



Golden Wedding Anniversary Frequently Asked Questions

Registration Information

How can we register and RSVP for the Mass?

There are several options for a couple to register for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. The couple or a family member can register online or a couple can call a parish and ask the parish to register them for the event.

Information on registration will be sent out to parishes in mid-May to assist couples in registration for the Golden Wedding event.

The online web registration is located here - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/events/golden-wedding>

What information do I need to register?

Couples attending the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will need to provide the couple's first and last names, an e-mail address, a phone number, a mailing address, and the date of their wedding.

What if I want to register my spouse and I but we do not have an e-mail address?

If you don't have an e-mail address, you may be able to give the e-mail address of your children or a friend.

Is there a cost to attend Mass?

There is no cost to register and attend the event. We do ask for a free will offering of couples.

Will I receive a physical invitation?

A physical invitation will be mailed no later than August 4, 2017.

Will I receive confirmation I registered?

When you register for the event or the parish assists you in registering for the event a confirmation e-mail is sent to the address given by the couple.

Event Questions

Can our children or friends sit with us at Mass?



Because more than 450 couples from across the Archdiocese of Chicago will join us for the day, we only have room in the Cathedral for the Jubilarian couples. In addition to your spouse, two additional guests may accompany you. They will be seated in the auditorium where they can watch the Mass on the large screen.

What time should we be there?

We ask couples to arrive no earlier than 2 p.m. There will be enough parking at the Cathedral lot and at a neighboring parking structure to accommodate the couples.

Where do we park?

Parking is available in the lot directly in front of Holy Name Cathedral beginning at 2 p.m. There will be parking attendants in the lot guiding cars and directing them toward an overflow lot across the way.

Is there reserved seating?

There is open seating for all Jubilarian couples attending the Mass. Handicap seating will be available near the front of the Cathedral.

Do we need tickets?

No tickets are needed.

I have trouble walking. Is there assistance for me?

We will have individuals outside Holy Name Cathedral along the curb to help people get in and out of their cars and assist them into Holy Name Cathedral. We will have pews reserved toward the front of Holy Name Cathedral for those who have trouble walking. If you need more details about this seating area, please contact us at 312.534.8351.

What do we wear?

Please wear your Sunday best. Some couples do come in evening gowns and tuxedos, but that is not necessary. Feel free to wear a corsage or boutonniere if you would like. We encourage you to celebrate your wedding anniversary!

Should I wear white?

No, you don't need to wear white.

Where are the bathrooms at Holy Name Cathedral?

There are bathrooms in the basement of Holy Name Cathedral. They can be accessed via an elevator or stairs nearest the entrance on Superior Street.

What time does Mass end?



Mass generally ends around 3:45 p.m. Couples are allowed to take photos in the Cathedral shortly after Mass until preparation for the 5:15 p.m. Mass begins.

Will the Mass be broadcasted anywhere?

We will be streaming the Mass live via YouTube on the day of the Mass. A YouTube video will be available after the Mass. Please visit pvm.archchicago.org to find the live streaming link on the day of the Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Will you have refreshments after Mass?

We will be offering simple refreshments such as cookies and coffee. We invite couples to stay and mingle with others to celebrate.

What if my spouse and I can't attend the Mass?

We understand that you may have other plans or that an emergency may come up. We will be sending certificates out to all Jubilarian couples after the Mass regardless of whether or not they were in attendance.

Can we invite other couples?

If you know of other couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, then we would love to have them celebrate with us. You will be able to register for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass either on your own or through the parish office. We have asked parish offices to assist in this process.

What if I no longer live in Chicago but celebrated my wedding there 50 years ago?

If you are able and willing to come to Chicago to celebrate your 50 year wedding anniversary, then come and join us! We have had couples in the past travel from out of state to celebrate in Chicago.

Will we receive a certificate recognizing our 50th Wedding anniversary?

All certificates will be mailed a few weeks after the Mass whether a couple attended the event or was not able to attend.

Will there be a collection at Mass?

A donation envelope will be sent to you with your certificate after the Mass.

What happens if we can no longer attend at the last minute?

We understand that there are things that come up at the last minute or there may be a family emergency. We will be mailing certificates out to all couples after the Mass..

I still have more questions. Can I call you?

Absolutely. Please call us at 312.534.8351 if you have any additional questions.