

Liturgy of the Word Sheet

Choosing the Readings

Please follow these steps in order to choose your readings. If done thoughtfully and well, this assignment helps to make a more personal connection on your wedding and allows the homily to include and reflect your true joy, love, and relationship.

Steps:

1. **INDIVIDUALLY** write out/type the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet. Answer them in any way you would like.
 - a. Why are you doing this? Why this person? What do you know about yourself, the other person and God that makes you want to devote your whole life to this vocation of marriage?
 - b. What are your favorite memories together? (Give three stories/examples)
 - c. When did you know that this was the person that you know that this was the person that you wanted to spend the rest of your life together with?
2. Have a date together. Open a bottle of wine, etc. Then read what you have written to each other.
3. Now choose your readings together that reflect what you have written. You need to choose the readings as follows;
 - a. One from the Old Testament
 - b. One from the New Testament
 - c. Father Aaron will choose from the Gospel reading and also read it.
 - d. You can write your own prayers for the Prayers of the Faithful that will be personal. Father Aaron will look them over and make any necessary adjustments.

Readings

1st Reading (Old Testament) _____

Responsorial Psalm (found in the music) _____

2nd Reading (New Testament) _____

Gospel: Father Aaron will choose . . .

Prayers of the Faithful: Requested intercessions should be e-mailed to the parish office or Father Aaron.

Prayers of the Faithful

These are the intercessions that are prepared for your wedding ceremony. If you would like any changes, please make the changes on this sheet of paper and explain the changes to Father Aaron during your final meeting.

For the Church throughout the world, may faith in the love of God be increased so that all people may live in harmony as his children. Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace throughout the world, may all who suffer from violence and injustice find reconciliation and lasting peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

For N. and N. who begin their married life together this day, may they experience the love of God, the support of family and friends, and the gift of children. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married couples and for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, may they grow in wisdom and grace, and see their vocation to married life as a sign of God's sacrificial love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For the protection of all human life from conception until natural death, an end to the use of contraception, and an openness to God's gift of children, that human life would be treated with the dignity it deserves. Let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor, the homeless, and for the unemployed, may our prayer and deeds for those in need be a sign of God's love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all the faithfully departed, especially (?) and all those from among N. and N.'s family and friends, may they rest in the peace of Christ in heaven for eternity. Let us pray to the Lord.