

Tridentine Community News

September 15, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Votive Mass and Blessing for Wedding Anniversaries

The 1962 Missal contains a formula for a (rarely-offered) Votive Mass for the 25th and 50th Anniversary of a Marriage. The rubrics inform the priest to offer a Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity or a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the addition of a Commemoration (Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion prayers) from the Votive Mass of Thanksgiving.

Likewise, the 1961 *Colléctio Rítuum* contains blessings for 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries. These are to be prayed in Latin after Mass, immediately after the Last Gospel. Optional exhortations, or short homilies, and English prayers may be added before and after the ceremony. Below is the 25th Anniversary version; the 50th is similar. An adapted, non-formalized version in English is also provided in the *Colléctio* for other anniversaries.

No particular blessing is provided for other wedding anniversaries, though priests have been known to adapt the below text to suit given circumstances.

Ant. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.

Psalm 127

Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork: happy shall you be, and favored.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants around your table.
Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life;
May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Ant. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from Your sanctuary.
R. And sustain them from Zion.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto You.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, we implore You, extend to Your faithful servants the right hand of Your divine assistance, so that they may seek You with their whole hearts and receive from You whatever they ask for that is right.
R. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, look with kindness upon these Your servants, who are with gladness approaching Your holy temple to give thanks, and grant that after this life they may (with their children) attain to the joys of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Te Deum

We praise You, God; we acclaim You Lord of all creation.
Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before You.
All the Angels, all the Hosts of heaven, and the myriad Powers;
All the Cherubim and Seraphim call out with tireless voices:
Holy, holy, holy: the Lord God of heavenly Hosts!
The heavens and the earth are filled with Your majesty and glory.
Your praises are proclaimed by the illustrious Apostles;

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And by all the prophets, Your most admirable heralds;
By the white-robed army who shed their blood for You.
And throughout the world holy Church attests Her faith in You:
The heavenly Father, Whose Majesty is boundless; the true and only Son,
Whom we adore;
And likewise the Holy Spirit, sent to be our Advocate.
You, O Christ, are the King of glory!
Only You, O Christ are the Father's everlasting Son.
In taking flesh and becoming mankind's Savior, You did not disdain the Virgin's womb.
In destroying by Your might the sting of death, You opened up to believers the kingdom of heaven.
Now You sit at God's right hand, in the Father's glory.
And so we firmly believe that You are the Judge Who is to come.
(*Kneel for the following verse:*) We therefore implore You to save Your servants whom Your Precious Blood redeemed. (*Then stand again.*)
Add them to the number of Your Saints in everlasting glory.
Save Your faithful people, Lord; bless all who belong to You.
Be their Shepherd and rule over them, and exalt them forever and ever.
Day by day we praise You, and never cease to worship You.
We will continue to praise Your holy Name, in time and in eternity.
In Your great mercy, Lord, keep us today from all sin.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.
May Your mercy, Lord, remain with us always, for we put our whole trust in You.
My hope is in You alone, O Lord; may I never be disappointed.

V. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Let us praise him and exalt him above all forever.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come to You.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. O God, Your mercy is unlimited and Your goodness is inexhaustible. We thank You for all that You in Your loving Majesty have given us, ever asking that You, who always answer those who ask, may in Your mercy not abandon them, but prepare them to receive eternal rewards.

God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, guide us by Your Spirit to desire only what is good and so always to find joy in His comfort.

God, You allow no one who trusts in You to be afflicted beyond measure, but give a hearing to the pleas of Your fervent petitioners; thus we give You thanks for having heard our requests and prayers, and we continue to call on Your loving kindness to protect us ever from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the couple with holy water.

V. May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.
R. Amen.
V. Go in peace, and may the Lord be with you.
R. Amen.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 09/17 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth (Stigmata of St. Francis)*