

Celebration of Matrimony Within Mass Planning Sheet

This planning sheet is to be prepared carefully with you and your spouse-to-be. It will be used by the celebrant of your wedding, the musicians, and whoever prepares the wedding program to be given to the congregation. This form is for the wedding celebration that is held within a Mass, and the following form is for the wedding without Mass. Note item in italics is for information purposes, and will not be in the program.

The Wedding of

Bride's Name _____
And

Groom's name _____

Date and time of the wedding _____

(Date and time of the Practice: _____ Time of arrival: _____)

Time to open Church the day of the Celebration: _____

Approximate number of guests (for hosts and programs): _____

Names of

Bride's parents/step parents: _____

Grooms Parents/step parents: _____

Maid/Matron of honor and Best Man:

_____ & _____

Servers: _____

Organist/pianist/instrumentalists/singers _____

Parish Sacristan: _____

Ushers: _____

Total number of couples in the Wedding party (not including Bride and Groom) _____

Order in which Wedding Party will enter (note that Maid/Matron of Honor and Best Man are typically last, before the Bride)

_____ & _____

_____ & _____

_____ & _____

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Flower Girl and Ring Bearer (Note that both are optional)

_____ & _____

The ceremony

Prelude: _____

Special Music for seating of Grandparents? _____

Processional music: _____

Who is in the Procession:

- _____ Servers and Celebrant, Wedding party, Groom with Parents, Bride with Parents
- _____ Servers and Celebrant Groom with mothers & his father, wedding party, and Bride with father
- _____ Servers and Celebrant, Wedding party, groom with his parents, and Bride with her parents
- _____ Servers and Celebrant, Groom with his parents, Wedding party, Bride accompanied by parents
- _____ Other: (must be discussed with pastor) _____

Gathering Hymn: _____

Sign of the Cross

Gloria (Setting): _____

Opening prayer:

(Full set with Opening prayer, Prayer over the Gifts, Preface, Nuptial Blessing, Prayer after communion, and Final Blessing)

Roman Missal Option A, Option B, Option C

Opening Collect: _____

Note that one reading MUST be explicitly about marriage – choose from the * below.

Old Testament Reading: Read by: _____

- OT 1 *Genesis 1:26-28, 31a - Creation of man and woman
- OT 2 *Genesis 2 18-24 – Creation of woman
- OT 3 *Genesis 24: 48-51, 58-67 – Meeting of Isaac and Rebekah
- OT 4 *Tobit 7: 9c-10, 11c-17– The marriage of Tobias and Sarah
- OT 5 *Tobit 8: 4-9 – Prayer of new spouses
- OT 6 *Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 The value of a wife
- OT 7 Song of Songs 2 :8-10, 14, 16a; 8: 6-7 – Love as strong as death
- OT 8 *Sirach 26: 1-4; 16-21 - A good wife
- OT 9 Jeremiah 31: 31-31a, 33-34a – Covenant of the People of God

Responsorial Psalm (See music director for resources) - It must be a Psalm (*Psalm 128)

Sung by: _____

New Testament reading: Read by: _____

- NT 1 Romans 8: 31B- 35, 37-39 – The love of Christ
- NT 2 Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18 – The Christian life
- NT 3 Romans 15:1b-3a,5-7,13 –Harmony with one another
- NT 4 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 – The temple of the Holy Spirit
- NT 5 1 Corinthians 12:31-138a – The greatest is love
- NT 5.5 Ephesians 4:1-6 – One Body and one Spirit
- NT 6 *Ephesians 5: 2a, 21-33 - The mystery of marriage
- NT 7 Philippians 4:4-9 - Think about what is good
- NT 8 Colossians 3:12-17 – Love and thanksgiving
- NT 9 Hebrews 13:1-4a,5-6b - let marriage be honored
- NT 10 *1 Peter 3: 1-9 – Family life
- NT 11 1 John 3: 18-24 – Active love
- NT 12 1 John 4: 7-12 – God is love
- NT 13 Revelation 19: 1, 5-9a – The marriage of the Lamb

Gospel acclamation and verse Setting: _____

Gospel:

- G 1 Matthew 5: 1-12a – The Beatitudes
- G 2 Matthew 5: 13-16 – Salt and light
- G 3 Matthew 7: 21, 24-29 – The house built upon rock
- G 4 *Matthew 19: 3-6 – What God has joined, man must not divide
- G 5 Matthew 22: 35-40 – Love as the greatest commandment
- G 6 *Mark 10: 6-9 - The two become one
- G 7 *John 2: 1-11 – Marriage at Cana
- G 8 John 15: 9-12 – Remain in love
- G 9 John 15: 12-16 – Love one another
- G 10 John 17: 20-26 – That they may be one

Statement of Intent

Vows: Vows 1 or Vows 2

- _____ *Couple repeat after the celebrant*
- _____ *Couple repeat from memory*
- _____ *Couple reads from book/index cards*
- _____ *Consent through questions*

Acclamation: Let us bless the Lord. R.) Thanks be to God.

Other acclamation as approved by celebrant.

Blessing and exchange of rings:

Option 1, 2, or 3

Giving of the Arras

A Hymn or Canticle of Praise such as the Magnificat may be sung here. Must be approved by celebrant.

(Creed if during Solemnity or Sunday Mass)

Prayers of the faithful:

Setting # _____ or prepared by the Couple: _____

Read by: _____

Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts Music

- _____ Brought up by couple
- _____ Best man/Maid of honor
- _____ Parents of the couple
- _____ Others

Prayer over the gifts (Selected above)

Preface _____

Holy, Holy, (Mass setting: _____)

Eucharistic Prayer I, II, or III

Eucharistic acclamation

Great Amen,

Blessing of the Lazo or Veil

Our Father: *Recited or sung/chanted by all*

Nuptial blessing (Selected above)

Sign of Peace: No song allowed at this time.

Lamb of God (Same setting as other Mass parts...)

Eucharist under both forms for ____ *Couple* ____ *Wedding Party* ____ *Everyone*

Eucharistic Ministers (they must be commissioned, see the parish list) Discuss number with the Pastor

Song during Communion: _____

Post-Communion Reflection song (optional): _____

Prayer after Communion

Final Blessing and dismissal

Recessional Song or instrumental Music: _____

Postlude: _____

Guests will be dismissed by pews Yes or No

By the Newly Married Couple

By the Ushers

Final Details:

Signing of the marriage license at/place (typically in the sacristy immediately after the liturgy)

Does the Photographer want a photo of the signing of the License? _____

Concelebrants/Assisting Deacons? _____

Questions/comments/special instructions: _____
