

FRENCH POLYNESIA

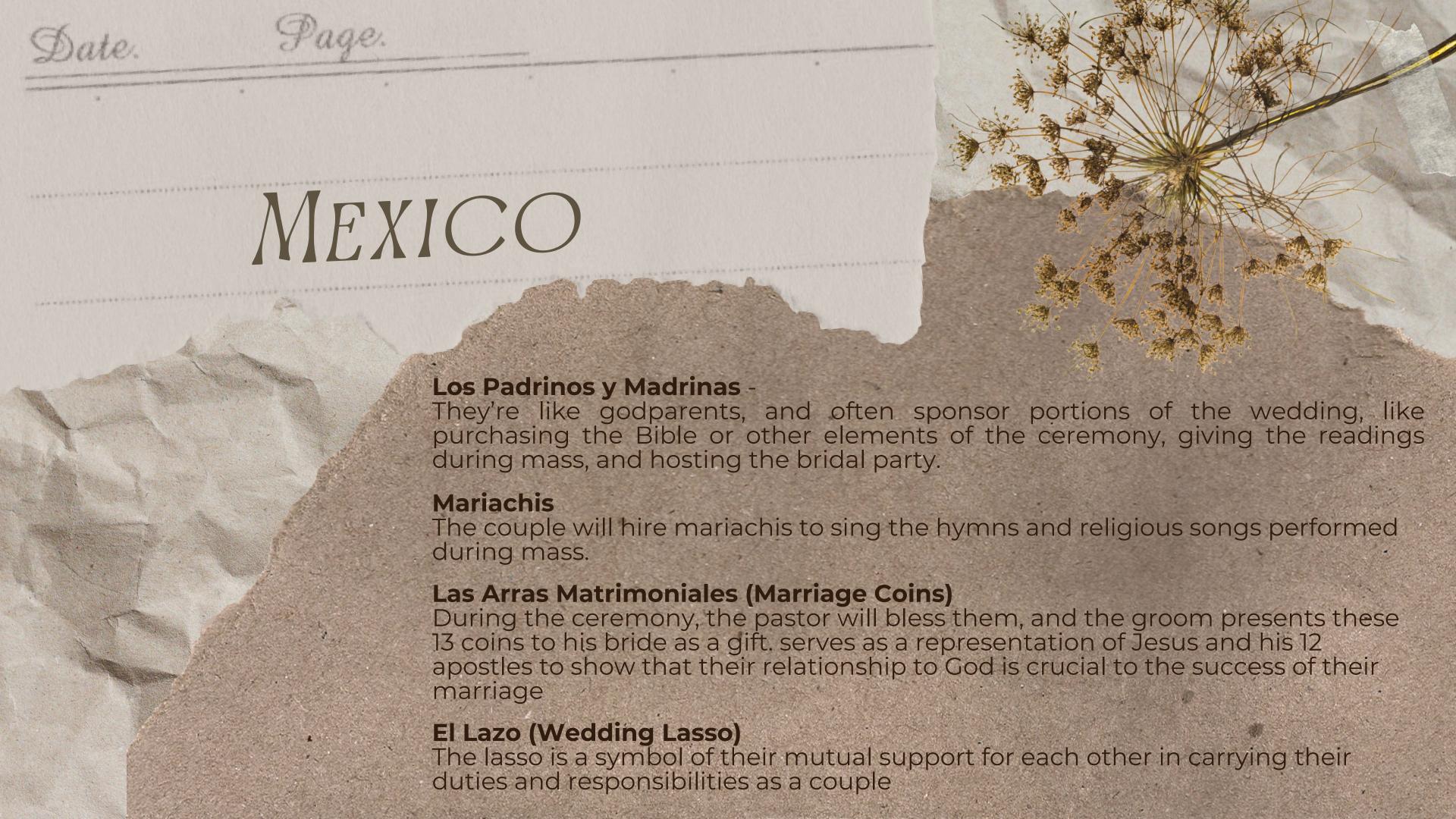
- Va'a In traditional French Polynesian weddings, the groom arrives at the wedding venue before the bride. The bride often arrives in a canoe known as the Va'a. Other guests or close friends of the bride then usually escort her to meet her husband
- Auti Leaves Auti leaves are often used in both church and traditional wedding ceremonies in French Polynesia. The hands of the bride and groom are tied together with auricular leaves. After the priest ties the couple's hands, he pours either clear lagoon or coconut water to strengthen their relationship and bond.

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Heart of Flowers

This is a unique ceremonial rite that involves the decoration of a part of the wedding venue in the shape of a heart. The bride and groom often stand very close to the flowers while the priest officiates the wedding. Some guests may take pictures at the spot after the ceremony.





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