

GUIDELINES FOR SILVER AND GOLDEN WEDDINGS IN OUR PARISH

Golden and Silver weddings are red-letter days in the lives of the couples who have reached this milestone. The church appreciates these couples who have shown faithfulness and perseverance to their marital commitment, and presents them as paradigms for those who wish to enter into the sacred bond of marriage.

PRACTICE IN THE PARISH

- The couple should be in church at least 15 minutes before the Mass begins.
- The Scripture readings are in the Lectionary and the prayers of the Celebrant are in the Missal. For the readings at Mass, kindly consult the priest concerned. The readings at Mass have to be done from the Lectionary. It is not appropriate to do the readings from a booklet or from a sheet of paper.
- Those who can read effectively and are accustomed to read at Mass should be entrusted with the readings and intentions.
- The Prayer of the Faithful should be approved by the Priest concerned.
- An offertory procession is not recommended. However, the couple could present the Bread and Wine which are provided by the Church.
- It must be emphasized that the couple, attendants and all those who play an active role in the liturgy should be modestly and appropriately dressed.
- The church should not be converted into a garden with potted plants, stands, etc. Artificial flowers and leaves should not be used. Flowers should be arranged without obstructing the view of the altar.
- It is permitted to decorate the first few pews with flowers, ribbons etc.
- The photographers and video crew should be informed that they should move about in a respectful manner as befitting a place of worship. They

should be instructed not to focus their lights on the altar or lectern all through the Mass.

- In case the silver or golden wedding Mass is a private one, the couple is requested to contact any priest of their choice to celebrate the Mass.

