

The Nuptial Mass Uniting

*Bride
&
Groom*

*Saturday, the Eighteenth
of July*

*Saint John the Evangelist
Catholic Church*

Loveland, Colorado

We want to take a moment to thank all of our guests for being here to witness our marriage. Your love and guidance have been important to us throughout our lives, and we are thrilled and grateful that you are here to watch us take our first steps together as husband and wife.

A more complete guide to the order of mass may be found in Today's Missal on pages 3-20 and continuing on page 83. Guidelines for the reception of communion are found on the front cover.

Please join us immediately following the ceremony for a group photo on the steps outside the sanctuary!

This Mass is said in remembrance of

XXX,
Grandparents of the Bride

XXX,
Great Grandmother of the Bride

XXX,
Grandfather of the Groom

XXX, Friend of the Bride

Wedding Party

Priest

Father XXX

Parents of the Bride

XXX

Parents of the Groom

XXX

Grandparents of the Bride

XXX

Grandparents of the Groom

XXX

XXX

XXX

Maid of Honor

XXX, Sister of the Bride

Best Man

XXX, Brother-in-law of the Groom

Bridesmaids

XXX, Sister of the Groom

XXX, Cousin of the Bride

XXX, Friend of the Bride

XXX, Friend of the Bride

XXX, Friend of the Bride

Groomsmen

XXX, Friend of the Groom

XXX, Friend of the Groom

XXX, Friend of the Groom

Flower Girls

XXX, Cousin of the Bride

XXX, Cousin of the Groom

Guest Book Attendant

XXX, Cousin of the Bride

Altar Server

XXX, Cousin of the Bride

Prelude Music

Introductory Rites

Seating of the Mothers

Processional of Attendants

“Canon in D” by

Processional of the Bride

“Bridal Corus” by Wagner

Greeting

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All Respond: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God,
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy

Opening Prayer

Father,
when you created mankind
you willed that man and wife should be one.
Bind Bride and Groom
in the loving union of marriage;
and make their love fruitful
so that they may be living witnesses
to your divine love in the world.
We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

All Respond: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(Please be Seated)*

Read by:

XXX, Sister of the Groom

A reading from the Book of Tobit (8:4b-8)

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

“Sister, 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.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

Second Reading

Read by:

XXX, *Great-Aunt of the Bride*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:8a)

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 gain 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.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Please Stand*)

Gospel (Matthew 19:3-6)

The Lord be with you.

All Respond: And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All Respond: 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 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.

All Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (*Please be Seated*)

Rite of Marriage

Introductory Address (*Please Stand*)

Statement of Intentions

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Unity Candle Ceremony

The Catholic unity candle ceremony is a beautiful, symbolic action incorporated into Catholic wedding ceremonies. Typically there are three candles: two smaller candles on the sides and the larger “unity” candle in the middle.

Farther XXX will invite the mothers to come forward in the course of the ceremony to light the side candles. The lighting of the candles by the mothers reminds that they gave physical life to their children who are about to begin a new family. It is significant to notice during this unity candle ceremony that the children (bride and groom) are represented by the light.

At a certain point during the ceremony, the bride and the groom approach the unity candle, pick up the two lit side candles and together light up the larger candle in the middle. In this way from two they have become as one. At this point the two side candles are blown out which signifies that the bride and groom are no longer two, but one.

Prayer of the Faithful

Read by:

XXX, Aunt of the Bride

The response to each prayer is “Lord, hear our prayer”

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts *(Please be seated)*

Presented by:

XXXX

XXXX

“Ubi Caritas” found on page XX

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy- Page 118 of Today’s Missal

Eucharistic Prayer I *(Please Kneel)*

Memorial Acclamation D

Page 29 of Today’s Missal

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Our Father *(Please Stand)*

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sign of Peace

Please turn to one another and greet each other with: Peace be with you

Communion

“One Bread, One Body” found on page XX

Meditation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, the mother of Jesus is the ultimate role model for the Catholic bride, as she will strive to mirror Mary's perfect love for God and devotion to her family. Brides often wish to seek the guidance and blessings of The Lord, through a ceremony that requests the intercession (to request on your behalf) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through prayer and the laying of flowers.

Concluding Rite

Dismissal

Recessional

“Wedding March” by XXX

Postlude

*Please join us for hors d'oeuvres, dinner
and dancing at the Marriott Hotel!*

