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Concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony on Sundays

The Ritual Mass for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony may be, and should be used when possible except on days within numbers 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days per liturgical law and on Sundays per order of the Bishop of Green Bay. On these days, one has two options:

- a. The Order of Celebrating Matrimony Without Mass may be celebrated with no restrictions.
- b. If the Sacrament of Matrimony is to be celebrated within the Mass, the Mass of the day is used - meaning the presidential prayers, preface, two of the readings are taken from the Mass of the day. This is in accordance with both the *Roman Missal* page 1023 and the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* paragraph number 54 which states "...the Mass of the day is used, retaining the Nuptial Blessing in the Mass and, if appropriate, the proper formula for the final blessing."

In accordance with paragraph 32 of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, If a Marriage is celebrated on a day having penitential character, especially during Lent, the pastor is to counsel the spouses to take into account the special nature of that day. The celebration of Marriage on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether."