

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Matrimony within Mass may be celebrated on any day of the liturgical year except on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Although permitted, Matrimony should generally be avoided during Holy Week. For weddings during Lent, the couple should be catechized about the season's penitential character. On certain days, the prayers and readings must be taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage (namely, days in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, outlined below in chronological order beginning with Advent).

Mass for Marriage Prayers and Readings* not permitted | Mass "of the day" is celebrated

† Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2020 · Sundays of Advent	† Apr 2-4, 2021 · Triduum	† Aug 15 · Assumption
† Dec 8 · Immaculate Conception	† Apr 4-11, 2021 · Easter Octave	† Nov 1 · All Saints
† Dec 25 · Christmas	† Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021 · Sundays of Easter	† Nov 2 · All Souls
† Jan 1 · Mary Mother of God	† May 16, 2021 · Ascension	† Nov 21, 2021 · Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
† Jan 3, 2021 · Epiphany	† May 23, 2021 · Pentecost	† Proper Solemnities (Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of One's Own Church; Solemnity of the Title of One's Own Church)
† Feb 17, 2021 · Ash Wed	† May 30, 2021 · Holy Trinity	
† Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 · Sundays of Lent	† Jun 6, 2021 · Corpus Christi	
† Mar 19 · St Joseph	† Jun 11, 2021 · Sacred Heart of Jesus	
† Mar 25 · Annunciation	† Jun 24 · Nativity of John the Baptist	
† Mar 29-Apr 3, 2021 · Weekdays of Holy Week	† Jun 29 · Sts Peter and Paul	

When Matrimony is celebrated within Mass on the days listed above, the elements proper to Matrimony (entrance, consent, rings, nuptial blessing, etc.) take place as indicated in *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. However, the prayers of Mass—Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, and Prayer after Communion—are taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage. The Solemn Blessing may be taken from the Ritual Mass for Matrimony or from the liturgical day. *The readings from Sacred Scripture are taken from the liturgical day, yet one reading may be replaced with a selection from the set of readings provided for Matrimony. On these days, the Gloria is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day. Likewise, the Creed is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day.

Matrimony outside Mass may be celebrated any day except Good Friday and Holy Saturday, also avoiding Holy Week insofar as possible. The liturgical day has no impact on the prayers and readings, which are always taken from *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

Notable Fridays & Saturdays and Other Important Dates in 2021

- † Friday, January 1, 2021 · Mary, Holy Mother of God | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Friday, March 19, 2021 · St Joseph | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Sunday, March 28 - Thursday, April 1, 2021 · Palm Sunday and Weekdays of Holy Week | *Matrimony should generally be avoided on these days.*
- † Friday, April 2, 2021 · Good Friday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass or outside Mass.*
- † Saturday, April 3, 2021 · Holy Saturday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass or outside Mass.*
- † Friday, April 9, 2021 · Friday within the Octave of Easter | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Saturday, April 10, 2021 · Saturday within the Octave of Easter | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*