

marriage  
scripture  
prayer life

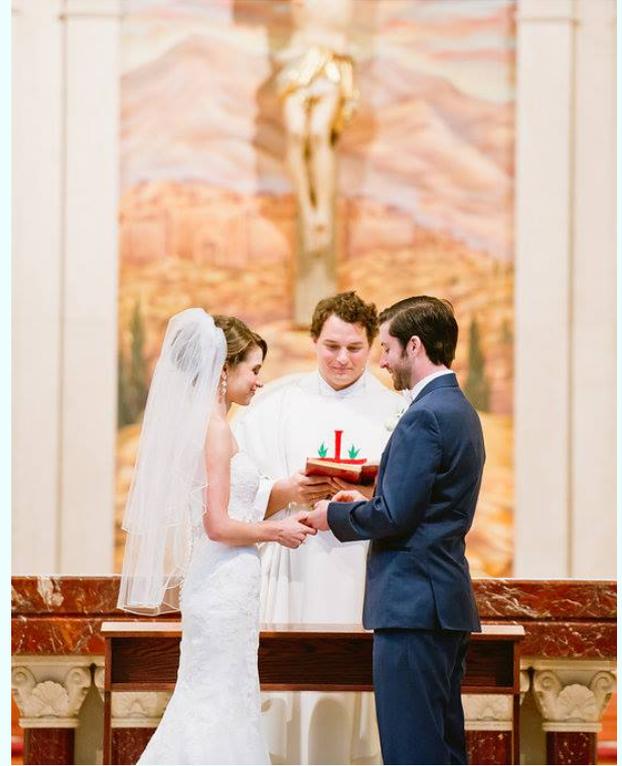
*Saint Margaret Mary  
Marriage Ministry*



yes, that is a ukulele



yes, we are ninjas



cue: awwwwwwwwwwww

let's  
start  
with  
**why**



real life is **not**  
a highlight reel

prayer - fasting - discernment

reframe your  
focus



let Him write  
your story



# Remember those vows

I, Julie, take you, Andrew to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life

I, Andrew, take you, Julie to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life

this is why a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body

## **genesis 2:24**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?” He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

## **matthew 19:3-6**



the  
art of  
**listening**



the cha-cha slide is over, but the party continues!  
(PS. good news, no one got hurt with the sparklers)

# Each week as a gift

“As we celebrate Liturgy of the Word we don’t leave our lives and our moment in history behind as we listen to these stories from the past; we actually take them up anew in the light of the word we have heard.

The story of our lives is seen to be part of a larger story

The story the Bible tells”

*-Driscoll, What Happens at Mass*

# liturgy of the word

scripture & hearing Christ's heart  
quiet - intentional - listening



*Listen with  
your spouse*

individual  
prayer &  
**scripture**

oh hey, Fr. Mike!  
let's bring in a professional

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHDO4Xowfa8>

daily  
prayer  
**together**

# Pray together

Holy Spirit guide our words and our hearts  
We pray for your presence in these moments

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## **1. GRATITUDE**

What am I thankful for today?

Who am I thankful for today?

## **2. FOR OTHERS**

Who needs my prayers?

Friends, family, and any other special intentions.

## **3. GOD'S PRESENCE**

Where did I see God today?

Was it in nature? The actions or words of others? Of myself? What was something He tried to show me?

## **4. SHORTCOMINGS**

What ways did I fall short or feel far from God today? Don't dwell in it. How can I do better tomorrow?

## **5. THE BIG PICTURE**

What are my big dreams and goals? Be honest with God and ask for His help and guidance as a couple.

thank you!  
take a book & say hi :)