

We suggested readings and prayers for your wedding. Review this book before you meet with your presiding priest or deacon.

The bride and groom should choose their readings in consultation with their presiding priest or deacon. The bride and groom may also choose family members or friends to proclaim the readings. Copies of the readings taken from the Rite of Marriage will be available at the rehearsal.

Lighting of the Unity Candle

This is optional. Normally the mothers will light the side candles. The couple approach the candle; each using a side candle, together they light the unity candle. Then, being careful not to blow out the newly lit candle, they extinguish the side candles.

Prayers of the Faithful

The bride and groom may choose to add appropriate prayers in consultation with their presiding priest or deacon. A friend or family member may read these prayers.

Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The bride and groom may choose family or friends to present the gifts. The gifts will be brought from the back of the chapel. The bread and wine are presented. Other items are not permitted in the presentation.

If the bride and groom are seated in the front rows, they will move to the foot of the altar.

Sign of Peace

The bride and groom may choose to exchange peace with the bridal party and immediate family.

Communion

Communion is normally distributed under both bread and wine. The bride and groom may choose two family members or friends to assist with the distribution of communion. However, anyone who assists with communion must already be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

The wedding coordinator will assist with communion if no family members are able to assist.

[Dedication to the Virgin Mary]

This is an optional rite. The bride and groom may walk to the icon of Mary in the back of the chapel together. The bride may also choose to walk alone or with another family member, and may choose to leave a flower on the small table in front of the icon of Mary. An appropriate song is typically sung at this point (e.g., Ave Maria).

WEDDING CEREMONY PROGRAM OUTLINES

Liturgy Outline - Program for full mass (with communion)

Prelude
[Seating of Mothers]

Introductory Rite
Processional
Greeting
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word
First Reading
Psalm Response
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel
Homily

Rite of Marriage
Exchange of Vows
Blessing and Exchange of Rings
[Lighting of Unity Candle]
General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Eucharistic Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
Acclamations
Prayer
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace
Lamb of God
Communion
Prayer after Communion
[Dedication to the Virgin Mary]

Concluding Rite
Final Blessing and Dismissal
Recessional

Liturgy Outline -

