







SOLEMNIZATION OF HOLY MATRIMONY

BETWEEN





Date: 13th December, 2025 **Time:** 10:am **Venue:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ikot Ansa, Calabar, Cross River State

Officiating Priests

Very Rev. Fr. Cletus Udoh (sps) Rev. Fr. Edward Osoro (sps)

Catechist:

Mr. Fabian Odu And Mrs. Lydia Odey



Order of Mass

- I. Processional Hymn
- 2. Bridal Procession
- 3. First Incensation
- 4. Gloria
- 5. Opening Prayer
- 6. First Reading
- 7. Responsorial Psalm
- 8. Second Reading
- 9. Gospel Acclamation
- 10. Gospel Reading
- 11. Homily
- I 2. Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage Rites)
 - (a.) Handing over of the Bride to the Groom's family
 - (b.) Declaration of Consent
 - (C.) Blessing and exchange of Rings
 - (d.) Prayer of the newly wedded couple
- 13. Prayer of the Faithful
- 14. Offertory
- 15. Elevation
- 16. Second Incensation
- 17. Sanctus: Sanctus Libera
- 18. Agnus Dei
- 19. Nuptial Blessing
- 20. Communion
- 21. Prayer after communion
- 22. Signing of Marriage Register
- 23. Announcement
- 24. Thanksgiving
- 25. Final Blessing
- 26. Recessional Hymn



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CHOIR BRIDAL PROCESSION FIRST INCENSATION GLORIA: BY THE CHOIR

OPENING PRAYER BY THE PRIEST

Priest: Ekom-Obong and Emmanuel, who have come here to be united in the Sacrament of Marriage, increase their faith in you and in each other, and through them bless your church with Christian children. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 26:1-4, 13-16
Theme: Like the sun rising is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house

Happy is the husband of a really good wife; the number of his days will be doubled. A perfect wife is the joy of her husband, he will live out the years of his life in peace. A good wife is the best of portions, reserved for those who fear the Lord; rich or poor, they will be glad of heart; cheerful of face, whatever the season. The grace of a wife will charm her husband, her accomplishments will make him stronger. A silent wife is a gift from the Lord, no price can be put on a well-trained character. A modest wife is a boon twice over, a chaste character cannot be weighed on scales. Like the sun rising over the mountains of the Lord is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house.

Reader: The word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalms: The Choir

Psalm 33:2-9. R. v.2 or v.9

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good

- I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips
 In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
- Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise His name.
 I sought the Lord and He answered me; from all my terrors He set me free. R.
- Look towards Him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. R.
- 4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere Him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in Him. R.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:2-21-33)

Theme: This mystery has many implications and I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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Follow Christ by loving as He loved you, giving Himself up in our place. Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands in everything.

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loves the Church and sacrificed Himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when He took her to Himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself.

A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is His body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church. To sum up; you too, each one of you, must love his wife as he loves himself; and let every wife respect her husband.

Reader: The word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation – The Choir I John 4:8-I I – Alleluia, Alleluia! God is love; let us love one another as God has loved us Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 19:3-6 Theme: What God has united, man must not divide

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and to test Him they said, "Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext; whatever?

He answered, 'Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female and that He said: this is why a man must leave his father and mother, and cling to his wife, and the two become one body? They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: by the Priest

MARRIAGE RITES

Priest: Ekom-Obong and Emmanuel, you have come together to this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the church's ministers and this community. Christ abundantly bless this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches you.

Priest: Ekom-Obong and Emmanuel, have you come here freely and without reservations

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to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Groom: Yes, I have **Bride:** Yes, I have

Priest: Will you accept children from God and bring them up according to the law and teachings of Christ and the Church?

Groom: Yes, I will Bride: Yes, I will

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Priest: Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and His church (couple turns to each other and join their right hands)

Groom: I, Emmanuel Adie Ugi, take you Ekom-Obong Usen Markson to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, I will love, honour and cherish you all the days of my life, till death do us part.

Bride: I, **Ekom-Obong Usen Markson**, take you **Emmanuel Adie Ugi**, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, I will love, honour and cherish you all the days of my life, till death do us part.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS:

To the **Groom: Priest:** (repeat after me) **Ekom-Obong Usen Markson,** take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. Take it also as an invitation to share the rest of my life with me. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

To the **Bride: Priest:** (repeat after me) **Emmanuel Adie Ugi,** take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. Take it also as an invitation to share the rest of my life with me. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Priest: I call on you all here to witness this holy union which has now been blessed. By the authority vested on me, I now declare you husband and wife. Therefore, what God has joined, no man must divide.

PRAYER OF THE NEWLY WEDDED COUPLE

We thank you Lord and praise you for bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other, now together, we give ourselves to you. We ask you Lord, make us one in your love and keep us in your peace.

Protect our marriage, bless our home, make us gentle, keep us faithful, and when life is over, unite us again where parting is no more, in happiness and peace of your eternal home.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Congregation: Amen



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: Directed by the priest

OFFERTORY: Choir ELEVATION: Choir

SECOND INCENSATION: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

- I. Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see, All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.
- Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to share and to guide,
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

SANCTUS: SANCTUS LIBERA

AGNUS DEI: CHOIR

NUPTIAL BLESSINGS: BY THE PRIEST

COMMUNION HYMNS: (a) I am the Bread of life

(b) Deeper in love

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life
 He who comes to me shall not hunger,
 He who believes in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me, unless the Father draw him.

Chorus

And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up And I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world and he who eats of this bread, he shall live forever, he shall live forever.

DEEPER IN LOVE

Chorus:

Take me deeper in love with you Jesus, O deeper in love Hold me closer in love with you Jesus, O closer in love with you.



- Lord there is a longing only you can fill, A raging tempest only you can still, My soul is thirsty for you, O my God, Lord quench my thirst, Lord feed my soul.
- Yes, from sunrise to sunrise, I seek your face, From day to day, I long for your touch, To hold my hand Lord lest I fall, To draw me nearer closer to thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Lord, in your love, you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you have made **Ekom-Obong** and **Emmanuel** one in the sacrament of marriage, so now make them one in love for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER:
ANNOUNCEMENTS
THANKSGIVING
FINAL BLESSING
RECESSIONAL HYMN





ORDER OF PHOTOGRAPHS

- I. Couple with Officiating Priest(s)
- 2. Couple with Sponsors
- 3. Couple alone
- 4. Bride alone
- 5. Groom alone
- 6. Bride and Chief Bridesmaid
- 7. Bride and Bridesmaids
- 8. Groom and Best man
- 9. Groom and Groomsmen

Couple with:

- 10. Bridal Train
- 11. Bride's Parents
- 12. Groom's Parents
- 13. Both Parents
- 14. Bride's siblings
- 15. Groom's siblings
- 16. Bride's Family
- 17. Groom's Family
- 18. Bride's extended family
- 19. Groom's extended family
- 20. Ministers of Hospitality (MOH)
- 21. The Rock Chapel of Victory Church
- 22. Catholic Women Organization (CWO), SPC.
- 23. Catholic Men Organization (CMO), SPC
- 24. Ladies in maroon
- 25. All members of Sure4Prince Campaign Organization
- 26. Team Ma Adiah
- 27. All political figures
- 28. All staff of NUGI Group of companies.
- 29. Members of CYON (SPC)
- 30. Legion of Mary
- 31. Association of Senior Retired Public/Private Civil Servants Obudu (ASPPRO).
- 32. Cross River State NYSC members
- 33. Akwa Ibom Community
- 34. Obudu Community
- 35. Bride's friends
- 36. Groom's friends
- 37. All well wishers.





Bridal Train

Chief Bridesmaid

Dorcas Otendam

Best Man

Ejiogu Emeka Steven

Bridesmaids

- I. Aniebiet Benson
- 2. Estella-Edidiong Chris
- 3. Edidiong Reuben
- 4. Mercy Aleje
- 5. SuccessValerie Chinecherem
- 6. Dorathy Ukpong

Groomsmen

- I. Edward Offionor
- 2. Joseph Ofem
- 3. Pius Agim
- 4. Piserchia Ovie
- 5. Tony-Anslem Bekongwubel
- 6. Eric Njumine

Brides parents

Pastor & Mrs. Usen Markson Udo

Groom's Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Ishubel Ugi

Sponsors

Chief & Mrs. Cletus Agorye

Chairman of the Occasion

Dr. & Mrs. Mathias Unimke Angioha

Special Guest of Honour

Mr. Ugi Augustine Ugi (Jnr)



Decoration

Veracruz Decoration

Catering Services

Maydav Epicture

Cake designer

Booksbakery

Photography

7frames Media

Entertainment

Afriquemodels

Live Band

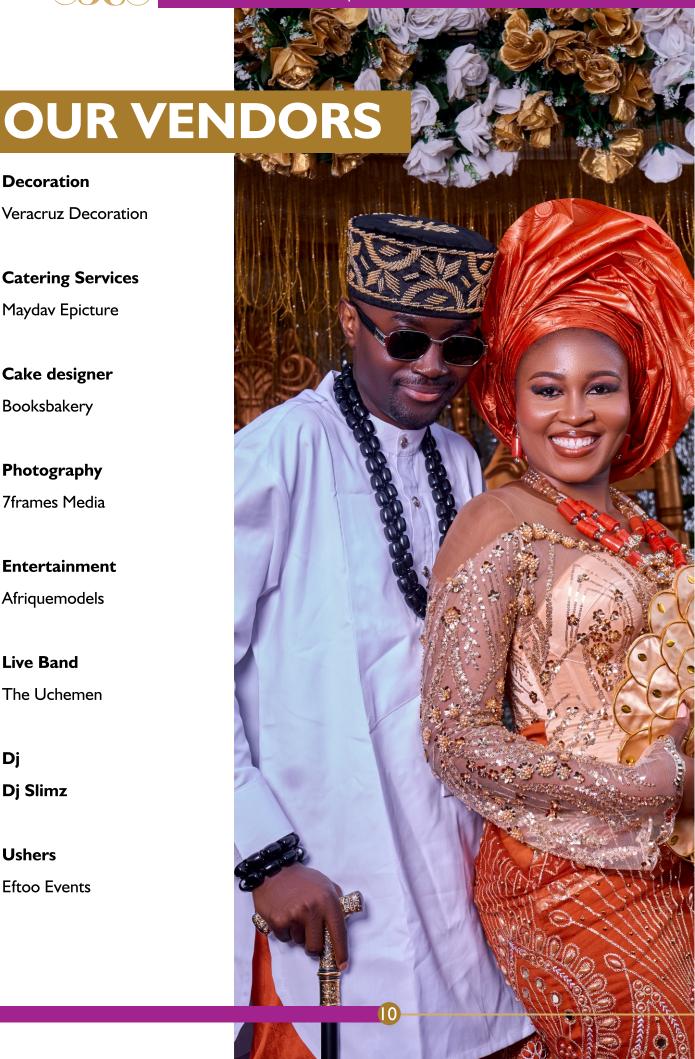
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Eftoo Events





ORDER OF RECEPTION

The Dome Event Centre, Calabar Municipal Council

- I. Arrival of guests and recognitions
- 2. Bride's family entrance
- 3. Groom's family entrance
- 4. Couple entrance
- 5. Opening Prayer
- 6. Chairman's Opening Remark
- 7. Couple Nuptial dance.
- 8. Blessing and cutting of the cake
- 9. Feeding of the Bride and Groom
- 10. Toast; Bride and Groom
- 11. Refreshments
- 12. Vote of thanks by the Groom
- 13. Chairman's closing remark
- 14. Closing prayer
- 15. Dance party
- Departure











APPRECIATION

We are deeply grateful to
God Almighty for making this day a reality.
Our heartfelt thanks also goes out to our family, friends and everyone who joined us on this special day. Your love, support, and presence have made our celebration truly unforgettable. God bless you all.

MR. AND MRS. EMMANUEL ADIE UGI, ESQ.

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