

*Marriage is a great Sacrament, says St. Paul. He likens the life-long union of a man and a woman in sacramental Matrimony to the union between Christ and His Church. As Jesus sacrificed Himself for His Church, so, too, husband and wife must be prepared to make sacrifices. Self-forgetfulness for each other's sake is a proof of true love for each other, and a sure foundation on which to build and solid wedded life.*

*Marriage is a vocation — a calling by God. All who have accepted this calling to unite in love know that such a vocation brings many hardships as well as blessings. Men and women, by their own power, cannot hope to fulfill all that God asks of them in marriage unless He helps them by His grace. This is the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage. All the graces and helps men and women need to fulfill this part of the Divine Plan are found in Catholic Marriage.*

*The Catholic marriage ceremony is a beautiful expression of God giving Himself to the couple and they to Him so that each marriage can be happy and holy.*

*From the wedding ceremony itself, to the special prayers of the Nuptial Mass, the Catholic couple are presented with many prayers and enriching ceremonies which will assure them that they are beginning their life together on the very threshold of Heaven itself*

*The use of the church and its facilities for a Catholic wedding is open to all who are members in regular attendance of the parish. Those who are not parish members need to make special arrangements with the Pastor in order for the wedding to take place in the parish facilities.*

*Regular Mass attendance in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the wedding is will be part of those arrangements.*

*If any questions arise as you prepare for your wedding, please call the parish office at 916-925-3584*