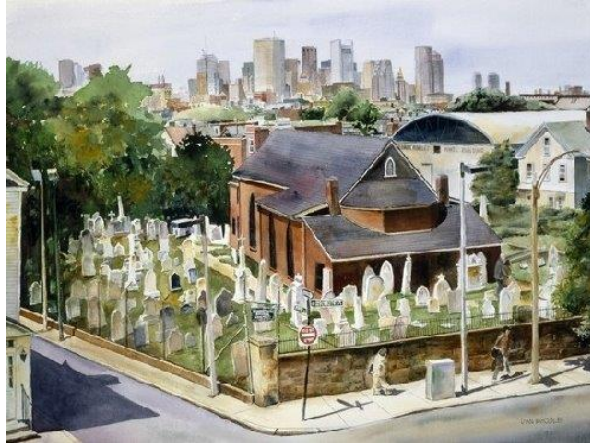


# **Funeral Planning Book**

***St. Augustine Chapel***

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***Gate of Heaven Parish***

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***St. Brigid of Kildare Parish***

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# **Preparing For The Funeral Liturgy**

The funeral rite of the Catholic Church expresses our deepest Christian hope: namely, that our family and friends who have died are now in the tender embrace of God, and that someday with Jesus Christ in Heaven we, their loved ones, shall be reunited with them forever.

Recognizing that varying and immense emotions often accompany the death of a loved one, the priests and pastoral staff of Gate of Heaven Parish, St. Brigid's Parish, and St. Augustine Chapel stand ready to assist you in planning the funeral.

The Catholic Church's funeral rite consists of 3 parts. The first is the Vigil Service (wake), which normally occurs during the visiting hours at the funeral home. The second is the Funeral Liturgy (Mass). The third is the Rite of Committal (burial or internment).

Family members are encouraged, as much as they are able, to play an active role in the Funeral Liturgy. This includes choosing and reading the Scripture selections used at the liturgy. The placing of the pall on the casket at the beginning of the liturgy, as well as bringing the offertory gifts to the altar are other (non-speaking) ways of being involved.

## **Placing of the Pall**

The funeral pall is a white cover draped over the casket at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. This pall reminds us of the white garment given to us at our Baptism. It symbolizes our new life in Christ.

Members of the Family or friends of the deceased are encouraged to place the pall on the casket. If not done by family or friends, the Funeral Director does it. If cremated remains are brought into the Church, the placing of the pall is omitted.

## **Scripture Readings**

The word of God brings hope and consolation. You may choose one or two scripture readings for a Funeral Mass from the selections offered in this Funeral Planning Book. Traditionally, if two scripture readings are chosen, one is chosen from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. If there is only one reading, that can be chosen from the Old Testament or the New Testament. Family members and friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings. If family members or friends are not available to read the scripture, the lector from the church will proclaim the scripture readings.

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

We also encourage a family member or a friend to read the petitions of the prayers of the faithful, following the homily. This can be found in the Family Planning Book

# **Preparing For The Funeral Liturgy**

## **Music**

Music is an integral part of worship during the Funeral Mass and can be helpful in the grieving process. **Secular (pop) music is not appropriate for the Funeral Mass.** However, we encourage such songs to be played/performed during the wake, after the committal at the cemetery, or at the reception following the funeral.

Please choose music from the list of approved songs located in this Funeral Planning Book. Some songs are interchangeable – but others are only appropriate for an entrance or closing hymn. **The order of songs you choose may be changed by the Organist/Music Director. Thus, if you are printing any type of program or worship sheet – please confirm with the priest that the music is in the appropriate section of the Funeral Liturgy.**

**Words of Remembrance:** At the beginning or conclusion of the Mass, **ONE** family member or friend can say a few words in remembrance of the Deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out those words of remembrance in advance and keep them to **less than five minutes in length.** ***It is important that the remarks focus on God, prayer and the faith of the life of the Deceased and should be respectful of the fact that we are in Church, in the presence of God. Please see the priest for guidance when preparing your words of remembrance.***

# OLD TESTAMENT READINGS



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# Old Testament

## Reading #1

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

*(19:1, 23-25, 27)*

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! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's, will behold him: my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**The Word of the Lord.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #2

### **A reading from the book of Proverbs** *(31:10-12, 17, 20, 25-29)*

Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. She girds herself with strength; she exerts her arms with vigor. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of their household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.”

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

# Old Testament

## Reading #3

### **A reading from the book of Sirach**

*(3:2-6, 12-15)*

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons. Those who honor their father atone for sins; they store up riches who respect their mother. Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard. Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother. My son, be steadfast in honoring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; do not revile him because you are in your prime. Kindness to a father will not be forgotten; it will serve as a sin offering – it will take lasting root. In time of trouble it will be recalled to your advantage, like warmth upon frost it will melt away your sins.

**The Word of the Lord.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #4

(Long Form)

### **A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

*(3:1-11b)*

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

**The Word of the Lord.**



# **Old Testament**

## **Reading #5**

(Short Form)

### **A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

*(3:1-8)*

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**The Word of the Lord.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #6

(Long Form)

### **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*(3:1a-3b, 4-5c, 6d,7e, 8f, 9g)*

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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 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 the elect.

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

# Old Testament

## Reading #7

(Short Form)

### **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

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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 to others, indeed, they seem 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.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #8

### **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*(4:7d, 8e-9, 10f, 11g, 12h-13, 14i)*

The just one, though they 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 passes for gray hair, and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved, living 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.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #9

### **A reading from the book of Sirach**

*(44: 10-13, 14c, 15)*

Yet these also were godly people; their virtues have not been forgotten. Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants. Through God's covenant their family endures, and their offspring for their sake. And for all time their family will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praises.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Old Testament

### Reading #10

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.** *(25:6a-7, 8d, 9e)*

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:

“Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!

This is the Lord to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Reading #11**

#### **A reading from the book of Sirach**

*(6: 7a, 11b, 14-17)*

When you gain friends, they are your other self. Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be.

**The Word of the Lord.**

# Old Testament

## Reading #12

### **A reading from the book of Lamentations**

*(3:17-21, 22k, 23,24l, 25m, 26)*

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; my enduring hope, I said, has perished before the Lord. The thought of my wretched homelessness is wormwood and poison; remembering it over and over, my soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope: The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning – great is your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, and therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the Lord's deliverance.

**The Word of the Lord.**



# NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



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## New Testament

### Reading #1

(Short Form)

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*(10:34j, 35-36k, 42o-43)*

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,

“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 Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 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.**

## New Testament

### Reading #2

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans** *(5:5d-8e, 9f, 10g, 11)*

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 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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #3

(Long Form)

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*(6:3c, 4d, 5e, 6f, 7-8g, 9h )*

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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #4

(Short Form)

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans** *(6:3c, 4d, 8g, 9h)*

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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #5

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*(8:31x, 32y, 33z, -35, 37c, 38d - 39)*

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 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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #6

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans** *(14:7, 8g 9h, 10i 11j, 12k)*

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 judgement 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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #7

### **A reading from the first Book of Corinthians**

*(13:1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5e, 6-7f, 8a, 13h)*

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Faith, hope, love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

**The Word of the Lord.**



# New Testament

## Reading #8

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*(15:20h, 21, 22i, 23j, 24k, 25l, 26m, 27n, 28o)*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. 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, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #9

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*(15:51z, 52a, 53b, 54c, 55d, 56e, 57f)*

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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #10

### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*(5:1, 6-7, 8e, 9, 10f)*

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.

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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #11

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**      *(3:20p, 21q)*

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.**

## New Testament

### Reading #12

#### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

*(4:13, 14e, 15f, 16g, 17-18)*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #13

### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

*(2:8f, 9g,10h, 11i, 12j, 13,k)*

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.**

# New Testament

## Reading #14

### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy** (4:6, 7f, 8g)

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

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

# New Testament

## Reading #15

### **A reading from the first letter of John**

*(3:1a, 2b, 3c)*

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. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

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



# New Testament

## Reading #16

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

*(14:13i)*

I 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 good works accompany them.”

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

# New Testament

## Reading #17

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

*(21:1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5e, 6f, 7g)*

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. 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.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “They are accomplished. 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

## Reading #18

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*(5:17, 18k, 19l, 20m, 21n)*

For if, by the transgression of one person, 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 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**

# New Testament

## Reading #19

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*(8:14j, 15k, 16l, 17m, 18n, 19, 20o, 21p, 22q, 23r)*

For 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 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.**

## New Testament

### Reading #20

#### **A reading from the first letter of John**

*(3:14i, 15j, 16k)*

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**

# New Testament

## Reading #21

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

(20:11f, 12g, 13, 14h, 15, 21:1a)

I 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (Universal Prayer)

### PRIEST will introduce the Prayers of the Faithful

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,  
(Deceased First Name)  
that (he/she) may now be admitted to the company of the saints, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For \_\_\_\_\_ who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that  
(Deceased First Name)  
(he/she) may be raised up on the last day, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ that they maybe consoled in  
(Deceased First Name)  
their grief and comforted by the presence of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

**Please wait at the Lectern until the PRIEST says the Closing Prayer.**

**Note:** Customized prayers can be added for terminally ill, care givers, police, fire, medical, military, etc. upon approval by the Priest.

## Funeral Music Selections

Below is a list of possible hymns that can be sung during the funeral Mass. For each hymn selection, the “●” indicates the parts of the Mass during which that particular selection can be sung.

This list below is not exhaustive. If there is a hymn that you would like which is not on this list, then please mention this to the priest when you speak with him.

In general, secular (pop) music is not appropriate for the Funeral Mass. However, we encourage such songs to be played/performed during the wake, after the committal at the cemetery, or at the reception following the funeral.

Hymn	Processional	Psalm	Offertory	Communion	Recessional
Abide With Me	●			●	●
All Creatures Of Our God And King	●				●
Alleluia! Sing To Jesus	●				●
All I Ask Of You	●			●	●
Amazing Grace	●		●	●	●
America The Beautiful					●
Ave Maria			●	●	
Be Not Afraid	●		●	●	●
Be Thou My Vision	●		●		●
Because The Lord Is My Shepherd			●	●	
Christ Be Beside Me	●			●	●
Eternal Father, Strong To Save (The Navy Hymn)	●				●
Eye Has Not Seen			●	●	
Faith Of Our Fathers	●				●
Fly Like A Bird		●			
For All The Saints	●				●
Gentle Woman			●	●	
Gift Of Finest Wheat				●	
Healing River Of The Spirit	●				●
Here I Am, Lord	●		●	●	●
Holy God We Praise Thy Name	●				●
How Can I Keep from Singing				●	●
How Great Thou Art	●				●
I Am The Bread Of Life				●	
I Heard The Voice Of Jesus	●			●	●
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	●				●
In Paradisum				●	●
Irish Blessing				●	●
Lady Of Knock				●	●
Let There Be Peace On Earth					●
Lift High The Cross	●				●
Like A Child Rests (Ps. 131)		●			
Lord Of All Hopefulness	●			●	
Lord, You Have Come (Pescador de Hombres)				●	
Morning Has Broken	●				
Now Thank We All Our God	●				●



## Funeral Music Selections

Hymn	Processional	Psalm	Offertory	Communion	Recessional
O God, Our Help In Ages Past	●				●
O Loving God (The Tune to Danny Boy)					●
On Eagle's Wings (Ps. 91)	●	●	●	●	●
One Bread, One Body				●	
Only A Shadow				●	
Panis Angelicus (Cesar Franck)				●	
Peace Is Flowing Like A River			●	●	
Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber)			●	●	
Prayer Of St. Francis			●	●	●
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	●		●	●	●
Shelter Me, O God (Ps. 103)		●			
Shepherd Me, O God (Ps. 23)		●			
Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling			●	●	
Surely The Presence Of The Lord			●	●	
The Hand Of God Shall Hold You				●	
The King of Love My Shepherd Is		●	●		
The Lord Hears the Cry Of The Poor(Ps. 34)		●			
The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing I Shall Want (Ps. 23)		●			
This Alone (One Thing I Ask) (Ps. 27)		●	●	●	
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King	●				●
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (Ps. 25)		●	●		
We Remember How You Loved Us			●	●	●
Wherever You Go			●	●	
You Are Mine		●	●	●	
You Are Near (Ps. 139)	●	●		●	●

**SAMPLE OF A Funeral Booklet**

**(Front of the Booklet when folded)**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*(NAME OF DECEASED)*

Born On (Month/Day/Year)

Born Into Eternal Life on (Month/Day/Year)

Insert Photo

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

(Date of the Burial)

Name of the Church

Address of the Church (if you wish to add that in)

**(Left Side of the Booklet when folded)**

*Celebrant*

*(Monsignor or Priest Full Name)*

*Altar Servers*

*(if you have this information)*

*Music*

*Name of Organist - comes from the parish office*  
*Name of the Vocalist comes from the parish office*

*Bagpiper*

*Full Name (if you are using one)*

*Pallbearers*

*List their first and last names*

# SAMPLE OF A Funeral Booklet

(Right Side of the Booklet when folded)

## *Introductory Rites*

*Priest Name*

## *Entrance Hymn*

*Name of the Hymn*

## *Sprinkling of Holy Water*

## *Placing of the Pall*

## *Opening Prayer*

*Priest Name*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

## *First Reading, (Old Testament Name)*

*Readers Name*

*A reading from the Book of (Name, Chapter, Verses)*

*Example: A reading from the Book of Hosea 14:1-4*

## *Responsorial Psalm*

*Name and Number of the Psalm*

## *Second Reading (New Testament Name)*

*Readers Name*

*A reading from the Book of (Name, Chapter, Verses)*

*Example: A reading from the Book of Romans 14:9-12*

## *Gospel*

*Priest Full Name*

## *Homily*

*Priest Full Name*

## *Prayers of the Faithful*

*Readers Name*

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*



**SAMPLE OF A Funeral Booklet**

*Offertory Hymn*

*Name of Hymn*

*Presentation of the Gifts*

*Full Name (s)*

*Communion Hymn*

*Name of Hymn*

*Words of Remembrance*

*Full Name*

*Final Commendation*

*Priest Name*

*Recessional Hymn*

*Name of Hymn*

**(Back Side of the Booklet when folded)**

*Suggestions for the back of the Booklet (if you wish)*

*A Prayer*

*A Thank You from the Family*

*Pictures*

*Favorite Poem*

*Interment Location*

*Reception after the burial location*



## **Where To Return The Funeral Planning Book**

Please return the “Funeral Planning Book” along with your completed “Funeral Planning Sheets” back to the Funeral Home no later than the day of the wake.

If you would like an electronic version of the Funeral Planning Book, please visit our Parish web site at [www.GateofHeavenStBrigid.org](http://www.GateofHeavenStBrigid.org). If you are working with a Funeral Home that is outside of South Boston and you require a hard copy of the Funeral Planning Book, please feel free to stop by the Parish Office at 841 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127 to pick one up. Please be sure to return the Funeral Planning Book back to the Parish Office when finished. Thank you.