

# The Wedding Post

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH LAFIAJI

24TH OCTOBER 2024

## JOAN & FRANCIS ARE GETTING MARRIED



### OFFICIATING PRIESTS

**Rev. Fr. Stephen Francis Nnama**

Asst. Parish Priest

St. Michael's Catholic Church

**Rev. Fr. JudeMary Owoh, OP**

St. Dominic Catholic Church

### *1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-7*

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

**11 am** Wedding ceremony

**1 pm** Photos

**2 pm** The wedding Reception

### *BRIDAL PARTY*

**Groom's man**

John Orakwe

**Maid of Honour**

Gertrude Anuoluwapo Adebors

**Little Bride**

Olaneye MariaJose Ademide

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING A UNION OF FAITH, LOVE, AND HAPPINESS

# Order of Mass

## Introductory Rites

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

R - Amen.

The Lord be with you

R. And with your Spirit

Joan and Francis, the Church shares your joy and warmly welcomes you, together with your families and friends, as today, in the presence of God our Father, you establish between yourselves a lifelong partnership. May the Lord hear you on this joyful day. May he send you help from heaven and protect you. May he grant you your hearts' desire and fulfill every one of your prayers.

## Gloria

Refrain - Ogo ni f'olorun l'oke orun

Alaafia si ni laye f'awon eda oninu un rere

Baba wa a gbe o ga

A fiyin atola fun o

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

Ara egbe ga X2

Ope ye f'Olorun

Iyin ye f'Olorun

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

Oluwa Olorun wa

Odo Agutan Olorun

Iwo lo n ko ese aye lo

Saanu fun wa gbo ti wa

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

Ara egbe ga X2

Ope ye f'Olorun

Iyin ye f'Olorun

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

Iwo nikan leni mimo

Oluwa to ga ju lo

Jesu omo Baba

Ninu isokan emi mimo

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

Ara egbe ga X2

Ope ye f'Olorun

Iyin ye

f'Olorun

Ogo ye f'Olorun wa X2

## Collect

O God who since the beginning of the world has blessed the increase of offspring. Show favour to our supplications and pour forth the help of your blessings on these your servants Joan and Francis, so that in the union of marriage, they may be bound together in mutual affection, in likeness of mind and in shared holiness. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
R- Amen

## First Reading

Male and female he created them.

A reading from the Book of Genesis 1:26-28, 31a

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The word of the Lord  
R - Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5ac and 6a R. (see 1a)  
R - Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways! By the labor of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. R.

## **Second Reading**

Now, not with lust, but with fidelity I take this kinswoman as my wife.

A reading from the Book of Tobit 8: 4-9

When Sarah's parents left the bedroom and closed the door behind them, Tobiah rose from bed and said to his wife, "My sister, come, let us pray and beg our Lord to grant us mercy and protection."

She got up, and they started to pray and beg that they might be protected. He began with these words:

"Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors;

blessed be your name forever and ever!

Let the heavens and all your creation bless you forever.<sup>a</sup>

You made Adam, and you made his wife Eve to be his helper and support; and from these two the human race has come.

You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a helper like himself.'

Now, not with lust,

but with fidelity I take this kinswoman as my wife.

Send down your mercy on me and on her, and grant that we may grow old together. Bless us with children."

They said together, "Amen, amen!" Then they went to bed for the night.

The word of the Lord

R - Thanks be to God

## **Gospel**

What God has united, man must not separate.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (19:3-6)

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R - praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

## **The creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Rite of Matrimony**

Dearly beloved, you have come together into the house of the Church, so that in the presence of the Church's minister and the community your intention to enter into Marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with a sacred seal. Christ abundantly blesses the love that binds you. Through a special Sacrament, he enriches and strengthens those he has already consecrated by Holy Baptism, that they may be faithful to each other for ever and assume all the responsibilities of married life.

And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Joan and Francis, have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

R - I have

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

## **The Consent**

The Priest invites them to declare their consent:

Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

Groom

I, Francis Chiname Enemu, take you, Joan Motomori Bello, to be my wife. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

Bride:

I, Joan Motomori Bello, take you, Francis Chiname Enemu to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

## **Reception of the Consent**

Then, receiving their consent, the Priest says to the bride and groom:

May the Lord in his kindness strengthen the consent you have declared before the Church, and graciously bring to fulfillment his blessing within you. What God joins together, let no one put asunder.

The Priest invites those present to praise God:  
Let us bless the Lord.

R - Thanks be to God.

## **Blessing and giving of rings**

The Priest says: May the Lord bless + these rings, which you will give to each other as a sign of love and fidelity.

Groom:

Joan, receive 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. Amen

Bride

Francis, receive 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. Amen

## Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for people in the world today

R - Lord, graciously hear us.

For our Holy Father on earth, Francis, Bishop of this Diocese, Adewale Martins, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere, that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others.  
Lord, hear us. R.

For leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace .  
Lord, hear us. R.

For all who strive to witness to love in their lives, that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepened with the passing of each day.  
Lord, hear us. R.

For Joan and Francis, now beginning their life together, that they may have divine

For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed, that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends.  
Lord, hear us. R.

For those who have died, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life.  
Lord, hear us. R.

For these personal needs which we mention now in silence...(pause).  
Lord, hear us. R.

Let us now pray with Mary, Mother of Fairest Love as we say...

Hail Mary...

Priest: O ever living and caring God, Jesus taught us to ask, to seek, and to knock. We have just done so, confident that you will now look upon our many needs, consider our trusting faith and in your great love grant these requests which we present to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R - Amen

## Concluding Rites

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessings

May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.  
R. Amen.

May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.  
R. Amen.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.  
R. Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended  
R - Thanks be to God.