



When a Ritual Mass for Matrimony Cannot Be Used

A couple may get married on most days of the year, using texts from Ritual Mass V: “For the Celebration of Marriage.” Some days of the liturgical year, however, are especially solemn in character and therefore restrict the choice of texts.

Weddings using any form of the rite are prohibited on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Marriages outside of Mass (Rites II and III) are not restricted on other days of the year. Marriages within Mass (Rite I) have further restrictions. The following days of the liturgical year (listed chronologically, below) prohibit the use of a Ritual Mass. A couple may still get married within the context of Mass on these days, but the prayers (Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, etc.) and Scripture readings must be drawn from the Mass of the Day. (Exception: **One** of the starred readings from the Order for Celebrating Matrimony may replace one of the day’s readings.)

Days on which a Ritual Mass may not be used

(If your parish typically schedules weddings on Friday evenings or Saturday morning/early afternoon, pay special attention to the highlighted days.)

Advent & Christmas Season

1st Sunday of Advent

2nd Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8)

3rd Sunday of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent

Nativity of the Lord (December 25)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1)

Epiphany of the Lord

Lent & Holy Week

Ash Wednesday

1st Sunday of Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of Lent

4th Sunday of Lent

5th Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday of Holy Week

Friday of the Passion of the Lord / Good Friday [even Forms II & III prohibited]

Holy Saturday [even Forms II & III prohibited]

Easter Season

Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

2nd Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

3rd Sunday of Easter

4th Sunday of Easter

5th Sunday of Easter

6th Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord

7th Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Sunday

Ordinary Time

The Most Holy Trinity

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday)

Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24)

Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)

All Saints (November 1)

All Souls (November 2)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe