

Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes

January 2016

Bulletin Corner

- Weekend of January 2/3 Epiphany of the Lord
“Behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem.” (Mt. 2:2). The wise still seek Jesus. What gifts of wisdom do you possess? A lesson learned from your childhood? A proverb that steers your life? A virtue to which you’ve struggled to be true?
- Weekend of January 9/10 Baptism of the Lord
Baptism includes symbols such as water, candles, and white robes that point to a deeper commitment of faith. Ask your beloved what the key element of faith is for him/her.
- Weekend of January 16/17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
“There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.” (1 Cor. 12). Which gift does your beloved have in a special way: wisdom, knowledge (of how to fix things), faith, the ability to heal, industriousness, intuition, decision-making skills, communication?
- Weekend of January 23/24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
“If one part [of the body] is honored, all the parts share its joy.” (1 Cor. 12:26). Bodies are complicated and we humans can be embarrassed by some parts and proud of others. What about your beloved’s physical appearance do you find especially attractive?
- Weekend of January 30/31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Love is patient. Love is kind...” 1 Cor 13:4-8 is often used at weddings. Which element of love is most challenging for you: Patience? Kindness? Goodwill? Humility? Self-Sacrifice? Tolerance? Long Suffering? Optimism? Hopefulness? Faith?

Prayer of the Faithful

- Weekend of January 2/3 Epiphany of the Lord
That all married couples grow in being the light of Christ for one another, we pray to the Lord:
- Weekend of January 9/10 Baptism of the Lord
That married persons may be faithful to their commitment to one another, and faithful to their Christian baptismal commitment, we pray to the Lord:
- Weekend of January 16/17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
That married couples continue to respond to one another with love and self-giving, that they might one day share forever at the heavenly wedding banquet God has prepared, we pray to the Lord:
- Weekend of January 23/24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
That married couples will know joy and renewed strength as hearers of the Word and bearers of glad tidings in their community, we pray to the Lord:
- Weekend of January 30/31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
That married persons might be committed to living the gospel, shaping their everyday responses to trials and challenges with Christ-like love, we pray to the Lord: