

Weddings, baptisms and funerals

What to expect, where to sit, and what to say.

In short. At a Catholic wedding the couple marry each other in the presence of the Church.^{1,2} Catholics baptize babies as a pure gift of grace and bury their dead in hope of the resurrection.^{3,4}

Key points

- Catholics are asked to marry in the presence of the Church.²
- Infant Baptism shows that grace is a pure gift.³
- A Catholic funeral expresses hope in the resurrection.⁴

Try this, this week

1. **Ask the couple or family** what part matters most to them.
2. **If you're engaged to a Catholic**, call the parish six months or more ahead.
3. **Read Mark 10:6–9.**

“What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

Mark 10:9, World English Bible

Common questions

Remember: Every one of these days says: God is in this.

Sources

1. CCC 1623
2. CCC 1631
3. CCC 1250
4. CCC 1680

Quotation above: Mark 10:9, World English Bible. Catechism: official text on vatican.va.

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