

QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE

I am catholic but my fiancé is not. Does he have to convert before we can get married in the Catholic Church?

No. If the only reason for one to convert is that he or she can have a “nice church wedding” the answer is no. People should only convert when they intend to practice their Catholic faith at all times.

A practicing Roman Catholic can marry a non-Catholic in a church providing that both are free to marry, know each other well, have the intention that it be for life, and that the non-Catholic respects the right of the Catholic spouse to want to baptize their children.

If a Catholic marries another Christian (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United, etc.), permission is to be obtained from the Archdiocese and then it is called a “Mixed Marriage”.

If a Catholic wants to marry a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a person of no-religion, the permission requested in this case is for a marriage with “Disparity of Cult”.

In both previous cases, the wedding is celebrated without Mass. The same applies for Catholics that do not practice their faith or have no understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

Can a priest celebrate a wedding outside of a church, for example, at a park, at a banquet hall or at someone's garden?

No. The general rule is that Catholic weddings are to be celebrated in a church. However, there are exceptions, such as when one is very sick and cannot make it to the church.

What documents do I need?

A recent copy of the baptismal certificate, a confirmation certificate, and a certificate of proof of having taken and completed a marriage preparation course.

First Communion and Confirmation Meetings

On Wednesday, January 22nd, we will have a meeting for parents and the children that will be receiving their First Communion. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

All parents and children must attend the meeting.

Jubilee

St. Michael's Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Paul Churches, were selected for the celebration of the Jubilee of Hope.

On Thursday, February 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun will celebrate a solemn Mass at St. Mary's Church to mark the opening of the pilgrimages.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)

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Volunteer Co-Ordinator

Delia Medeiros (Please contact parish)

Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

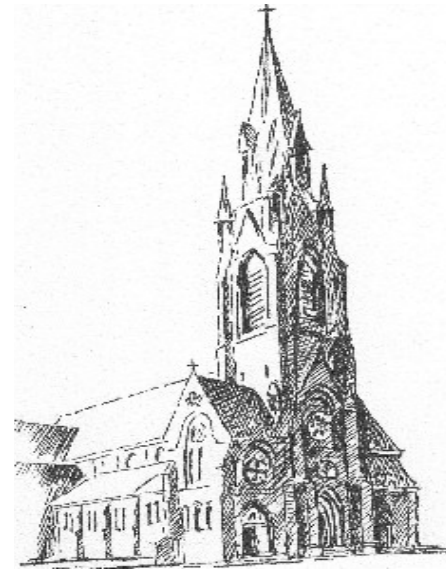
Confessions

Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



II Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole.

Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children.

However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her.

There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will be like newlyweds again.

Psalm: *Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples!*

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine. (Gospel) The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism—all are epiphanies of his glory.

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one for all.

Gift of Finest Wheat

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

The mystery of your presence Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.

All the Ends of the Earth

**All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.

Mass Intentions For This Week



Saturday, January 18

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, souls in purgatory—
Alda dos Santos Medeiros

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am. António de Faria

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares
Melo—Jaime de Sousa

11:30 am. Andrew Graham—Joaquim & Ludovina
Lebre—Maria do Céu Pena—Thanksgiving to the
Holy Family—Nada Dean

1:00 pm.

Monday, January 20

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. António Correia

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 am. Marta da Silva & Maria Cordeiro

6:00 pm. Yoel Arteaga

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 am. Intention of Margarida Medeiros

6:00 pm. Pasquale Rizzotto

Thursday, January 23

9:00 am. Ana Carvalho

6:00 pm. Mariannina Mariconda

Friday, January 24

9:00 am. Aldora Lima

6:00 pm. Jorge de Almeida & Maria da Paixão Sousa

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm. Lorenzo Mariconda—João Luis de Faria