

Your Wedding Preparation

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Marriage Preparation Guidelines

“As you know, you are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and most serious, a union which was established by God himself...requiring of those who enter into it a complete and unreserved giving of self.”
(Exhortation before marriage, taken from the Old Roman Ritual)

The church takes seriously its commitment to you and the process of preparing you for this wonderful Sacrament. This is evidenced by the Church’s desire to provide a meaningful preparation to those seeking to exchange their vows within a Catholic Church.

For a wedding to be celebrated in the Diocese of Rockford, both individuals must be at least 19 years of age at the time of the wedding. In addition, in order to be married at the Newman Catholic Student Center, the bride, groom, or a parent must be a registered parishioner at Christ the Teacher University Parish or a student at NIU. Preparation for a Catholic wedding ceremony takes place in steps over a period of at least six months. These steps are outlined here and explained in detail on the following pages:

The Steps of Marriage Preparation

- One: Initial interview with the priest***
- Two: Participate in “FOCCUS”***
- Three: The educational process***
- Four: The liturgical preparation***
- Five: The celebration of the wedding***

STEP ONE: Initial visit and interview with the priest (*Six months before wedding*)

Completion Date

- _____ Interview with the priest
- _____ Complete pre-nuptial inquiry and other paperwork
- _____ Provide baptismal certificates
- _____ Discuss any special circumstances

STEP TWO: Participate in “FOCCUS” (*Six months before wedding*)

FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study) will help to identify strengths and weaknesses in your relationship. This is administered by the priest and will take place on the first or second visit. You will discuss the results at a later date with your priest.

Completion Date

_____ Couple takes FOCCUS

_____ One or two follow-up sessions to discuss results with priest

STEP THREE: The Educational Process (*Four months before wedding*)

Engaged Encounter Weekend gives couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together. Through a series of presentations by married couples and a priest, each couple is able to reflect, examine, and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Couples may register for Engaged Encounter through the Diocesan Office of Family Life.

The Gift of Self Seminar is an opportunity for engaged couples to give meaningful insight into Church teaching on marriage and family, with an emphasis on human sexuality and family planning. Register by contacting the Diocesan Office of Family Life.

Completion Date

_____ Engaged Encounter Weekend

_____ The Gift of Self Seminar

STEP FOUR: The Liturgical Preparation (*Four months before wedding*)

“A religious wedding ceremony indicates a religious commitment of faith. Since the bride and groom are the ministers of this sacrament, it is their faith which is deepened and shaped by this celebration of the sacrament. All the various choices allowed in the ritual should reflect the fact that the wedding ceremony is a public commitment (not merely a private action), a sacred covenant being entered into by this couple within the act of worship.” (Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policy)

In planning your wedding ceremony, great care should be taken to blend the uniqueness of your love for each other and the richness of the Catholic Liturgy. This can be accomplished if the priest, the musicians, the wedding coordinator and the couple work closely together in creating the wedding ritual. In preparing the ceremony, you are encouraged to choose the scripture readings, prayers, and blessings which will be used at your wedding from those approved in the Catholic ritual for marriage.

In selecting music which is appropriate for your Catholic wedding, it should be kept in mind that music must enhance the flow of the ritual. It must never impede the ritual’s rhythm. Please keep in mind that three judgments should be made: 1) the *Liturgical Judgment* – the music, and especially the lyrics, should be appropriate to a service of worship and should fit the moment in the ritual in which the music is used; 2) the *Musical Judgment* – the music should be technically, esthetically, and expressively good; 3) the *Pastoral Judgment* – music should enable the people who gather for this occasion to express their faith through active participation in this celebration. When applying these judgments, you will find that some songs – even some which have been widely and regularly performed at weddings in recent times – are unsuitable. Their lyrics are limited to a personal dialogue between two lovers, which in effect negates the communal dimension of worship. In addition, they neglect and ignore the fundamental nature of Christian marriage: the celebration of God’s love and the sacramental love a man and a woman share. Finally, the lyrics can violate the form of liturgical language, neither representing God’s speaking to human beings, nor human beings addressing God.

Completion Date

Meet with Music Director and Wedding Coordinator to select readings, prayers, blessings, music, and musicians.

Finalize plans as outlined with priest or other parish staff.

STEP FIVE: The Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Celebration

The wedding rehearsal usually takes place on the Friday before the wedding date. Please schedule the time with the priest or wedding coordinator when you have finalized the wedding date.

The entire wedding party, parents of the bride and groom, and **all others involved in the liturgy (readers, gift bearers, etc.) should be in attendance.** This is an opportunity to walk through the ceremony and have any questions or concerns answered.

Since the Church is a holy place, please use the highest form of respect when present. Please make your wedding party aware of this expectation prior to arriving at the church. No food, gum, or beverage is allowed in the church, and men should remove hats/ball caps, etc. Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on the Newman Center grounds. If these requests are ignored, the wedding will not proceed.

In the church:

- Nothing may be moved without permission.
- Nothing may be thrown (rice, confetti, birdseed, etc.) in the church or on the church property. Bubbles may be used outside.
- **Silk** flowers may be scattered by the flower girl as part of the procession.
- Altar flowers may not be taller than the altar.
- All ribbons, bows, trash, and food must be picked up and removed after the wedding ceremony; dumpsters are located behind the building.
- Please do not leave any of your belongings at Newman between the rehearsal and the wedding. If you do so, the Newman Center will not be responsible for any losses incurred.
- Photographs may be taken until 20 minutes before the ceremony and must conclude by 3:30pm.
- If young children will be present at the rehearsal, please make childcare arrangements.

Completion Date

Marriage license is due by the rehearsal and may be given to the coordinator.

Fees and donations are due by the Monday preceding the wedding to the Newman office (hours M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm). Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of deposit or your deposit will be shredded if the areas used are picked up appropriately. (Please see payment schedule for more information.)

When you meet with your photographer, please give photography and video policy sheet to him/her.

Liturgy and Music Guidelines

Congratulations on your engagement! We are very happy that you've chosen to be married at Newman and will do our best to help in making it a wonderful day for you.

Please call or email the Director of Music to set up a liturgy/music planning meeting, ***at least four months before your wedding***. We will be able to answer any questions you might have as well as assist in the planning musicians, and music choices. Please email the wedding coordinator to set up a meeting as well. It is helpful to select initial readings and music selections prior to this meeting.

You will choose 3 readings. There are examples of readings for each area later in the packet.

- First reading: Old Testament
- Second reading: New Testament
- Third reading: Gospel: Read by the Priest

Lectors (those doing the readings) must be Catholic. Think about what readings you would like at your wedding and plan on asking from 1-3 family members/friends to take part by reading during the ceremony (two readings as well as the general intercessions).

If you are having a nuptial mass, you will need to think about who will take the gifts to the altar. These individuals must also be Catholic.

If you wish to have music in your wedding that is not on the list of approved songs, noted later in the packet, please talk to the Director of Music. We do have liturgy guidelines to follow in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church and more specifically within the Rockford Diocese, but the music list contains suggestions. The music you'd like to have may be acceptable to use as well.

There are musicians available for hire, including singers, instrumentalists and piano accompanists. If you would like to have musicians take part in your wedding who are not from Newman, those musicians must be approved by the Director of Music. In general, there must be a musician selected from Newman. Please email or call to arrange a meeting with the music director (newmanniumusic@gmail.com or 815-787-7700).

Your wedding coordinator must be a Newman Catholic Student Center wedding coordinator. The Newman wedding coordinator will not only meet with you to walk you through the basic planning for your wedding, but will assist at the rehearsal and the day of the wedding. Among other things, the wedding coordinator will meet with you to help choose the readings and answer questions, will be at the rehearsal, and will be at the church before your wedding takes place (to accept flowers, show bridal party where to dress, and assist the priest in preparing for a wedding, for example. Please email or call the wedding coordinator, Kathy Cebulski (kathycebulski@gmail.com or 815-895-4552) to set up a meeting.

Choosing Music for your Wedding

It is suggested you listen to several different versions of the song on YouTube to be sure you are able to find a good version. 😊 If you have questions or need additional suggestions please contact the Music Director at newmanniumusic@gmail.com.

The music for your wedding may be instrumental, sung or a combination of both. **All songs must be approved by the Music Director.**

Singers, instrumentalist and piano accompanists are available for hire. If you would like to have musicians take part in your wedding who are not from Newman, those musicians must be approved by the Music Director. In general, one musician must be from Newman.

Prelude:

Preludes are played 10-15 minutes prior to the beginning of your wedding while your guests are being seated.

Grandparents/Parents:

The grandparents and mothers are seated during this time.

Wedding Party Processional:

Music will accompany the bridal party walking down the aisle.

Bride Processional:

Music will accompany the bride walking down the aisle.

Responsorial Psalm:

The soloist will sing and invite the congregation to sing.

Preparation of the Altar (Mass Only):

Played while the gifts are being brought up.

Communion (Mass Only):

Played during Communion.

Prayer to the Blessed Mother (Optional):

A special moment for the bride and her mother or husband to pray to Mary.

Recessional:

Used for the bride and groom, wedding party, parents and grandparents to exit the church. Will continue to play while guests exit.

Postlude:

Played until guests have exited the church.

Music Suggestions for Your Wedding

Prelude: Musician's choice or other appropriate songs.

Grandparents/Parents/Wedding Party Processional: (choose up to 2 songs)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Sheep May Safely Graze	Bach
Seasons	Fox/Newmark
Panis Angelicus	Franck
Canon in D	Pachelbel
The Promise	Spielberg

Bride Processional:

Air from Suite No. 3	Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Trumpet Tune	Clarke
Trumpet Voluntary	Clarke
Canon in D	Pachelbel

Responsorial Psalm: (may be read)

Psalm 24: 504 I Have Loved You
Psalm 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful
Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You
Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name

Preparation of the Altar (Mass Only):

The Gift of Love	American Folk Tune based on Cor. 13
Bridal Prayer	Copeland
I Will Be Here	Chapman
Join Us Now	Dyer
And On This Day	English
Bridegroom and Bride	Haas (Traditional Irish Melody)
Come and Journey With Me	Haas
Where There is Love	Haas
Gathered in the Love of Christ	Haugen
How Beautiful	Paris

(Preparation of the Altar and Communion songs may be interchanged)

Communion (Mass Only):

868 God in the Planning	Bell
649 You Are Mine	Haas
869 We Will Serve the Lord	Haas
872 Wherever You Go	Haas
870 A Nuptial Blessing	Joncas
628 No Greater Love	Joncas
865 When Love is Found	West

Prayer to the Blessed Mother (Optional):

Ave Maria	Bach/Gounod
Ave Maria	Schubert
735 Ave Maria	Kantor

Recessional:

Ode to Joy	Beethoven
Trumpet Voluntary	Clarke
Hornpipe	Handel
La Rejouissance	Handel
Rondeau	Mouret
Trumpet Tune	Purcell
Spring	Vivaldi

Suggested Readings

You should have 1-3 readers for your wedding liturgy. One will read the Old Testament, one will read the New Testament and there will also need to be a reader assigned to the prayers of the faithful (intercessions). All readers, if it is a mass, should be Catholic. If there is not a mass, then the readers do not have to be Catholic but they must be Christian. You will also choose a Gospel reading which will be read by the presider.

Some choices for readings are on the following pages. If there is another reading you would like to be considered please ask.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 he 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 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 he had taken from the man.

When he 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.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The servant of Abraham said to Laban :I bowed down in worship to the Lord, blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that, too. I can then proceed accordingly."

Laban and his household said in reply: "This thing comes from the Lord; we can say nothing to you either for or against it.

Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has said."

So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Do you wish to go with this man?"

She answered, "I do."

At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave, along with Abraham's servant and his men.

Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

"Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads;

And may your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!"

Then Rebekah and her maids started out; they mounted their camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb.

One day toward evening he went out . . . in the field, and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching.

Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,

"Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?"

"That is my master," replied the servant.

Then she covered herself with her veil.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done.

Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent;

he married her, and thus she became his wife.

In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29: 10-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe!
Plans to give you a future full of hope.

When you call me, when you go to pray to me,
I will listen to you.

When you look for me, you will find me.
Yes, when you seek me with all your heart,
you will find me with you, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 31-32a, 33-34a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

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 fathers:
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 shall be my people.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth 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.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Blessed the husband of a good wife,
twice-lengthened are his days;
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,
peaceful and full is his life.
A good wife is a generous gift
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,
priceless her chaste soul.
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a

A reading from the Song of Songs.

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 dove, 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 your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely.”

My lover belongs to me and I to him.

He says 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Tobit 7:6-14

A reading from the Book of Tobit.

Raphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel and greeted him. Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy. But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight, he was grieved and wept aloud.

He said to Tobiah: "My child, God bless you! You are the son of a noble and good father. But what a terrible misfortune that such a righteous and charitable man should be afflicted with blindness!"

He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah.

His wife Edna also wept for Tobit; and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock and gave them a cordial reception.

When they had bathed and reclined to eat, Tobiah said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah." Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy: "Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you, because you are my closest relative. But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.

I have given her in marriage to seven men, all of whom were kinsmen of ours, and all died on the very night they approached her. But now, son, eat and drink. I am sure the Lord will look after you both."

Tobiah answered, "I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs to me."

Raguel said to him: "I will do it. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswoman from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved. She is yours today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace." Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.

He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:

"Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife. Take her and bring her back safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity."

He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,

So that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law. Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract, to which they affixed their seal. Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Tobit 8:4b-8

A reading from the Book of Tobit.

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.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

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 am 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.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,

And the Lord is for the body;

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,

but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body

is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him

in whatever our hearts condemn,

for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have confidence in God

and receive from him whatever we ask,

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,

and the way we know that he remains in us

is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love:
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:1-9

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved:

You wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.

Your adornment should not be an external one:

braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God.

For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves

and were subordinate to their husbands; thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord."

You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation.

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker female sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.

Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us
and handed himself over for us.

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 should 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.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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 should 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.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews (13:1-4a, 5-6b)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

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

and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.

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.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:

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.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice
of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

“Alleluia!

Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God.”

A voice coming from the throne said:

“Praise our God, all you his servants,
and you who revere him, small and great.”

Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude
or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder,
as they said:

“Alleluia!

The Lord has established his reign,
our God, the almighty.

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory.

For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,
his bride has made herself ready.

She was allowed to wear
a bright, clean linen garment.”

(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

Then the angel said to me,

“Write this:

Blessed are those who have been called
to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

I urge you, 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.

The word of the Lord

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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.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

We 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, or 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.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

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

He did not spare his own Son

 But handed him over for us all,

 Will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

 Who also is at the right hand of God,

 Who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

 Or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly

 Through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

 Nor angels, nor principalities,

 Nor present things, nor future things,

 Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

Nor any other creature will be able to separate us

 From the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 15:12-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has 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 call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 17: 20-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Holy Father, I pray not only for these,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading; John 17:20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“I pray not only for my disciples,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.
Father, they are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, how does your concern affect me?

My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servers,

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them,

“Fill the jars with water.”

So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them,

“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”

So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from

(although the servants who had drawn the water knew),

the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,

“Everyone serves good wine first,

and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;

but you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee

and so revealed his glory,

and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:6-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said:

“From the beginning of creation,

God made them male and female.

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,
no human being must separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:3-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking,
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two
commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lamp stand,

Where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:21, 24-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’

will enter the Kingdom of heaven,

but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse;

it had been set solidly on rock.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:21, 24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.
And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them
will be like a fool who built his house on sand.
The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”
When Jesus finished these words,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

General Intercessions Nuptial Mass/Ceremony

Priest: God the Father, source of all life and love, willed that husband and wife should become one flesh in marriage. Let us pray to him in sincerity of heart on this joyous occasion.

For the church and its leaders, may they lead us to a deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For (Names of bride and groom), now joined in the sacrament of marriage, may they continue to grow in love and faithfulness in God, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may pray together in joy and in sorrow, and always give thanks for the gift of each other. We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for married people everywhere, that they will live in love and faithfulness, for better, for worse, in joy or in sorrow, all the days of their lives. We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for all those who traveled here today to celebrate this day with the bride and groom. We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially (Names of the bride and groom's family who have gone before us), may they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

For all the intentions spoken aloud and those we hold in the silence of our hearts, (PAUSE), we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Priest: Almighty God, we ask that you will hear all of our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Please forward this to your professional photographer/video camera operator prior to your wedding day.

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All photographers and video camera operators are asked to speak with the Priest or the Wedding Coordinator of the Newman Center regarding camera placement and other restrictions.

The professional photographer/video camera operator may take formal pictures prior to or following the ceremony. Due to time restrictions, pictures may be taken **until twenty minutes before** and must conclude **by 3:30 pm**.

Please do not move church furniture without prior permission.

During the ceremony...

Pictures may be taken of the processional and recessional only from the carpeted areas, not from the sanctuary steps.

For the remainder of the ceremony the photographer and video camera operator must remain near the rear of the church by the baptismal font, or along the aisles farthest from the altar. *It is important that the sacrament of marriage taking place is not distracted or disturbed by the photographer.*

Flash photography is not allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in preserving the sacredness of the wedding ceremony!

Payment Schedule

Use this payment schedule to assist you when you are paying fees.

Please make each check payable to the appropriate person.

Checks are due in the Newman office on the Monday before the scheduled wedding.

A payment schedule is included below for your convenience. The clean-up deposit will be refunded to you after the wedding coordinator has ensured that everything from your wedding has been picked up (trash, ribbons, bows, etc.); we will either shred the check unless you provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return.

Newman Catholic Student Center:	\$200	
Refundable Clean-up Deposit:	\$100	
Presider: Fr. Kyle Manno, Fr. Adrian Ladines, Fr. Jhonatan Sarmiento Deacon Jim Dombek		\$150 (suggested)
Musicians:	Contact Music Director	
Wedding Coordinator:		\$125

Nuptial Mass Liturgy Planner

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Date/Time of Wedding: _____

Presider: _____

Wedding Party: _____

Musicians:

Wedding Coordinator:

Consultation Date:

Rehearsal Date:

Gathering

Prelude songs/mother's entrance:

Introductory Rite

Wedding Party Processional:

Bride Processional:

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

1st reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

2nd reading:

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing/Exchange of Rings

General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar:

Gift Bearers

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations

Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (instrumental music)

Lamb of God Litany: sung

Communion Song:

Prayer to Blessed Mother:

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Sending Forth:

Nuptial Ceremony Liturgy Planner

Bride:
Groom:
Date/Time of Wedding:
Presider:
Wedding Party:

Musicians:
Wedding Coordinator:
Consultation Date:
Rehearsal Date:

Gathering

Prelude songs/mother's entrance:

Introductory Rite

Wedding Party Processional:

Bride Processional:

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

1st reading:
Responsorial Psalm:
2nd reading:
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Reading:
Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows
Blessing/Exchange of Rings
General Intercessions
Lord's Prayer
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace (instrumental music-optional for ceremony)
Prayer to Blessed Mother: (optional)

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing
Sending Forth:

SAMPLE

Wedding Program for Nuptial Mass: Eucharistic Celebration and Rite of Marriage

Procession..... “Canon in D”
Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading..... Tobit 8:4b-8
Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 145:8-10, 15
Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:8a
Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)..... “Celtic Alleluia”
O’Carroll and Walker
Gospel.....Matthew 5:13-16
Homily (*please be seated*).....Fr. Matthew McMorro

Rite of Marriage

Consent and Exchange of Vows
Blessing and Exchange of Rings
General Intercessions (*please respond, “Lord, hear our prayer to each intercession*)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar..... “Arioso”
J.S. Bach
Eucharistic Acclamations (sung)..... “Mass of the Resurrection”
Lord’s Prayer
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace
Communion..... “One is the Body”
Cooney
Prayer to the Blessed Mother..... “Ave Maria”
Schubert

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing
Sending Forth..... “Allegro Maestoso”
Handel

SAMPLE

Wedding Program for Nuptial Ceremony: Celebration and Rite of Marriage

Procession..... “Canon in D”
Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading..... Tobit 8:4b-8
Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 145:8-10, 15
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O’Carroll and Walker
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Rite of Marriage

Consent and Exchange of Vows
Blessing and Exchange of Rings
General Intercessions (*please respond, “Lord, hear our prayer to each intercession*)
Lord’s Prayer
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace

Concluding Rite
Final Blessing

Sending Forth..... “Allegro Maestoso”
Handel

