



CELEBRATES the vocation of marriage in worship and community life

RATE THE FOLLOWING:

3 = Yes! We do that 2 = We do it, but it needs improvement 1 = No, we don't do that

“Pope Benedict XVI explains how, in the Eucharist, the very meaning of marriage is transfigured: “the imagery of marriage between God and Israel is now realized in a way previously inconceivable: it had meant standing in God’s presence, but now it becomes union with God through sharing in Jesus’ self-gift, sharing in his body and blood.”

*From Marriage
Life in the Divine Plan*

- ___ 1. Our parish regularly prays that marriage, as the permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, be protected and promoted in our society and culture.
- ___ 2. Monthly “Marriage-Building” Sunday is established to celebrate anniversaries, renew marriage vows, bless the engaged and newly married, and pray for those with difficulties, etc.
- ___ 3. Homilies are regularly given about the joys and importance of marriage as well as the threat to marriage when appropriate readings lend themselves to marriage.
- ___ 4. Petitions at Mass regularly include marriage.
- ___ 5. Our parish regularly prays for couples preparing for marriage, those who are married, and are celebrating anniversaries.
- ___ 6. Our parish regularly prays for those whose marriages that have faced difficulties such as separation, divorce, widowhood and distance.
- ___ 7. Couples are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist side by side as a couple.
- ___ 8. Newly married couples come forward at Mass for a parish blessing.
- ___ 9. Couples are used for the various ministries in the parish, i.e. greeters, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers.
- ___ 10. Homilies often connect Scripture with Marriage and the Church’s Theology of covenantal relationship.
- ___ 11. In-home resources are available to help families pray at home.

Total Score

out of possible 33

Top three priorities for WORSHIPPING and Prayer:

Item No.	Action (Improve/Begin)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____