually serve the choice wine first; then when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage.

What you have done is keep the choice wine until now."

Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee.

Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (Jn 15, 9-12)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love.

You will live in my love
If you keep my commandments,
Even as I have kept my Father's commandments,
And live in his love.

All this I tell you

That my joy be yours

And your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: Love one another As I have loved you."

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (Jn 15, 12-16)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"This is my commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

There is no 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 speak of you as slaves,

For a slave does not know what his master is all about.

Instead, I call you friends,

Since I have made known to you all that I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me,
It was I who chose you
To go forth and bear fruit.

Your fruit must endure,

So that all you ask the Father in my name will be give to you."

Prayer of the Faithful

Please feel free to write your own and discuss them with the priest at your final meeting.

There must be one for the Church, one for the world, and one for those in need.

You should have about five to seven petitions

Sample Prayer of the Faithful A

For the Church throughout the world, may the Spirit guide our decisions and vision, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders,

may they guide their nations in ways of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

For the poor, the hungry, the lost and forsaken, may hearts and hands be open to their needs, we pray to the Lord.

For all married people,

especially (bride and groom)
may they nurture one another on their journey,
know the support of family and friends,
be graced with the presence of children,
and always be filled with the wisdom and love of God,
we pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick, lonely, depressed or discouraged, (especially)
may they know the healing power of God,
we pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, (we especially remember

may they sing forever with the saints in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Sample Prayer of the Faithful B

For the Church, the holy People of God, And for unity among all Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(If bride and groom are both baptized:)

That these faithful Christians, N & N,
Newly joined in Holy Matrimony,
May always enjoy health and well-being, let us pray to the Lord
OR

(If either bride or groom is not baptized:)

For this bride and groom, N & N, And for their well being as a family, let us pray to the Lord

For their relatives and friends and for all who have assisted this couple, let us pray to the Lord

For people preparing to enter Marriage, And for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life, we pray to the Lord.

That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit In all married persons here present, let us pray to the Lord.

For all families throughout the world And for lasting peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

For all members of our families who have passed from this world, And for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Vows

Remember you need to memorize the vows.

There are two sheets provided so you each have a copy with which to practice.

Priest or Deacon:

Have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

freely and wholeheartedly? Each say: I have.

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God,

and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Priest or Deacon: Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

They say to each other: (MEMORIZE THESE)

I, (<u>Groom's name</u>), take you (<u>Bride's name</u>), to be my wife. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

I (Bride's name), take you (Groom's name), to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

As you exchange rings:

(<u>Bride's name</u>), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(<u>Groom's name</u>), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Each say: I will.

Each say: I am



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I (Bride's name), take you (Groom's name), to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(<u>Groom's name</u>), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Each say: I have.

Each say: I am.

Wedding Liturgy Outlines

Sacrament of Marriage within Mass (between two Catholics)

Processional

Gathering hymn (optional)

Greeting and Opening Prayer

I. The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

Second Reading

Alleluia (Sung)

Gospel

Homily

Marriage Rite

Prayer of the Faithful

II. The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Rite

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Wedding Liturgy outside of Mass (between a Catholic and a non-Catholic)

Processional

Gathering hymn (optional)

Greeting and Opening Prayer

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

Second Reading

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Gospel

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Nuptial Blessing

Our Father

Final Blessing



Wedding Liturgy Check List

Groom:	Bride:				
Witness One:	Witness Two:				
Entrance Procession : <i>Please list in order.</i>	(Including the priest/deacon)				

Sacred Scripture	: (Which Reac	lings?)	:					
Reading One:Reading Two:		By (whom?)				*		
		By (whom?)						
		Or		arish L	.ector			
Unity Candle	(circle)		Yes	No				
Prayer of the Fai	thful: (who?)				Please includ	de a co	py of the p	petitions
Presentation of	the Gifts (if M	ass): (\	who?)_					
Bouquet of Flow	ers to Statue	of the	Blesse	d Mot	her (circle)	Yes	No	
Which members	of the weddi	ng par	ty will	receiv	e Holy Comm	union	(if Mass):	: (circle)
	Bride	Groo	m		Witness on	9	Witness	two
Presentation to	the Assembly:							
Includ	e both bride a	nd gro	om's f	irst na	ime			
	(i.e., John a	and Jar	ne Doe)				
Includ	e the formal t	itle (i.e	e., Mr. a	and M	rs. John Doe)			
Other:	•							