



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Frequently Asked Questions

How can we register and RSVP for the Mass?

There are several ways for a couple to register for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. The couple or someone on their behalf (i.e., family member) can register online or a couple can contact their parish and ask the parish secretary to register them for the Mass.

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

What information do I need to give?

The information required for registration is basic:

Fields marked with an () will be required*

Names (wife and husband) *

Home address *

Phone number *

Email address *

Date of marriage *

Optional fields

Preferred language certificate

Will you attend the Golden wedding Anniversary Mass on September 18, 2022?

Do you require accessible seating?

Would you be interested in volunteering for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Which role would you like to volunteer for?

Why do I need to give an email address?

This will allow you to receive important information regarding the Mass as the date approaches. If you do not have an email of your own, you can enter an email address of your children or someone who is assisting you.

Why do I need to provide my address?

After the Mass, Cardinal Blase Cupich provides couples with a certificate celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The address will be where the certificate will be mailed to.

Why do you ask for my phone number?

In the case of any last-minute updates, it is best we give you a direct call to notify you of changes.

Will I receive confirmation I registered?

Once you submit your registration, you will receive a message that states "Thanks!..." At the bottom of this page, it offers the option to "Print or get PDF of answers" in a gold box. Please print or save as a confirmation of your registration, **no confirmation email will be sent.**

How do I register my guests?

Your guests **DO NOT** need to register for the celebration, only couples register for the Mass. Your guests are welcome to come and join you on this day with no ticket or reservation necessary. Please be mindful that only up to 2 family members will be able to be seated in the church.

Event Questions

When and where will the Mass take place?

The Mass will take place on September 18, 2022 at Holy Name Cathedral this year. The address is 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

What time does the Mass begin?

The Mass will begin at 2:30 p.m. Central Time.

What time should we be there?

We ask couples to arrive no earlier than 2 p.m.

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!

Handicap parking?

Yes, there is handicap parking available.

Will there be someone to help me when I get to the church?

Yes, in the front of church, there will be people assisting those that need help. These individuals will also help to guide you inside the parish. If you need more details about this, please contact us at **312.534.8351**

Will I get an invitation?

No, your registration serves as your RSVP for the Mass.

Do we need tickets?

No, physical or electronic tickets are not needed to enter the event.

Is there reserved seating?

No. Only those that request special needs seating will have reserved seating. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

Is there handicapped seating?

If you need special seating or handicapped seating, during your registration, there is a field to enter your special need.

How long will the Mass last?

The Mass should last about an hour and a half.

Will the Mass be broadcasted anywhere?

We will be streaming the Mass live via YouTube on the day of the Mass. This is a great way for your families and friends to participate from afar. A YouTube video will also be available after the Mass. Please visit pvm.archchicago.org to find the live streaming link on the day of the Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Venue Questions

Will there be parking available?

Yes. The parking garage is in the One Chicago building basement – 14 West Superior Street, Chicago, IL 60654. Parking Lot entrance is on Superior just east of Dearbon.

Will there be people helping in lot?

Yes. archdiocesan staff will be assisting as lot attendants.

Where are the bathrooms located?

The restrooms are located in the lower level of the Cathedral. There are stairs at the entrance of the parish and there is an elevator on the southeast corner of the lobby. Appropriate signage will be available.

What are the nearest highways?

I-90/I-94

I-290

Are there stairs?

Yes, however there is also an elevator in the entrance corner of State and Superior Street.

Invitation/Ticket Questions

Can I bring guests? How many?

Yes. We have a limit of two guests per couple. Please be mindful that many couples will want to come to this celebration and seating will be prioritized for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

I registered with my parish how do I get my tickets?

No tickets are required for entry.

Do I have to present tickets?

No. Your registration serves as RSVP.

Do my guests need to have tickets?

No tickets for guests are required, **but to ensure seating for all couples celebrating, we ask that each couple only bring up to 2 guests.**

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 whether in attendance or not.

Donations and Certificate Questions

What is the fee?

There is no fee for this event.

Will I get my certificate the day of the wedding?

Certificates will be mailed to your address a few weeks after the Mass. They should arrive to you within the month after the Mass. Thank you for your patience.

Is there a collection during Mass?

There is no collection during Mass, but you may give a free will offering. You can give your donation via an envelope which will be mailed to you with your certificate post-mass.

I still have more questions. Can I call you?

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