



National Marriage Week USA

MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT! • EVERY FEB 7-14

For Pastors:

Liturgy

- [Rite of Blessing](#) scripts for married couples – *attached separately*

Short Blessing for Married Couples:

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- [Prayers of the Faithful](#) (marriage focused) – Click [here](#) or see *attached*
- [Homilies](#) (marriage focused) – click for: [Homily helps](#) or [Sample homily](#)
- [Announcements](#) – National Marriage Week events (below)
- [Recognize Couples](#) celebrating special anniversaries (25, 50, or more years)
- [Prayer Cards](#) – offer prayer cards signed by Bishop Lucia provided by Family/RL Office

For Bulletin:

Bulletin Blurb

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day! Let's take time to pray for spouses and marriages. Spouses - do something special for each other this weekend to show your gratitude for one another's YES! Children – do something to thank or honor your parents or married couples you look up to. May God bless, protect, and strengthen all marriages!

For Parish/Social Media:

Sweetheart Corner

- Ask couples to send pictures and wedding dates for anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in the year 2021. Post them on a parish website, bulletin blurb/insert, or on social media.
- Post a picture of a couple getting married at your parish on social media, then ask parishioners to post their own pictures in the comments.

Events to Promote

- *At-Home Marriage Retreat* (7 Days of scripture, prayer, and reflection from foryourmarriage.org) Free downloadable version [here](#).
- *Virtual Date Night Series* with the Padgetts offered the third Saturday of every month from 8-9 pm on Zoom through the Office of Family/Respect Life. - *Flier attached separately.*