

Readings for the Celebration of Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming Marriage. We are pleased to offer whatever assistance we can in the preparation of your Marriage Ceremony at Holy Name of Mary Parish.

During the Marriage Ceremony, there are three readings which are proclaimed, in addition to the Gospel reading; you are invited to choose the first three readings from the selection below.

The First Reading is from taken from the Old Testament, followed by the Responsorial Psalm and then the Second Reading, from the New Testament. Each reading has five choices to choose from.

Please advise the church of your choices at least one week in advance of the wedding date by emailing your choices to the parish office at office@hnomalmonte.ca.

These readings can be proclaimed by people of your choosing or, if you wish, the church will provide readers. Designated readers are encouraged to attend the rehearsal to make themselves familiar with the sound equipment and policies of the Parish. The Responsorial Psalm may be sung by an experienced cantor or a choir member, if available. This would need to be arranged with the organist in advance.

If you have questions, contact the parish office at 613-256-1034 or via email at office@hnomalmonte.ca.

First Reading - 1

Genesis 1.26-28, 31a
Male and female God created them.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 26 Then God said,
“Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”
- 27 So God created man in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.
- 28 God blessed them, and God said to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;
and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the air
and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”
- 31 God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading - 2

Genesis 2.18-24
They become one flesh.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 18 Then the Lord God said,
“It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper as his partner.”
- 19 So out of the ground
the Lord God formed every animal of the field
and every bird of the air,
and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;
and whatever the man called every living creature,
that was its name.
- 20 The man gave names to all cattle,
and to the birds of the air,
and to every animal of the field;
but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.
- 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,
and he slept;
then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.
- 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man
he made into a woman and brought her to the man.
- 23 Then the man said,
“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”
- 24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother
and clings to his wife,
and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading - 3

Proverbs 31.10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- 10 A capable wife, who can find her?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her hands to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- 31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading - 4

Song of Songs 2.8-10, 14, 16a; 8.6-7a
For love is strong as death.

A reading from the Song of Songs.

- 8 The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
- 14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face, let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”
- 16 My beloved is mine and I am his.
- 6 “Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Love’s flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.”

The word of the Lord.

First Reading - 5

Jeremiah 31.31-32a. 33-34a

*I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

- 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their fathers
when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
- 33 But this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord:
I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
“Know the Lord,”
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - 1

Psalm 33.12+18, 20-21, 22 (R.5b)

R. The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
- 18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love. **R.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
- 21 Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name. **R.**
- 22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm - 2

Psalm 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (R.1a or 8a)

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears. **R.**
- 5 Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor one called, and the Lord heard,
and saved that person from every trouble. **R.**
- 7 The Angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm - 3

Psalm 112.1-2, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9 (R. see1)

**R. Blessed is the one
who greatly delights in the Lord's commandments.**

- 1 Blessed is the one who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed. **R.**
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their house,
and their righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light rises in the darkness for the upright:
gracious, merciful and righteous. **R.**
- 5 It is well with the person who deal generously and lends,
who conducts their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous person will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever, unafraid of evil tidings. **R.**
- 7 Their heart is firm, secure in the Lord.
- 8 That person's heart is steady and will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. **R.**
- 9 One who has distributed freely, who has given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their name is exalted in honour. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm - 4

Psalm 128.1-2, 3, 4-5ac and 6a (R. cf. 1)

R. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table. **R.**
- 4 Thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.
- 5ac The Lord bless you from Sion.
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm - 5

Psalm 145.8-9, 10+15, 17-18 (R.9a)

R. The Lord is good to all.

- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**
- 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- 15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season. **R.**
- 17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
- 18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

Second Reading - 1

Romans 8.31b-35, 37
God did not withhold his own Son.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

- 31 If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
Is it God who justifies?
34 Who is to condemn?
Is it Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 2

1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a. 17-20
Your bodies are members of Christ.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 13 The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord,
and the Lord for the body.
- 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.
- 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
- 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.
- 18 Shun fornication!
Every sin that a person commits is outside the body;
but the fornicator sins against the body itself.
- 19 Or do you not know
that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
which you have from God,
and that you are not your own?
- 20 For you were bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 3

1 Corinthians 12.31 - 13.8a

Faith, hope, and love abide; the greatest of these is love.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters,
31 strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you a still more excellent way.
1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 If I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
3 If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
4 Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
5 It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.
7 It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
8 Love never ends.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 4

Ephesians 4.1-6

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

- 1 I, the prisoner in the Lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
- 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 5

Ephesians 5.2a, 25-32

This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:
2 Live in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us.
25 Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ loved the Church
and gave himself up for her,
26 in order to make her holy
by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word,
27 so as to present the church to himself in splendour,
without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—
yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.
28 In the same way, husbands should love their wives
as they do their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
29 For no one ever hates his own body,
but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it,
just as Christ does for the Church,
30 because we are members of his body.
31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two will become one flesh.”
32 This is a great mystery,
and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.