

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Wedding Guidelines  
Order of Celebrating Matrimony

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*Congratulations and many blessings for you on your engagement!*

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate your marriage at St Joseph's Church, and we are here to assist you in your wedding preparation. The celebration of your love is a time to rejoice in the gift you share with one another.

First and foremost, marriage is a sacrament. Your love for each other will make visible God's love for you. The Sacrament of Marriage is not just a religious ceremony on the day of your marriage. It is your life together.

In the Sacrament of Marriage, we are asking God to be at the center of your relationship. In the Sacrament of Marriage, you value the spiritual dimension of your life together. The commitment you embrace in marriage is a most significant commitment that will provide a blessing all the days of your life.

- This commitment is a permanent commitment to love and honor each other all the days of your life. Divorce is not an option.
- You promise to be faithful to each other all the days of your life.
- You promise to accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church.

We share in your joy as you begin to plan for your wedding and the life that this day of commitment will signal. Please ask if any of our Pastoral Staff can assist you in planning or working out the details of your wedding day. We want for you the best that our parish can give.

These months of preparation for your wedding day will be busy and exciting. If you find that there are ways in which the parish staff can be of help, please call or e-mail us.

While your engagement, showers, rehearsal, reception and honeymoon are all significant parts of your marriage celebration, the wedding liturgy is the center of the Christian celebration.

The prayers, Scripture readings, the vows, the giving and receiving of rings, the music, the nuptial blessing – all of these, for you, will be an expression of both faith in God and in each other. They will also express your confidence that the presence and love of God will strengthen and confirm your love for each other. May these days of preparation hold many blessings for you.

*To assist you in your wedding liturgy preparations, we have provided the following Guidelines and Worksheets.*

## YOUR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

If not baptized at St. Joseph's, please contact the Church where you were baptized and ask for a recently dated copy of your Baptismal certificate. Parishes can easily provide this information, and it is usually obtained by a simple phone call or email to the parish secretary. It can be mailed to us or scanned and emailed to our office.

## BECOMING CATHOLIC

Most adult Catholics have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – before marrying. Our RCIA Coordinator, Cathy Kamp (586-8089 ext. 115 [cathy.kamp@sjcpenfield.com](mailto:cathy.kamp@sjcpenfield.com)) will assist you if there is a desire to complete the process of initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

## FULLY ENGAGED

To help in the preparation process, you will be asked to complete a marital inventory indicator called FULLY ENGAGED, which is available online. This tool provides assistance in articulating values that we hold sacred and value highly in couples' communication.

## PRE-CANA

All couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are required to participate in a Pre-Cana Session. Pre-Cana is scheduled at St Joseph's on Saturday, March 12, 2022. It begins at 8:30 am and concludes with the Saturday afternoon Mass at 4:30 pm. You may register by emailing Kathy Best at [Kathleen.Best@sjcpenfield.com](mailto:Kathleen.Best@sjcpenfield.com). You may also register in any diocesan-sponsored Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter. These dates may be found at <http://www.dor.org/index.cfm/evangelization-catechesis/sacraments/marriage/>

## OFFERING / STIPENDS

The fee for our Church is \$400. A \$100 deposit is required for the wedding date to be scheduled and the remaining \$300 is to be brought to the rehearsal and to be given to your wedding coordinator. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph's Church. The amount is a "flat fee" that must be paid regardless of other musical arrangements that might be made. There is also a \$125 stipend payable directly by check to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal, whose name is found in your finalized wedding liturgy worksheets. Stipend to the Presider is whatever seems appropriate.

## REGISTER AS A FAMILY IN THE PARISH

Having made the decision to be married in the Church, don't forget to follow through and register in the parish as a newlywed couple. We have provided a registration form with these guidelines. You can find one on our website, also. Contact the Church office at 586-8089. The Catholic Church wants very much to be a presence in your lives as a couple.

## CONTACTS

Plan for a minimum of six contacts with the parish prior to the day of your wedding:

- Initial interview, by appointment, with Fr. Jim Schwartz to get acquainted, set your date and discuss diocesan and parish guidelines.
- Pre-Cana session. (see page 3)
- Once you have your liturgy worksheets filled out to the best of your ability, get a copy to us – hard copy or scan and email. Nancy Veronesi, our parish Director of Worship, and/or Susan Gividen, Director of Music, by appointment or through email, will assist you in completing your wedding liturgy preparations.
- Interviews with priest or deacon. In your second interview, the FULLY ENGAGED Inventory will be reviewed.
- In the third interview, your priest or deacon will interview you individually to put in writing your intention for marriage.
- Wedding Rehearsal – the entire wedding party should attend, including Lectors, Ministers of Communion, and Parents. Our Wedding Coordinator will be in attendance and conduct your rehearsal.

## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS:

In choosing a florist, please be aware of the Church environment and the care that should be shown. Flowers may not be placed on the Altar itself nor should they block the view to the pulpit or Presider's chair. If you wish to attach flowers or ribbons to the pews, they should be attached with heavy-duty rubber bands and not any kind of tape or wire.

## NUMBER OF PEWS AND AISLE

The aisle is 45 feet long from the baptismal font to the altar. There are 17 pews on each side of the Main aisle of the Church. Please Note: We do not recommend the use of flower petals (real or plastic) or aisle runners (paper or cloth) as they are very dangerous with our tile floor.

## UNITY CANDLE

The Wedding (Unity) Candle is not a part of the official Marriage Rite, therefore, it is optional in your ceremony. If you choose to use this ritual, you will provide the pillar candle. Our candle holder will accommodate a candle up to “3 ¼” thick and we provide the smaller side candles.

## REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

Some couples wish to light a special pillar candle to remember a loved one who has passed on. We can provide a small table for you to place this candle. Your loved one's name can be spoken during the Prayer of the Faithful. Please let us know this as you are preparing your wedding liturgy worksheets.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

You are welcome to have a photographer for your wedding ceremony. We ask that there is no flash photography. We also ask that he/she not become a center of attention. The photographer should be unobtrusive and discreet. No photographer is to come into the sanctuary, the carpeted step area. They are welcome to set up in the west wing of the church.

## HOW LONG IN CHURCH FOLLOWING WEDDINGS

Typically, couples take pictures in church for around one-half hour after the wedding. Be aware that if there is another wedding on the same day, consideration must be given for the next wedding-flower delivery, time in church, etc. If your wedding is at 2 pm, the Church should be ready and quiet for afternoon Confessions by 3:30 pm.

## WEDDING REHEARSAL

The rehearsal will normally be scheduled for the night before the wedding and be led by our wedding coordinators. The rehearsal is usually held at either 5 or 6 pm and will last about 1 hour. Please be sure to have all wedding participants at the rehearsal, including grandparents, children in procession, lectors, ministers of holy communion, etc. Please ask all to be to the church and ready to begin on time. As a couple, you should arrive around 15 minutes early to go over any last-minute details with the wedding coordinator.

All members of the wedding party should be present. Readers are asked to practice their readings on the microphone at this time. We utilize the rehearsal time for the ceremony only. The musicians do not attend the rehearsal.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIRED AT REHEARSAL

Please note that it is required that you bring your marriage license to the rehearsal. Your two witnesses will sign the license then. The priest or deacon will sign the license after the ceremony and the wedding coordinator will take care of mailing the license back to the issuing office (village, city, or town.) Please give all outstanding fees and your wedding license to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal.

## DRUG FREE CAMPUS

"We are a drug free campus. There may be no consumption of any alcoholic beverage or smoking on the church property at any time, including before, during, or after the rehearsal or wedding."

## MARRIAGE LITURGY

Weddings are typically scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. Friday Afternoon weddings are possible as well, according to the availability of the presider. Couples may plan to be married at either a Nuptial Mass or a Nuptial Ceremony. Either celebration will be well planned by the couple, together with the priest or deacon who presides.

It is our hope that your wedding ceremony reflects the spirituality of your relationship. If the Eucharist is a significant part of your life, it follows that the Nuptial Mass would be the appropriate context of your wedding ceremony. If the Mass is not part of the way you pray, we encourage the Nuptial Ceremony. Both options are outlined in the worksheets.

## VISITING PRIESTS

If you wish to have a visiting priest officiate at your ceremony here at St. Joseph's, you are welcome to do so. All other expectations would still be the same. The initial marriage preparation meeting would still be done with Father Jim Schwartz. If one of you is of another faith and would like to have a minister or rabbi be part of the ceremony, they would be most welcome. Please mention this at the time of your initial interview.

The liturgy and music would be arranged with Nancy Veronesi and/or Susan Gividen. Susan, our wedding coordinator, will be present to conduct your rehearsal and to assist on your wedding day. For weddings held off-site, you provide your own wedding coordinator and musicians.

## PREPARING THE LITURGY FOR YOUR CEREMONY

At the time of your initial interview, you will receive a book entitled TOGETHER FOR LIFE by Fr. Joseph Champlin. We very much want your celebration to reflect your choices of prayers, readings, and special celebration.

Family and friends can participate in special ways. We can assist in showing them the procedures at the rehearsal:

- Lector -Proclaiming the Scripture readings
- Reader -Leading the Prayers of the Faithful/Intercessions
- Bringing up the gifts of Bread and Wine – eliminated during pandemic
- Serving as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion-eliminated during pandemic

## LITURGY & MUSIC GUIDELINES

The Parish Director of Worship is Nancy Veronesi and Director of Music, Susan Gividen are glad to assist you with the preparation of your wedding ceremony. At the end of these guidelines, you will find music commonly used at weddings which can serve as a guide as you begin the planning process. All of them can be found on YouTube. Once you've had a chance to peruse these choices, please contact Susan if you need help with the details of your wedding music.

The celebration of a wedding in the Roman Catholic Church is a 'liturgical' event, an action of the whole Church in whose presence couples freely commit themselves in the covenant of marriage.

All music used before and during the liturgy must reflect the dignity of the occasion, intensify the Christian meaning of the liturgical service, and enhance the sacredness of the liturgy. Any texts used before or during the liturgy must be consistent with the tradition of the Catholic Church. So, any music that merely recalls a sentimental or personal association would not be appropriate for the wedding liturgy, but would be very appropriate for the wedding reception.

Singing of the Assembly is better if the songs are familiar. (Certain important parts of the liturgy will always be sung: Gloria is sung in the context of the Eucharist. Always sung: the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. When celebrating in the context of the Eucharist, the "Holy, Holy, Holy", the "Memorial Acclamation" and the "Great Amen" are sung.) All music leadership is by our parish cantor.

St. Joseph's Church is blessed with gifted and talented leaders of song, who are very familiar with the Catholic wedding liturgy. It is appropriate that musicians who regularly minister in St. Joseph's Parish lead the music during the wedding liturgies celebrated here. Sometimes the bride and/or groom have a friend or relative whom they would like to have sing a solo at their wedding at the prelude or communion meditation. We will do our best to accommodate these requests. Be aware that there may be an extra charge for rehearsals with a soloist other than our regular parish cantors.

Once you have completed your worksheets to the best of your ability, please bring them to your meeting with the Priest or Deacon at St. Joseph's and/or scan and email to Susan Gividen. You are also most welcome to drop it into the offertory basket attention-Susan Gividen.

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➤ PROGRAM/WORSHIP AID \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Worship Aid \_\_\_\_\_ No printed worship aid  
(The worship aid/program is done and printed by the couple. If you are in need of a simple template of your wedding liturgy, we are happy to provide that for you.)

➤ PRELUDE MUSIC TITLES \_\_\_\_\_  
Grandparents and Parents will be seated during the end of the prelude.

#### GATHERING BEFORE THE MAIN PROCESSIONAL BEGINS

Who is escorted into church immediately preceding the liturgy? i.e. grandparents, mothers

➤ Name and relationship \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Escorted by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Name and relationship \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Escorted by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Name and relationship \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Escorted by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Mother of the Groom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Escorted by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Mother of the Bride \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Escorted by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ PROCESSIONAL MUSIC FOR WEDDING PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

*The Groom is welcome to walk down the aisle with his parents before the remainder of the wedding party comes down the aisle. Unless all walk down the main aisle together, the groom, best man, groomsmen and the Priest/Deacon walk out from the sacristy in front directly before the bridesmaids walk into church. You can also have the bridal party walk into church in couples. Please indicate below.*

Standing in front, middle aisle – watching the procession:

➤ Priest's name \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Groom's name \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Best Man's name \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Groomsmen's names  
in order from best man  
to last in line

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*Walking down the middle aisle once the groom, best man and priest are in place in front aisle*

Bridesmaids' names  
In order of walking down aisle

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Maid of Honor's name

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Matron of Honor's name

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Flower Girl's name

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Ring Bearer's name

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BRIDE'S PROCESSION MUSIC TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

*(if different from opening processional with wedding party)*

Bride and her escort \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRANCE RITES

- **Introductory Address by the Priest or Deacon/Greeting of the Bride and Groom**
- **Gloria**                           Mass of Light Version           Chant Version
- **Collect**(choose one)    A-1    A-2    A-3    A-4    A-5    A-6

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- **First Reading**                    Reader \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(Old Testament)
- B-1    Genesis 1:26-28, 31a  
          *(Male and female he created them)*
- B-2    Genesis 2:18-24  
          *(The two of them become one body)*
- B-3    Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67  
          *(In his love for Rebeka, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother)*
- B-4    Tobit 7:6-14  
          *(May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace.)*
- B-5    Tobit 8:4b-8  
          *(Allow us to live together to a happy old age)*
- B-6    Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
          *(She who fears the Lord is to be praised)*
- B-7    Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a: 8:6-7a  
          *(Stern as death is love)*
- B-8    Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16  
          *(Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home)*
- B-9    Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a  
          *(I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah)*
  
- **Responsorial Psalm**    Our Parish Cantor will lead this in song  
(circle one)

Psalm 25: To You O God, I Lift Up My Soul OR To You, O Lord

Psalm 27: The Goodness of the Lord

Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving

Psalm 118: This is the Day

➤ **Second Reading**  
(New Testament)

Reader	Relationship
D-1	Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 <i>(What will separate us from the love of Christ?)</i>
D-2	Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18 Long Version Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13 Short Version <i>(Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.)</i>
D-3	Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13 <i>(Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you)</i>
D-4	1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 <i>(Your body is a temple of the Spirit)</i>
D-5	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a <i>(If I do not have love, I gain nothing)</i>
D-6	Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 Long Version Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 Short Version <i>(This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church)</i>
D-7	Philippians 4:4-9 <i>(The God of peace will be with you)</i>
D-8	Colossians 3:12-17 <i>(And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.)</i>
D-9	Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b <i>(Let marriage be held in honor by all)</i>
D-10	1 Peter 3:1-9 <i>(Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another)</i>
D-11	1 John 3:18-24 <i>(Love in deed and in truth)</i>
D-12	1 John 4:7-12 <i>(God is love)</i>
D-13	Revelation 19:1,5-9a <i>(Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb)</i>

➤ **Gospel Acclamation**

**Celtic Alleluia** (all but Lent) Parish Cantor will lead this  
During Lent – ‘Praise To You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory’

- E-1
- E-2
- E-3
- E-4
- E-5
- E-6

- **Gospel Reading** (choose one)
  - F-1 Gospel proclaimed by priest or deacon; homily by the priest  
Matthew 5:1-12a  
*(Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven)*
  - F-2 Matthew 5:13-16  
*(You are the light of the world)*
  - F-3 Matthew 7:21, 24-29 Long Version  
Matthew 7, 21, 24-25 Short Version  
*(A wise man built his house on rock)*
  - F-4 Matthew 19:3-6  
*(What god has united, man must not separate)*
  - F-5 Matthew 22:35-40  
*(This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it)*
  - F-6 Mark 10:6-9  
*(They are no longer two, but one flesh)*
  - F-7 John 2:1-11  
*(Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee)*
  - F-8 John 15:9-12  
*(Remain in my love)*
  - F-9 John 15:12-16  
*(This is my commandment: love one another)*
  - F-10 John 17:20-26 Long Version  
John 17:20-23 Short Version  
*(that they may be brought to perfection as one)*

## RITE OF MARRIAGE

- **Address to the Bride and Groom**
- **Introduction and Questions of intent** G-1 G-2 G-3
- **Consent/Marriage Vows and Reception of Consent** H-1 OR H-2 AND H-13 OR H-14  
*(The celebrant will say, "Let us bless the Lord," and the whole assembly will be invited to respond, "Thanks be to God.")*
- **Blessing and Giving of Rings** I-1/I-2/I-3 I-4 I-5 I-6 I-7 I-8  
*Followed by each saying: Take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
- **(OPTIONAL) Unity Candle Lighting** \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no *(Music is chosen by the organist/pianist)*
- **Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful** J-1 OR J-2 OR composed by couple  
Reader \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*Any additional names you would like mentioned in a petition for those who have died?*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

➤ **Presentation of the Bread and Wine**

Music Played or Sung \_\_\_\_\_

Participants \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Prayer Over The Offerings**      K-1              K-2              K-3

➤ **Preface**                              L-1              L-2              L-3

➤ **Mass Parts, sung**                      Community Mass OR Chant

➤ **Our Father** (choose one)      \_\_\_ Spoken      \_\_\_ Sung (Version: Malotte or Chant)

➤ **Nuptial Blessing**                      M-1              M-2              M-3              (M-4)  
“Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit and pour your love into their hearts, that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.”

➤ **Sign of Peace**

➤ **Distribution of Holy Communion**      Hosts (bread): Your Priest  
Precious Blood 1(wine) \_\_\_\_\_

Precious Blood 2 (wine) \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Song for Communion**                      \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Prayer after Communion**              N-1      N-2      N-3

➤ **Final or Solemn Blessing**              O-1              O-2              O-3              O-4

➤ **Recessional Song**                      \_\_\_\_\_

# Suggested Music Choices

Below is a list of music appropriate and common for weddings. To hear samples of each song, search YouTube or another streaming site. Do not feel limited by this list. If you have other specific pieces in mind, if you have difficulty finding an example of any song online, or for any other questions, please confer with our Director of Music, Susan Gividen at 586-8089 ext 125

## Prelude Music/Other

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Adagio from Symphony No. 5  | Charles-Marie Widor         |
| 2. Adagio                      | Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy |
| 3. Air from Water Music        | George F. Handel            |
| 4. Allegretto                  | Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy |
| 5. Arioso in A                 | J.S. Bach                   |
| 6. Ave Maria (vocal)           | Franz Schubert              |
| 7. Canon in D                  | Johann Pachelbel            |
| 8. I Have Loved You (vocal)    | Michael Joncas              |
| 9. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring | J.S. Bach                   |
| 10. Largo in G from Xerxes     | George F. Handel            |
| 11. Panis Angelicus (vocal)    | Cesar Franck                |
| 12. Prelude in G major         | J.S. Bach                   |
| 13. Fugue in G major           | J.S. Bach                   |
| 14. The Gift of Love (vocal)   | Traditional                 |

## Processionals

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| 15. Bridal Chorus ("Here Comes the Bride") | Richard Wagner              |
| 16. Con Moto Maestoso                      | Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy |
| 17. Now Thank We All Our God               | Sigfried Karg-Elert         |
| 18. Rondeau                                | Joseph Mouret               |
| 19. Trumpet Tune                           | Henry Purcell               |
| 20. Trumpet Voluntary                      | Jeremiah Clarke             |

## Psalms

21. Psalm 25: To You O God, I Lift Up My Soul
22. Psalm 25: To You O Lord
23. Psalm 27: The Goodness of the Lord
24. Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving
25. Psalm 118: This is the Day

## Preparation of the Altar

27. Alleluia! Alleluia!
28. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
29. Amazing Grace
30. As The Deer Longs
31. Canticle of the Sun
32. For the Beauty of the Earth
33. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
34. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
35. Lord of All Hopefulness
36. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## Communion

37. Be Not Afraid
38. Blest are They
39. Christ Be Our Light
40. Eat this Bread
41. Gift of Finest Wheat
42. Here I Am, Lord
43. I Am the Bread of Life
44. On Eagle's Wings
45. One Bread, One Body
46. Shepherd Me, O God
47. You Are Mine

## Recessional

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| 50. Allegro Maestoso from Water Music      | George F. Handel            |
| 51. Hornpipe from Royal Fireworks          | George F. Handel            |
| 52. Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals | Sigfried Karg-Elert         |
| 53. Psalm XIX                              | Benedetto Marcello          |
| 54. The Rejoicing                          | George F. Handel            |
| [no track] Toccata from Symphony No. 5     | Charles-Marie Widor         |
| 55. Wedding March                          | Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy |