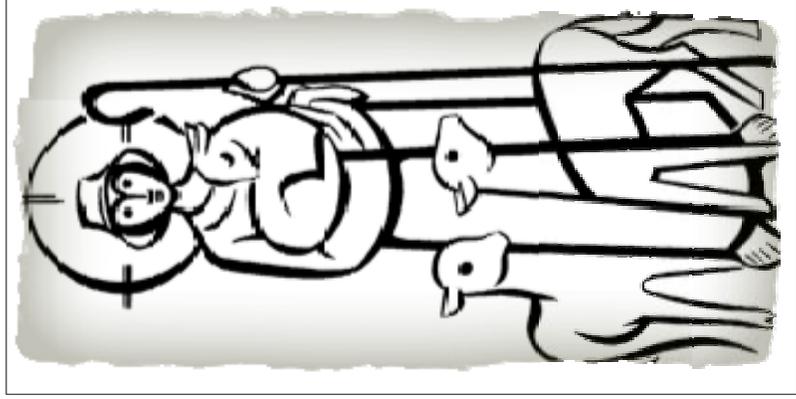


Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Parish is an inviting and evangelizing community, which emphasizes life-long faith formation and genuine Christian Stewardship. Our Mission is to transform people by bringing the good news of Jesus Christ into every human situation and living our Catholic Faith fully.



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MARRIAGE PREPARATION Bless These Rings

“I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.”

Hosea 2: 21-22

Pre-Cana: Bless These Rings

Congratulations on your decision to marry. It is wonderful that you have found each other. We would like to offer you our best wishes and help you to build a strong foundation for this relationship, committing yourselves to a lifetime of mutual love, learning, and discovery. We, members of Good Shepherd Parish, commit ourselves to help engaged couples enter into a marriage that gives promise to being grace-filled, happy, and successful.

What does the title, Pre-Cana, reference?

In the Gospel of John (2:1-12) Jesus and his mother, Mary, attended a wedding in the town of Cana. It was there that Jesus performed his first Miracle. In this event the Church sees Jesus' proclamation of the goodness of marriage. It is in the Sacrament of Marriage that Jesus Christ blesses and strengthens couples with his powerful presence.

Things to Consider

- Space is limited and registration closes one week prior to the program start date. Register early.
- You will need the consent of the parish priest.
- Our program is meant to be experienced in its entirety as a couple. If you have a conflict in schedule, please consult with your priest to arrange for an alternative form of marriage preparation (e.g. On-Line Pre-Cana Programs).
- Each couple attending will receive a Certificate of Participation at the conclusion of the program.

What is the Bless These Rings Program?

We would like to invite you to participate in our four-session workshop designed with you in mind. The *Bless These Rings* Workshop is intended for those entering their first marriage (Catholic or Interfaith couples). While the program is intended to reflect the perspective of the Catholic Church, we respect the religious diversity of all participants. We do not intend for this program to be an indoctrination into the Catholic faith, nor is it an attempt to make "converts".

The *Bless These Rings* Team is made up of married couples within the parish. In a casual setting, they present relevant information on a variety of topics gleaned from married live experiences, not so much to "teach" couples how to be married, but to raise issues they believe need further consideration. Each topic allows for discussion and activities that will spark future communication between the couples. The workshops will focus on such issues as communication, spirituality, sexuality, finance, and more. Couples are encouraged to be actively involved throughout.

The cost of the Workshops is \$100/couple for wedding at GSCC and \$125/couple for wedding at another parish. All materials needed for the program will be provided. The Workshops are conducted on Thursday evenings, from 7 - 9pm.

For schedule of Workshops, please call the Parish Office for dates.

We will attend Bless These Rings on _____

(print Names as they should appear on Certificate)

Woman's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

eMail: _____

Age: _____ Religion: _____

Parish: _____

Man's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

eMail: _____

Age: _____ Religion: _____

Parish: _____

Date of Wedding: _____

Please List any Special Needs: _____

Once completed, please detach this section and give to the Parish Office with your \$100 or \$125 Registration fee.

Questions: BlessTheseRings@gscceg.org