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- **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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Los Padrinos y Madrinas -

They're like godparents, and often sponsor portions of the wedding, like purchasing the Bible or other elements of the ceremony, giving the readings during mass, and hosting the bridal party.

Mariachis

The couple will hire mariachis to sing the hymns and religious songs performed during mass.

Las Arras Matrimoniales (Marriage Coins)

During the ceremony, the pastor will bless them, and the groom presents these 13 coins to his bride as a gift. serves as a representation of Jesus and his 12 apostles to show that their relationship to God is crucial to the success of their marriage

El Lazo (Wedding Lasso)

The lasso is a symbol of their mutual support for each other in carrying their duties and responsibilities as a couple



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The background features a collage of crumpled, aged paper with torn edges. At the top, a strip of paper with printed text is visible, including words like "did no", "for c", "I an", "rever", "besid", "a kn", "poor", "eded", "t car", "e", "ed", "e", "he", "d", "rin", and "sh". On the left side, there are several dried, pressed yellow flowers with thin green stems. On the right side, there is a single white daisy flower with a yellow center, accompanied by a green fern frond.

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