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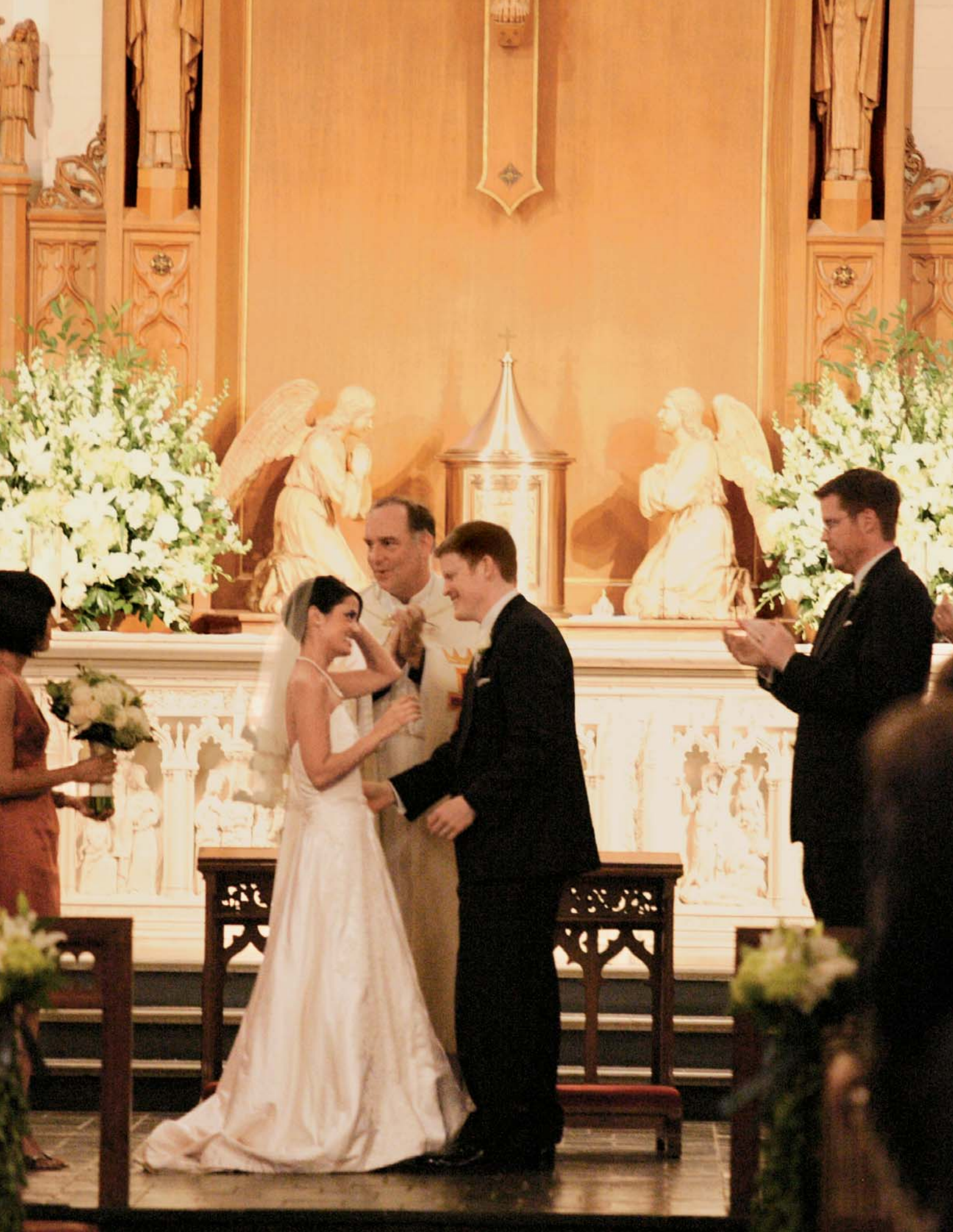
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priya & josh

OCTOBER 8, HOUSTON

photography by Chris Moseley

Some people never forget a face (or a crush), as Josh McMorrow, a 32-year-old attorney, can attest. He first met Priya Chouhan, 29 and also a lawyer, at Trinity University, but it wasn't until years later that they started dating. "We only overlapped for a year, but I remember her coming to parties at my house," says Josh. "When she accepted an offer from the law firm where I worked, I reintroduced myself to her at a cocktail party." Love blossomed, he proposed last April, and the blissful pair raced to bring a fall wedding to fruition. They booked a church with a grand stone interior and oversaw a few details, then brought on a planner to deal with everything else.

The couple set a gorgeous tone by sending out hand-scripted invitations. A printer transferred all the pertinent information to engraving plates for what many guests claimed to be the most beautiful invitations they'd ever seen. >>





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Priya walked down the aisle to the sound of a trumpet. She was radiant in a strapless, candlelight, silk satin Marisa gown adorned with alençon lace panels on the bodice and skirt with a satin ribbon at the waist. A veil was custom-made with matching lace, and her bouquet was made up of cream Vendela roses, hydrangeas, and white freesia. The Catholic service honored the groom's Irish Catholic heritage, while a traditional Hindu engagement ceremony honoring the bride's faith was held several months prior at the couple's home. Priya's father also arranged for a Hindu priest to come to Houston to perform the wedding day ritual in which the couple receives a special blessing and gold coins for luck. Guests then enjoyed cocktails as a bagpiper in Scottish dress entertained outside of the Rice Hotel. Ice bars were carved with the couples' initials and also had drink holders so guests could keep their cocktails chilled. Soon after, the bagpipes led the 250 guests into the hotel's historic ballroom for the reception.

The couple worked closely with their florist to create a palette bursting with orange, terra cotta, apricot, and lime green. The ballroom was awash in the most vibrant displays of color, where tables were >>





Style tip: Incorporate your heritage into your wedding style. Priya wore a traditional white gown to meet Josh at the altar and later changed into Indian wedding attire to honor her roots.



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heaped with centerpieces up to four feet tall. Candelabras and glass cylinders were dotted with green hydrangeas, orange roses, dark pink roses and lilies, and ligustrum berries, the same blooms the bridesmaids carried. A custom-installed floral lighting pattern shone on the ceiling.

The meal itself also was colorful, featuring an array of Indian spices and international flavors. Guests enjoyed samosas, tomato-basil soup, Greek salad, saffron-rice *pulao* (pilaf), *bhindi masala* (sautéed okra in a spicy vegetable sauce), *daal makhni* (mildly spiced pureed lentils), petite filets, salmon, and mashed sweet potatoes. Priya changed into traditional Indian wedding garb—a red, silk shantung top and full skirt with gold embroidery and gold beadwork— just in time for the father-daughter dance.

Priya and Josh took their first dance to the sound of Van Morrison’s “Tupelo Honey,” and after a hearty evening of dancing, guests threw confetti that had been printed with well wishes as the couple escaped in an antique Rolls-Royce. Their international honeymoon took them to Los Cabos, Mexico, and then to Ireland for two-weeks. —L.G. >>





PRIYA & JOSH'S INGREDIENTS

CEREMONY SITE Holy Rosary Catholic Church (713) 529-4854 **RECEPTION SITE** The Crystal Ballroom at The Rice (713) 227-7423 **PHOTOGRAPHY** Chris Moseley Photography, ChrisMoseley.com, Dallas **CONSULTANT** Christine Hoffer, Belle of the Ball (713) 528-9966 **OFFICIANT** Fr. Paul F. English, Saint Anne Catholic Church (713) 526-3276 **VEIL** Jenny Kim Bridal Couture (713) 528-0500 **SHOES** Anne Klein, borrowed from a bridesmaid **MAKEUP** Façade Incorporated (713) 552-1545 **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** The three bridesmaids wore dusty rose, satin, V-neck dresses by Kay Unger. Tootsie's (713) 629-9990 **FORMALWEAR** Al's Formal Wear (713) 622-5700 **INVITATIONS** Embossed Graphics of Texas (713) 667-0034 **FLOWERS** Tara Quigley Florist (713) 520-8010 **RENTAL EQUIPMENT** The Linen House (713) 522-1711 **CATERING** Sambuca Catering (713) 227-7423; Kiran's Restaurant (713) 960-8472 **MUSIC** Ceremony: Dave Zeger String Quartet (713) 666-4153; bagpiper: Stanley Fontenet (281) 728-2587, Houston; reception band: Commercial Art (281) 363-3338 **CAKE** The four-tier lemon-filled cake showcased the topper from Priya's parents' wedding. Who Made The Cake! (713) 528-4719 **ACCOMMODATIONS** St. Regis Hotel (713) 840-7600 **HONEYMOON** Mexico and Ireland

