

# **St. Catherine of Siena Parish**

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## **The Wedding Candle**

## **LIGHTING THE WEDDING CANDLE AND THE TABLE PRAYER**

The wedding candle, two side candles, matches and tapers for lighting are set up at the table where the newly-married couple will be seated. Just before the entrance of the bridal party, the parents (or family representatives) light the two side candles. The bridal party enters the reception hall according to custom. Once all are in place a designated person may offer a blessing for the meal using the following or similar words.

**+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, be present among us  
as you were present at Cana in Galilee.  
Come with abundant gifts for N. and N.**

**May their union in marriage  
truly image your love for your Church.**

**Bless all of us, too,  
who have come to join with them  
in joyful celebration.**

**We thank you, Lord, for this food  
and for the grace to eat it together.**

**May we all feast with you one day  
at the banquet of eternal life.**

**We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Immediately following the blessing, one of the attendants (possibly the matron of honor) continues the prayer with the lighting of the wedding candle saying:

**We continue to ask God's blessing upon N. and N. as we celebrate their commitment to each other in the sacrament of matrimony.**

**As a sign of their marriage, they light the wedding candle from the two candles which represent their individual lives.**

Lighting their tapers from the two side candles, the bride and groom join the two flames and light the wedding candle.

**As the two flames become one, symbolizing their union with each other in the Lord, we ask God to bless their marriage, and to keep N. and N. close to him in the years ahead.**

**May they always turn to God in times of joy and in times of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The two side candles are extinguished.



*And two become one.....*