

Holy Matrimony

**GOSPEL READING
OPTIONS
(Choose One)**

26. This is the Greatest and First Commandment

Matthew 22:35-40

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?”

Jesus said to him,

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the
Prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

27. They are no longer two, but one flesh

Mark 10:6-9

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said,
"From the beginning of creation,
'God made them male and female.'
'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.'
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, let no one
separate."

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28. Jesus is Present at the Wedding

John 2:1-11

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rite of purification, each holding about a hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), The steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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29. Abide in My Love.

John 15:9-11, 17

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to His disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments,
you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you

so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.”

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30. This is My Commandment, that you love on another.

John 15:-12-16

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what the master is
doing;
but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father.
You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my
name."

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31. That they may become completely one.

John 17:20-26

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:
"Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these,
but also on behalf of those
who will believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one.
As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
The glory that you have given me I have given them,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me
and have loved them even as you have loved me.
Father,
I desire that those also, whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am,
to see my glory, which you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father,
the world does not know you, but I know you;
and these know that you have sent me.
I made your name known to them,
and I will make it known,
so that the love with which you have loved me
may be in them, and I in them."

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