



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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To the Family of the Deceased:

The parish community of St. Mary's wants you to know that we are here at this time to help ease the burden of grief for your family. The information attached has been prepared so that you can make some decisions about the funeral Mass that will take place at St. Mary's for your loved one. We hope that these choices will allow your family to become more involved in the funeral Mass. In addition, there is also information regarding cremation.

Sometimes, families would like to have another priest come and celebrate the funeral Mass or another musician come and play/sing for the funeral Mass.

- In the case of a visiting priest, please ask him to call the Parish Office at St. Mary's – (201) 384-0557 – so that we can determine if the visiting priest:
  1. will lead the wake service
  2. say the funeral Mass and/or
  3. lead the service at the graveside
  4. has the faculties to do so.
- In the case of a visiting musician, please contact our Director of Music, Luis Chavez to make these arrangements. Please note – our organist/singer will still receive his/her stipend for the funeral since this stipend is part of their income for playing/singing at St. Mary's. Any stipend that you wish to give a visiting musician is up to you and would be in addition to the stipend given to our musician.

We at St. Mary's thank you for taking the time to look over these various options. We hope that they will make the funeral liturgy a true source of comfort for you. May God be with you and your family through this difficult time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the priests, our liturgy coordinator, Kathy Sylvester at (201) 788-3152, or Luis Chavez, our music minister at (646) 966-8148.

Sincerely,

Rev. Stephen A. Carey  
Pastor



All material in this packet may also be found on the St. Mary's Webpage – [www.stmarysdumont.org](http://www.stmarysdumont.org).  
or by scanning the QR code above.

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## **The Roman Catholic Church and Cremation**

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For many reasons, both practical and financial, many Catholics are now choosing cremation for a loved one at the time of death or choosing it for themselves as they preplan for their own funeral. For a very long time, cremation was not permitted for Catholics. However, in 1963, the Vatican lifted the prohibition against cremation as long as it is not chosen for reasons contrary to Catholic teaching.

While the Church now allows for cremation, the Church teaches that the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The Church stresses that cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.

The practice of scattering cremated remains on the ground or at sea or keeping cremated remains in the home are not the reverent dispositions that the Church expects.

The Church continues to teach that the bodies of those who have died be treated with great respect and dignity, both as God's creation and as former temples of the Holy Spirit, and as an expression of our hope in the risen life to come, which Catholics believe will once again unite the human person as body and spirit.

# FUNERAL LITURGY PREPARATION SHEET – ST. MARY’S PARISH

**Name of deceased** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Date/Time of Funeral** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Family person to contact** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone number** - \_\_\_\_\_

## 1) The Funeral Pall

At the very beginning of the funeral Mass, the casket is blessed with water as a reminder of the deceased person's Baptism and a large white cloth called a "pall" is placed on the casket. This pall is a reminder of the white garment with which this person was clothed at his/her Baptism. Family members can place this sign of Baptism - the pall - on the casket.

**Will family members or friends – usually 2-4 people - place the funeral pall on the casket?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**      \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

## 2) Readings

The Word of God is an integral part of the Funeral Mass. Our faith is rooted in God’s word and it is a true source of consolation for the family. There are three passages from Scripture that are read at a funeral: the first from the Old Testament; the second from the letters found in the New Testament; the third from one of the four Gospels. If you wish to choose these readings, please use the Scripture selections attached. There are:

- 1) First Reading: 7 readings from the Old Testament\*\*
- 2) Second Reading: 15 readings from the New Testament
- 3) Gospel: 19 readings from the Gospels (the priest will choose the Gospel).

\*\*Please note that during the Easter Season (Easter Sunday through Pentecost) the first reading is also taken from the New Testament rather than the Old Testament. The 4 options for the first reading during the Easter Season are also attached. If there are other readings from scripture that the family wishes to use, they must be approved by the parish. Contact Kathy Sylvester (201)788-3152 or call the parish office (201-384-0557).

You are asked to mark your choices if you wish to choose the readings. (You may choose not to do this. If that is the case, the priest saying the funeral Mass will choose.)

**a) Will your family choose the Scripture passages that will be read at the funeral?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**      \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**b) Will family members read these Scripture passages?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**      \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

*If yes, please list them on the next page, for example, # 3, Wis. 4, 7-14.*

**Old Testament** (except during Easter Season)

**New Testament**

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel (*priest will choose and read*)

3) **Gift Bearers**

Family members or friends of the deceased may bring up the gifts of bread and wine. If you want your family/friends to bring up the gifts, *please know that there can be **only two people** involved in bringing up the gifts.*

Do you want to have family members/friends bring up the gifts? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, list names: \_\_\_\_\_

4) **Words of Remembrance**

At this most difficult time, very often a family member or friend feels the need to offer a reflection about the person who has died. While it is not required, we want to offer the opportunity for someone to speak if the family so chooses.

**During the funeral mass, *only one person will be permitted to speak*** and it should be relatively brief (3-5 minutes). Words of Remembrance spoken in church should be a reflection of how the deceased person lived the Christian call to discipleship. They will be offered after Communion. The priest will invite the person by name, up to give their reflections. It is highly recommended that these Words of Remembrance should be written out in advance.

Fond memories or old and amusing story about the deceased are a wonderful way to celebrate the life of our loved one who has died but they should be best shared during the wake, at the graveside or during the repast.

Will someone offer Words of Remembrance? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, when will the reflection be given? \_\_\_\_Mass \_\_\_\_Wake Service \_\_\_\_Graveside

Name of Person who will speak if at Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please remember only one person is permitted to speak at Mass.*

5) **Music for the Funeral Mass**

A funeral Mass is an expression of our faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. For this reason, it is not appropriate that secular (non-religious) music be played. Therefore, this type of music is **NOT** permitted at funerals at St. Mary's. Attached with this information is a listing of appropriate music that does reflect our belief in the resurrection. This list is by no means an exclusive listing. Should your family have requests for particular religious pieces of music, they can contact our music minister who will assist your family in selecting the music for the funeral Mass. The final decision as to whether or not these songs are used at the funeral Mass belongs to our music minister. (If your family wishes to arrange for their own musicians or singers, these individuals work under the direction of our music minister.)

## St. Mary's Church

# Suggested Funeral Music

The songs listed below are most commonly used at St. Mary's and may be interchangeable. Please indicate if you would like a selected song to be used at a different point in the mass. Seasonal (Christmas or Easter) songs may also be used. Links to recordings of the music can be found by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Luis Chavez, the Music Minister, at (646) 966-8148 or [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:music@stmarysdumont.org). When you have made your selections, please *give this music selection sheet and the liturgy preparation sheets to the funeral director. He/She will ensure that it gets to the proper people at St. Mary's.*

### GATHERING SONG:

\_\_\_\_\_ Amazing Grace  
\_\_\_\_\_ Be Not Afraid  
\_\_\_\_\_ For All the Saints  
\_\_\_\_\_ Here I Am, Lord  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shall We Gather At the River

### Composer

Traditional  
Dufford  
Williams  
Schutte  
Lowry

### COMMUNION SONG:

\_\_\_\_\_ Eat This Bread  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Am the Bread of Life  
\_\_\_\_\_ I, The Lord  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Will Be With You  
\_\_\_\_\_ One Bread, One Body  
\_\_\_\_\_ Panis Angelicus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Taste and See  
\_\_\_\_\_ We Remember  
\_\_\_\_\_ You Are Mine  
\_\_\_\_\_ You Are Near

### Composer

Berthier  
Toolan  
Kendzia  
Moore  
Foley  
Frank  
Moore  
Haugen  
Haas  
Schutte

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

\_\_\_\_\_ 23: Shepherd Me, O God  
\_\_\_\_\_ 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_ 25: To You, O Lord  
\_\_\_\_\_ 27: The Lord is My Light  
\_\_\_\_\_ 63: My Soul Is Thirsting for You  
\_\_\_\_\_ 103: The Lord is Kind & Merciful  
\_\_\_\_\_ 116: I Will Walk Before the Lord

Haugen  
Crandal  
Joncas  
Hass  
Joncas  
Haugen  
Genileau

### SONG OF FAREWELL

#### *Sung as the body is incensed*

\_\_\_\_\_ Song of the Angels  
\_\_\_\_\_ Song of Farewell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Song Of Farewell  
\_\_\_\_\_ O Loving God

Schutte  
Sands  
Old Hundreth  
McCoy

### PREPARATION SONG:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ave Maria  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Come to Me  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eye Has Not Seen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hail Mary: Gentle Woman  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Have Loved You  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lady of Knock  
\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer of St. Francis

Bach or  
Schubert

Joncas  
Haugen  
Landry  
Joncas  
Scallon  
Temple

### SENDING SONG:

\_\_\_\_\_ Go In Peace  
\_\_\_\_\_ How Great Thou Art  
\_\_\_\_\_ Let There Be Peace on Earth  
\_\_\_\_\_ On Eagle's Wings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Irish Blessing  
\_\_\_\_\_ We Shall Rise Again  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lights of the City

Hart  
Traditional  
Jackson  
Joncas  
Traditional  
Fabing  
Young  
Murphy





# **FUNERAL READINGS**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (First Reading)**

### **First Reading #1 2 Maccabees 12:43-46**

#### **A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees**

Judas, the ruler of Israel, took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

#### **The Word of the Lord**

### **First Reading #2 Job 19:1, 23-27a**

#### **A reading from the Book of Job**

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him; and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

### **First Reading #3 Wisdom 3:1-9**

#### **Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace, He proved them, and as sacrificial offerings He took them to Himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in Him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with Him in love: Because grace and mercy are with His holy ones, and His care is with His elect.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

## First Reading #3a (Short Form) Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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## First Reading #4 Wisdom 4:7-15

### **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported—snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## First Reading #5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!"

**The Word of the Lord.**



## **First Reading #6 Lamentations 3:17-26**

### **A Reading from the Book of Lamentations**

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope. The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **First Reading #7 Daniel 12:1-3**

### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel**

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## First Reading EASTER SEASON ONLY (These should only be chosen between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. )

### #1 Acts 10:34-43

#### he- **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him. You know the word that He sent to the children of Israel as He proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name."

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

### #1A (short form) Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

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#### **The Word of the Lord.**

### #2 Revelation 14:13

#### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

## FIRST READING EASTER SEASON ONLY (These should only be chosen between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. )

### #3 Revelation 20:11-21:1

#### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### #4 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

#### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away. "The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be His God, and He will be my Son."

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READINGS --Second Reading (for All Seasons)**

### **Second Reading #1 Romans 5:5-11**

#### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Second Reading #2 Romans 5:17-21**

#### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace might also reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #3 Romans 6:3-9

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with Him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #3a (short form) Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Second Reading #4 Romans 8:14-23

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, will He not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #6 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God. So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #7 1Corinthians 15:20-28

### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order; Christ the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when He hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for *He subjected everything under His feet*. But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to Him. When everything is subjected to Him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #7a 1Corinthians 15:20-23

### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order; Christ the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #8 1Corinthians 15:51-57

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this, which is corruptible, clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #9 2Corinthians 4:14-5:1

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in His presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

**The Word of the Lord.**



## Second Reading #10 2Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please Him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what He did in the body, whether good or evil.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Second Reading #11 Philippians 3:20-21

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified Body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #12 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #13 2Timothy 2:8-13

### A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him. But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #14 1John 3:1-2

### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading #15 1John 3:14-16

### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that He laid down His life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Reading (will be chosen by the priest from the following)

Matthew 5:1-12a	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 24:13-16, 28-35	John 12:23-28
Matthew 11:25-30	Luke 12:35-40	John 5:24-29	John 12:23-26
Matthew 25:1-13	Luke 23:33, 39-43	John 6:37-40	John 14:1-6
Matthew 25:31-46	Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53;	John 6:51-58	John 17:24-26
Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6	24:1-6a	John 11:17-27	John 17-18, 25-30
Mark 15:33-39	Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53	John 11:21-27	
	Luke 24:13-35	John 11:32-45	