

Suggestions for Celebrating Marriage in your parish:

1. Offer a special blessing during or after Mass for married couples
2. Offer Eucharistic Adoration on April 24 with the specific intention being for the state of marriage in our country and all those married and preparing for marriage.
3. Offer specific prayers for the faithful during Mass. Some examples are below:
 - a. For all married couples, that they continue to live their vocation of love as an example to their families and to the world of God's faithful, fruitful, and lasting love. Let us pray to the Lord
 - b. For all married couples, that they may shine the love, beauty and mercy of the Holy Trinity. Let us pray to the Lord.
 - c. For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages, especially children that they will be assured of God the Father's unfailing care for them. Let us pray to the Lord.
 - d. For all those discerning a vocation to marriage, that they Lord guide their hearts and make His will clear for their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. Host a date night or parish program for engaged and married couples. Some examples:
 - a. Offer a short reflection on marriage followed by a meal or light reception
 - b. Host a screening of a strong marriage film such as "Fireproof" or "No Greater Love" with reflection and/or discussion
 - c. Perhaps offer childcare as well to make it easier for those with children to attend

These are just a few options. You are, of course, not obligated to participate in celebrating marriage on this day, but are encouraged to participate if you are able.