

# WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

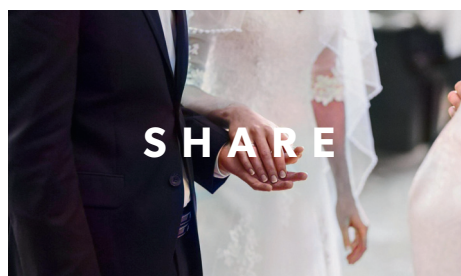
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## PARISH RESOURCES

*The California bishops invite all parishes to celebrate World Marriage Day! Observed on the Sunday closest to St. Valentine's Day, this special day is a wonderful chance to radiate love and honor the beauty of marriage.*

***Here's how you can get started:***





## PRAY

Pray with the Radiate Love prayer card, offer a blessing for all married and engaged couples at Mass, and pray for married, engaged, and dating couples in the prayers of the faithful.

Download Radiate Love Prayer Card

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

## ENCOURAGE

Encourage Closeness: Invite couples in your parish to go on a date. This can be a night out or as simple as taking a walk together, drinking coffee before the kids are up, or holding hands for five minutes while talking about your day.





## EDUCATE

Talk about the vocation of marriage through the catechetical resources for elementary and high school students during World Marriage Week, February 9-15

Download Catechetical Resources

[Ave Maria Press](#)  
[Sophia Institute](#)  
[Ruah Woods](#)

## SHARE

Share these resources with your parish ministries. To help you get started, we've provided a short Flocknote and bulletin message below. Feel free to use it as is or customize it to fit your parish's needs. Be sure to share the intercession and blessing with your pastor or marriage ministry coordinator.



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## INTERCESSIONS AND BLESSING FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2025

### **General Intercessions**

*For all married couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this year, that they continue to live their vocation of love as an example to their families and to the world of God's faithful, fruitful, and lasting love. Let us pray to the Lord.*

*For engaged couples, that, amid the busyness of planning for their wedding day, they may take time to prepare their hearts for the Sacrament of Marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.*

*For all those discerning a vocation to marriage: may they recognize the Holy Spirit working in their hearts and respond generously to the call of God. Let us pray to the Lord.*





## **Blessing for Engaged Couples**

*After reciting the Prayer after Communion, invite everyone to stand and offer the following prayer together:*

*Loving God,  
You have blessed us as your people  
and have called us to serve you in love.  
Listen to our prayers for (insert her name) and (insert his name)  
and bless them as they prepare for marriage.  
Keep them holy and pure in their lives,  
deepen their spirit of prayer and love,  
and lead them in perfect joy.  
Guard them from evil and guide them in your light,  
so that they may enter their marriage in your love  
and serve you faithfully at all times.  
Bless their parents, families and friends  
as they help (insert her name) and (insert his name)  
by their prayer and example as they prepare to marry.  
May almighty God bless you, (insert her name) and (insert his name).  
May God grant you love and happiness,  
Peace and joy,  
And strength in trials,  
All the days of your life together.  
May you remain always in God's love.  
We ask this in Christ's name and in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.*





## **Blessing for All Married Couples**

*After reciting the Prayer after Communion, invite everyone to stand and offer the following prayer together:*

*Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church:  
look with kindness on them.  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



## FLOCKNOTE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Celebrate World Marriage Day**

The Sunday closest to St. Valentine's Day is World Marriage Day. Try this World Marriage Day checklist to celebrate.

### **Pray together**

Pray with the Radiate Love prayer card

Pray the 3x5 prayer – ask your spouse how you can pray for the other, share how they can pray for you, and appreciate one thing about your spouse, in 5 minutes

### **Go on a Date**

Try some of [these date ideas](#)

Download a [Date Night Kit](#) from Communio

Ask each other [date night questions](#)

### **Commit to doing one loving thing for your spouse this week**

Buy their favorite coffee or drink and deliver it to them unexpectedly

Text a nice note to your spouse about what you like about them

Cook their favorite meal or bake their favorite treat

Offer to do one of the chores they are responsible for

