

The Filipino Wedding Traditions

1. The coins symbolize the couple's hopes for a prosperous future and an abundance of joy in their life together. They believe that all good things are gifts from God our Father.
2. The ceremonial veil placed over the groom's shoulders and the bride's head symbolizes the unity of the two families now joined as one. It is also a prayer for health and protection during their married life. Their love is caught up into the very mystery of God's love in the Holy Trinity; thus their union must be wrapped in honor and respect. Their intimacy is to be healthy and holy, so that by grace God may know and find his delight in them.
3. The *Yugal*, a cord of silk or flowers, is entwined loosely around the necks of both the bride and the groom in the form of a figure eight. The cord symbolizes the infinity of the bond of marriage, a union that lasts a lifetime. Their faithful marriage is a living sign of God's divine mercy and infinite love for them and for all his children. The Lord will watch over them and all married couples and families out of a jealous love with his just and mighty hand.