

## THE PROPER FOR MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

*(from the Office of Divine Worship)*

*Please implement from this day forward – June 15, 2023*

### FOR THE READINGS/PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

A Jewish person may read the Old Testament at a wedding or funeral **outside** of Mass. A non-Catholic Christian may read the Old Testament or the New Testament at a wedding or funeral **outside** of Mass. **Only a Catholic** may read **within** Mass. **Only a Catholic** may read the Prayer of the Faithful in official liturgy, **within or without** Mass.

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Catholics should bring up the gifts. The rubric in the GIRM and Roman Missal that “the faithful” may bring up the gifts is understood to mean **Catholic** faithful.

READINGS: the following readings are to be used for weddings:

*(If a couple wants different readings, please have them get in contact with Fr. Kevin.)*

- FIRST READING: Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
- RESPONSORIAL PSALMS can be any choice:
  - Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22
  - Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
  - Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a
  - Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9
  - Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5ac and 6a
  - Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18
  - Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13a, 13c-14a
- SECOND READING: Eph 5:2a, 21-33 (long form)
- GOSPEL: Matt. 19: 3-6

*(Readings can be found attached to this document to put in your wedding binder.)*

**FIRST READING**

*(Gen 1: 26-28, 31a)*

A reading from the Book Of Genesis:

Then God said:

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”

God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them saying:

“Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The Word of the Lord.

R./ Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

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

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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

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

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who hold him in fear  
upon children's children his righteousness  
for those who keep his covenant.

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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

## SECOND READING

(Eph. 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 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.

R./ Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL**

*(Matthew 19:3-6)*

Priest: **The Lord be with you.**

R./ And with your spirit.

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

R./ Glory to you, O Lord

**Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying:**

**“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”**

**He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning**

*the Creator made them male and female and said,  
for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”?*

**So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

R./ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- That these faithful Christians, **N.** and **N.**, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being, let us pray to the Lord:

R./ Lord hear our prayer.

- That he will bless their covenant as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee, let us pray to the Lord:

R./ Lord hear our prayer.

- That they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace, and strength, and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian, let us pray to the Lord:

R./ Lord hear our prayer.

- That the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day and that all who are burdened by any need may receive the help of grace from above, let us pray to the Lord:

R./ Lord hear our prayer.

- 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:

R./ Lord hear our prayer.