



**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**  
**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

The Priest, Staff, and Parish Family of Sacred Heart Catholic Church wish to offer their heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your loved one. In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus by his death and resurrection conquered death. The Funeral Mass especially expresses our faith in Jesus' victory over death and everlasting life promised by his resurrection.

### **Planning the Funeral Mass**

The Church highly encourages families to participate in planning the Mass of Christian Burial for their deceased loved one. We are providing this booklet to help you in this process. Please provide the information requested on the *Mass of Christian Burial Planning Sheet*. The planning sheet is found on pages 32, 33, and 34 of the booklet. After you complete the form, please detach it from the booklet and send it to the parish office. The planning sheet will aid the Priest and Director of Music in preparing for the Funeral Mass.

The information needed includes: 1.) the name of the deceased, 2.) the date and time of the Funeral Mass, 3.) a contact person's name and telephone number, 4.) the names and relationships of the principle mourners, 5.) the names of the principle participants in the Mass (the readers and gift bearers), 6.) the music selection, and 7.) the scripture selection. We have also included two "Notes" pages. Please provide some personal thoughts about your deceased loved one in this section. Your comments will be of assistance to the Priest for his homily. In addition, the Rite provides intercessory prayers, but you may include some in this section. Finally, please confirm the Mass time with the Priest before publication in the newspapers.

### **A Word about Sacred Music**

Music is integral to the Funeral Mass. Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of funeral rites should be chosen with great care. The music at funerals should support, console, and uplift the participants and give them hope in Christ's victory over death and the Christian's share in that victory.

Therefore, the texts of the songs chosen should be related to the scripture readings used in the Mass in expressing the paschal mystery of Jesus' suffering, death, and triumph over death.

For your convenience, we are providing a list of approved songs that you may select from for the Funeral Mass. We recognize that the deceased person may have had favorite secular music that you would like incorporated into the service. We suggest that you contact the Funeral Home and instruct them to play such music during the visitation service.

### **The Reception of Holy Communion**

Catholics who receive the Eucharist profess not only their personal communion with Jesus Christ but also their full assent to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Therefore, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for only Catholics who are in the state of grace, without grave sin.

### **Cremation**

Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church urges families of the deceased that the body be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites. When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Mass.

### **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions, please call or visit us at the parish office.

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## **Selection of Scripture Readings**

On the following pages, please select one Old Testament reading and one New Testament reading. Write your selection, the number and the name of the scripture passage, on the space provided on the planning sheet. If you want a family member to read the scripture passage, please write their name also on the planning sheet. On the day of the Funeral Mass, we will provide a copy of the reading.

**First Reading**

A Reading from the Book of Job:

Then Job answered 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**

A 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.

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 the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

**First Reading**

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**

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**

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**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel:

I, Daniel, mourned and I 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**

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees:

Judas (the ruler of Israel)  
then 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.

**Second Reading**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

"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 He has sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God  
has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has  
been given to us. For Christ, while we were  
still helpless, yet 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 sinners  
Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are  
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**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

If by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one how much more will these who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person 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 one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of 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 also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

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**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children 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 the sufferings of the 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 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**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all  
how 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 this 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**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

None of us 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.

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 account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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; then come the end, when he will hand 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**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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 that 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**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent should be destroyed, we have a building in God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

A Reading from the First Letter of 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**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, 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**

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

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.

#15B Omitted  
#16B Revelation 14:13

**Second Reading**

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.

**Second Reading**

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 the 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 which 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.

**Second Reading**

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.

### **Selection of Hymns for Funeral Mass**

Please select four music choices found on pages 32 and 33 and write the names of the hymns on the space provided on the planning sheet. The Director of Music will arrange your selection in the Liturgy. A *Psalm*, which is sung between the first and second readings, will be chosen by the Director of Music. Please note that depending on the Liturgical Season (Advent, Lent, Easter, or Ordinary Time) some of the following hymns listed may have to be substituted to suit the appropriateness of the season.

If you wish to include in the service another musician and instrument, please call the parish office to discuss this arrangement with our Director of Music.

### **Preferred List**

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
Amazing Grace  
Be With Me Lord  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Eat This Bread  
Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ  
For All the Saints  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
Hail the Day that Sees Him One  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
I Am the Bread of Life  
I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
I Will Lift Up My Eyes  
I Will Praise You Lord  
In Paradisum (May Angels Guide You)  
Jesus Christ is Risen Today  
Jesus Remember Me  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Keep in Mind  
Lift High the Cross  
Lord of All Hopefulness  
Love Divine, All Love Excelling  
Now Thank We All Our God  
O God our Help in Ages Past  
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven  
Shepherd Me O God  
Song of Farewell  
The King of Love, My Shepherd Is  
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation  
The Strife is Over  
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King  
What Wondrous Love is This  
Ye Sons and Daughters

### **Other Hymn Selections**

Be Not Afraid  
Blest Are They  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Here I Am Lord  
Hosea  
How Great Thou Art  
I Have Loved You  
Now We Remain  
On Eagle's Wings  
One Bread One Body  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Seek Ye First  
Shelter Me, O God  
We Have Been Told  
We Remember  
We Will Rise Again  
Whatsoever You Do  
You Are Near

### **Solo Vocal Music (Sung by cantor)**

Ave Maria  
Handel's Messiah (various)  
Panis Angeli

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL PLANNING SHEET**

(Please complete the following planning sheet, detach from the booklet, and send to the parish office)

**DECEASED INFORMATION**

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FUNERAL: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPAL MOURNERS**

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE FUNERAL MASS**

NAME	RELATIONSHIP
1 <sup>st</sup> READING: _____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> READING: _____	_____
INTERCESSIONS: _____ (Priest/deacon can also read these)	_____
GIFT BEARERS: _____	_____

**MUSIC SELECTION**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE SELECTION**

OLD TESTAMENT--**PICK ONE OF THE "A" READINGS:** \_\_\_\_\_

NEW TESTAMENT--**PICK ONE OF THE "B" READINGS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES**

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