

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Saturday, August 15, 2026 · St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

Yahweh God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature became its name.

The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man there was not found a helper comparable to him.

Yahweh God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Yahweh God made a woman from the rib which he had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 33:12, 18, 20-21, 22

℟ Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh,

Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh,
the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

Behold, Yahweh’s eye is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his loving kindness;

Our soul has waited for Yahweh.

He is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in him,

because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let your loving kindness be on us, Yahweh,
since we have hoped in you.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?

Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies.

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

United in the love that God has poured into our hearts, we bring our prayers before him.

For Katherine and Daniel, that God who has joined them today may bless them with a long and happy life together, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For their families and friends gathered here, that they may support this marriage with love and prayer, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all married couples, that they may grow daily in faithful and generous love, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who long for the gift of marriage, and for all who are alone, that they may know God's abiding presence, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church and the world, that every home may become a school of love and holiness, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.