

Community Marriage Celebration

- Reserve a pew on the right and left side of the central aisle for each couple and their companions.
- In the central aisle, put on each pew the name of the couple that will sit on that pew.
- In group celebrations, neither banks nor recliners will be placed.
- A discrete mark is placed on the floor for each couple in front of the first step of the altar to show them where to stand.
- After the homily, each couple will perform the marriage rite individually.
- The couples will line up along the right side and walk down the central aisle forward in front of the priest for the marriage rite.
- After the rite, each couple will return to their pew along the other side of the central aisle.
- The couples will receive the blessing and exchange of rings, coins, bible, rosary, lasso, standing by their benches all together at the same time.
- After the presentation of the offerings, all the couples will walk to the front and stand next to each other in front of the first step of the altar.
- The couples will knell in front of the altar during the consecration, those who can't knell may remain standing.
- At the time of holy communion, the couples will be the first to receive holy communion and will remain there until communion ends.
- After communion, each couple will be invited to place a bouquet of flowers in front of the image of the Virgin without climbing the steps of the altar.
- Place the bouquet on the white mosaics that will be placed on the carpet near the image of the Blessed Virgin.
- If several bouquets get pile up, then an acolyte will move the bouquets by the feet of the image of the Blessed Virgin to make room for the last couples to place their bouquets.
- Each couple prays briefly in front of the image of the Blessed Virgin and will give the opportunity to the other couples to get close and leave their bouquet.
- After leaving the bouquet, the couples go back to their pew.
- After the final blessing, individual photos will be taken with each couple with the priest.