

Dear Friends in Christ,

Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming Marriage in the Catholic Church. Be assured of our prayers as you prepare and plan for the Mass of Service that will unite you as Husband and Wife with Christ. It is our hope that your participation in the planning and celebration of your Wedding will bring you joy and hope as you begin your married life together.

You will find suggestions for the Scripture Readings which can be read by a family member or a friend. The full text and proper translation of the scripture can be found at **[holyfamilystow.org/matrimony](http://holyfamilystow.org/matrimony)**.

The Prayers of the Faithful or Petitions can also be read by a family member or a friend. Suggested petitions can be found here or at the above website.

You will also find the music suggestions here and online at the website above for the Opening, Offertory, Communion and Closing songs for the Responsorial Psalm between First and Second readings.

You may also choose family members to assist in the offertory presentation of bread and wine (for a Mass only).

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**SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS**

(Choose one under each heading below)

**First Reading- From the Old Testament**

\_\_\_ Genesis 2:18-24 “I will make a suitable partner for him.”

\_\_\_ Tobit 8:4b-8 “...and they started to pray...”

\_\_\_ Proverbs 3:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: “When one finds a worthy wife...”

\_\_\_ Sirach 26:1-4. 13-16 “Blessed the husband of a good wife.”

To be read by\_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading- From the New Testament**

\_\_\_ Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13 “Welcome one another, then as Christ welcomed you...”

\_\_\_ I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 “...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...”

\_\_\_ I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a “Love is patient, love is kind”

\_\_\_ Philippians 4:49-9 “Then the peace of God will be with you.”

\_\_\_ Colossians 3:12-17 “...over all these put on love...”

\_\_\_ Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b “Let marriage be honored among all.”

\_\_\_ I John 4:7-12 “...let us love one another...”

To be read by\_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (PETITIONS)**

(Sample petitions can be reworded to better fit a given situation)

For our Holy Father Pope \_\_\_\_\_, all the bishops and clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord...

For leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, we pray to the Lord...

For married couples that they may continue to give, be able to forgive and find happiness with the passing of each day, we pray to the Lord...

For (bride) and (groom) now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a love reaching out to others and good health, we pray to the Lord...

For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of (bride) and (groom) and of all present, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, we pray to the Lord...

For the personal needs we mention in the silence of our hearts (pause), we pray to the Lord...

To be read by\_\_\_\_\_

The Offertory Gifts of Bread, Wine and Water will be presented by

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## **RITE OF MARRIAGE PLANNING GUIDE**

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