

All Saints' Parish Funeral Information and Reading Selection Handbook



*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and
the life. The one who believes in me will
live, even though they die"* John 11:25

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Deceased Person: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Officiating Priest or Deacon: _____

Family Contact: _____

PLACING OF THE PALL / CROSS / BIBLE

The pall is the white cloth that covers the casket during a Catholic funeral. The pall recalls the white garment worn by Catholic Christians at the time of one's baptism. It may be placed on the casket by family members or friends.

Names of those placing the pall:

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE – Eulogy – Guidelines also on page 7

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If a eulogy is to be given, it must be brief (2-3 minutes) and must be submitted in writing to the priest **at least 24 hours in advance of its deliverance or by 3pm on Friday if the Funeral is scheduled for Monday**. The priest is the guardian of the sacred liturgy and needs to care for the integrity of the service and the reputation of the deceased. He has the right to edit or reject a suggested eulogy.

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Words of Remembrance Yes _____ No _____ Name _____

FIRST READING (*Begin on page 8*)

The first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament. Please choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "R" and indicate who will read the Scripture passage.

Selection **R**_____ Read by_____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Page 23)

Selection _____ Sung by Cantor

SECOND READING

The second reading is always taken from the New Testament. Please choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "S" and indicate who will read the Scripture passage.

Selection **S** _____ Read by _____

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is chosen from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John and is read by the priest or deacon during the funeral. **The Priest will choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "G".**

Selection **G** _____ Read by the priest or deacon.

INTERCESSIONS – Prayers of the Faithful (Begin on page 16)

Selection _____ Read by _____

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Names of those presenting gifts:

MUSIC SELECTIONS: (pages 23 -24)

Please indicate if you want an Organist: Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate if you want a Cantor: Yes _____ No _____

Entrance _____

Offertory _____

Communion _____

Last Farewell _____

Departure from Church _____

Other special requests:

(If Ave Maria is a special request, please indicate it here. Normally, it is sung **at the offertory or after the communion hymn**).

We are here to help support you during one of the most difficult times in your life and that of your family. As you read through this information know that the parishioners of All Saints Parish are here for you and are praying for you.

The parish community would like to extend to you and your family our sincere sympathy on the death of your loved one and we hope that in helping you plan the funeral liturgy we can bring some comfort to you in during this difficult time. We cannot truly comprehend the pain and loneliness that comes with the loss of a loved one but know that we are here to help. We hope you won't feel alone and know that we do understand.

Funerals for Catholics have three distinct parts from: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Funerals \(archtoronto.org\)](http://www.archtoronto.org)

1. *The Vigil*

The Vigil is the principal celebration of the Christian community during the time before the funeral liturgy. (OCF#45)

The Vigil includes a solemn reading of the Word of God and prayers for the deceased and those who mourn. This is the suitable occasion for a eulogy and for sharing remembrances of the deceased. Members of the local parish community are also encouraged to participate as a sign of concern and support for the mourners. A priest, a deacon or, in their absence, a lay person leads the community in prayer.

2. *The Funeral Mass*

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

There is an emphasis on the baptism of the deceased since it is through baptism in Jesus that each person receives the promise of eternal life. The white pall draped over the casket, the holy water and the Easter candle are symbols of Christ's life which is bestowed through the waters of baptism.

3. *The Rite of Committal*

Prayers are offered to commit the body of the deceased to its final resting place. When the body has been or will be cremated, appropriate adaptations are made to the prayers of committal and signs of farewell.

A Catholic funeral, like all funerals, is a time of sadness and mourning. However, in the Catholic faith there is joy in the belief that a funeral represents the passing of the beloved into eternal life. It is our goal to make this process as easy as possible.

A funeral should reflect the life of the one that has passed before us and should uplift those who are left behind. Funeral arrangements begin with a meeting with the funeral director. The parish is contacted next, where a priest will confirm the time for the funeral Mass.

With this handbook, we would like to remove some of the burden in planning the funeral liturgy. If you would like to select the scriptural passages for the liturgy or have someone specific to proclaim them please select from the provided list and let us know. If this task is too difficult at this time, please let us know and we will select the passages and provide a lector from the parish. Included in this handbook is appropriate music provided by our Music Director that you can select from. If there is a favorite hymn or a special request not on the list, please let us know.

The Liturgy of the Word includes the following:

1. The First Reading (*which you may choose*)
2. The Psalm (*which is sung or read and you may choose*)
3. The Second Reading (*which you may choose*)
4. The Gospel Reading (*which is chosen by the priest but a selection is provided*)

For your information, the First Reading is proclaimed after the priest says the opening prayer. This is followed by the singing of Responsorial Psalm (if music is requested). The Second Reading follows the Psalm. After the Gospel Acclamation is sung, the priest will read the Gospel followed by the homily.

Please note that after the gospel is not the time for a eulogy of our loved ones. After the Homily, there are the prayers of the faithful which you may choose from. You may also choose 3 – 4 family and friends to bring up the gifts of Bread and Wine.

Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed forms selecting the readings, psalms, and music and providing us the names of family and friends who will be participating in the liturgy.

This Funeral information and Reading selection handbook can also be found and downloaded from our website at: <https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/liturgical/funeral-liturgy/>

Please contact the church office for **current restrictions** and more information.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF CATHOLIC FUNERALS

ORDER OF A FUNERAL MASS

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Sprinkling the Casket with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall (done by family members –handed to the family by the priest)

Opening Song

Opening Prayer

Optional Eulogy (You may have members of the family or friends speak briefly about the deceased. See page for Guidelines)

Liturgy of the Word (SEE READINGS SECTION)

First Reading (taken from the Old Testament)

Psalm (sung by cantor)

Second Reading (taken from the New Testament)

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

Gospel Reading

Homily

Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful (see intercession section)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory/Presentation of Gifts song (usually a solo)

Gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar table

Preparation of the Gifts & Altar: Communion Song (solo or congregation)

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn

Final Commendation Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Closing Song

Procession to the Place of Committal (to the cemetery)

RITE OF COMMITTAL ORDER

Invitation

Scripture Verse

Prayer over the Place of Committal

Committal

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Participants for the Mass

The Pall

The pall is a white cloth which is used to cover the coffin when the church welcomes the deceased. It is to remind us of the white baptismal garment. Just as a new catholic we are clothed in white; the coffin is covered with the pall as the person enters into a new life in the resurrection of Jesus. It indicates that the deceased person is a sister or brother in Christ and a member of the Church. The priest will invite two immediate family members to place the pall on the coffin during the rite of reception of the body.

Eulogy for the Deceased – not required

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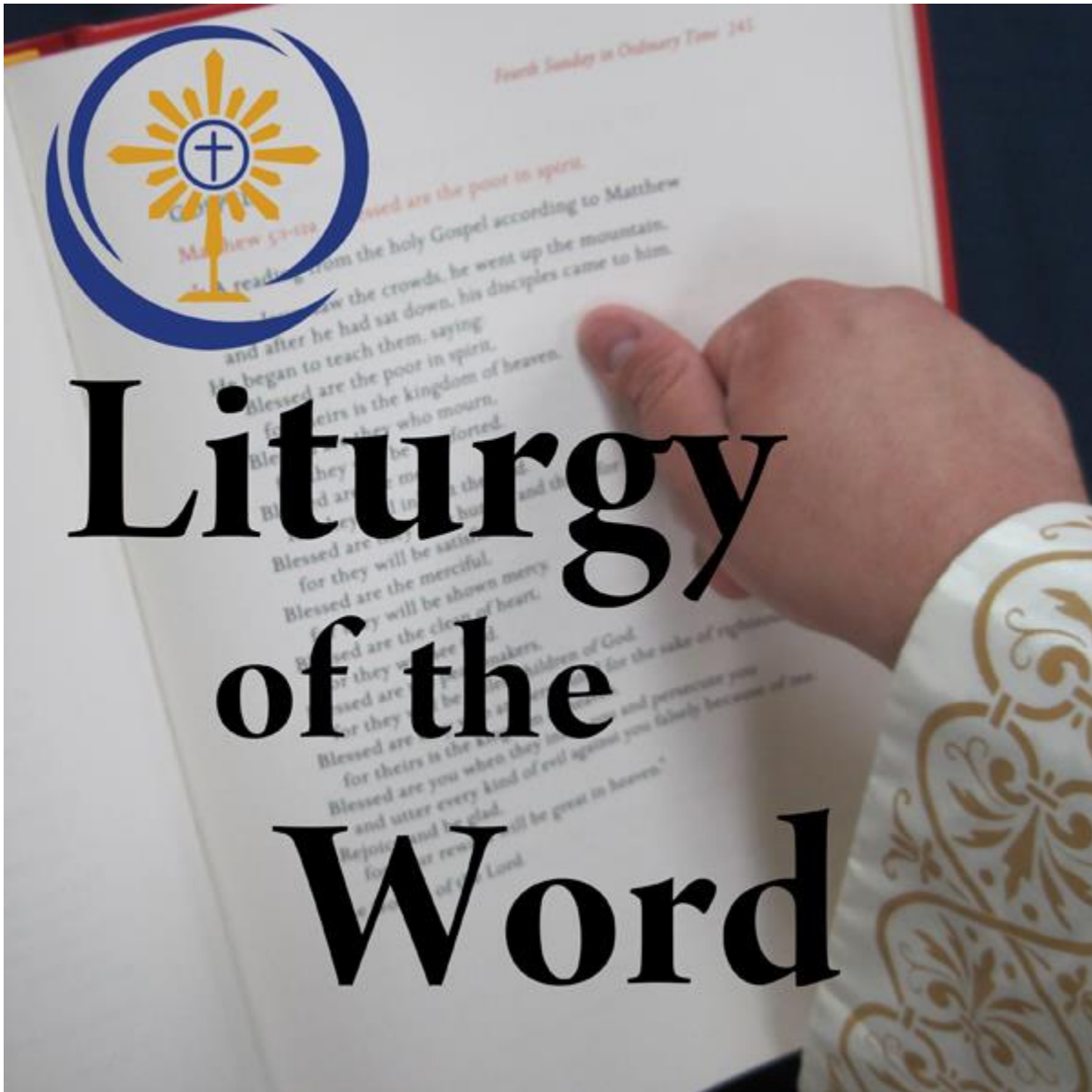
Lectors/Readers

You may select one to three people to read at Mass. One or two readers are more common. If two are chosen, there is one person who will read the scripture readings and another who will read the petitions. If there are three family members who want to participate, you may select one to read the Old Testament reading, one to read the New Testament reading, and one to read the intercessions/petitions. A list of petitions can be found in the intercession section. Keep in mind that it may be difficult for an immediate family member to proclaim the readings at the funeral Mass. If the family cannot provide the lectors, the church will provide a reader for you.

Gift Bearers/Offertory Procession

Family members such as grandchildren or friends are welcome to bring up the gifts.

Liturgy of the Word Selections



A binder with your selections will be placed on the Ambo the day of the Funeral Mass – these Selections are for your Lectors to review only.

First Readings

R1

Isaiah 25: 6-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.

R2

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever
touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was
thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they
are at peace.
For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested
them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he
accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through
the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them
forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in
love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy
ones.

The word of the Lord

R3

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 Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

R4

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is bereft of peace;

I have forgotten what happiness is;

so I say, "Gone is my glory,

and all that I had hoped for from the LORD."

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

S1

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

S2

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord.

S3

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord.

S4

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Readings

G1

Luke 12: 35-40

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[a] would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

G2

John 11:17-27

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^[b]away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

G3

John 6: 37-40

³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; ²⁷ and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Readings for the Funeral of a Child

First Reading

R5 - child

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Second Reading

S5- child

Romans 6:34 8-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Gospel Readings

G5 - child

Matthew 11: 25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ^[b] ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

G6 - child

Mark 10:13-16

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Prayers of the Faithful Selections



Prayers of the Faithful

Prayers of the Faithful "A" – Adult

Reader:

In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead **him/her** over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Our **brother/sister** _____ was nourished at the table of the Lord. Welcome **him/her** into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our **brother/sister** _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in expectation of your Son's coming.
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful "B" – Adult

Reader:

For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that **she/he** may now be admitted to the company of saints.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our **brother/sister** who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our deceased relatives and friends and all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family and friends of _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful "C" – Adult

Reader:

Our **brother/sister** _____ was given the promise of eternal life in Baptism; Lord, give **him/her** communion with your saints forever.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

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We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family and friends of _____ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in your kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful "D" – Child

Reader:

That Christ may take _____ gently by the hand and lead **him/her** into that kingdom which He said belongs to all those who are little.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As a child, _____ thirsted for life here on earth; may **he/she** now enjoy the fullness of life in the kingdom of God.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For _____ 's family, that they may be consoled in the knowledge that as they cherished **him/her** in life, God will cherish **him/her** in death.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the children of the world, that we may never be a stumbling block to them, but rather that we may open the doors of life to them.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That we may be conscious of, and strive to live up to, our great dignity as children of God.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That we may be convinced that all those who share Christ's suffering in this life will share his glory in the next.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful "E" – Child

Reader:

For child of God and heir to the kingdom, that he be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For _____ 's family, especially his mother and father, [his brother(s) and sister(s)] that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For _____ 's friends, those who played with **him/her** and those who cared for **him/her**, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Psalms and Hymns Selections



*Be assured that All Saints Parish Music Ministry will do its best to assist you
in this time of grief.*

MUSIC SELECTIONS (if desired)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

* Note: Hymns with "Alleluia" are not sung during Lent.

Entrance

- A _____ Requiem Aeternam
- B _____ Amazing Grace (#586)
- C _____ Yahweh I Know You are Near
- D _____ Be Not Afraid (#596)
- E _____ * For All the Saints (#791)
- F _____ Here I Am, Lord (#671)
- G _____ We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
- H _____ Jerusalem, My Happy Home (#764)
- I _____ We Who Once Were Dead
- J _____ On Eagle's Wings
- K _____ * Seek Ye First (#600)
- L _____ Abide with Me
- M _____ Be With Me Lord (#50)

Responsorial Psalm

- A _____ Psalm 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd
- B _____ Psalm 27 The Lord Is My Light and Salvation
- C _____ Psalm 51 Like the Deer
- D _____ Psalm 63 For You My Soul is Thirsting
- E _____ Psalm 34 Rest In God Alone

Offertory

- A _____ Pie Jesu (from Fauré's Requiem)
- B _____ Jerusalem, My Happy Home (#764)
- C _____ Here I Am, Lord (#671)
- D _____ Like a Shepherd (#332)
- E _____ Prayer of St. Francis (#721)
- F _____ Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (#850)
- G _____ You Are Mine (#627)
- H _____ Ave Maria
- I _____ How Can I Keep From Singing?

Communion

Any Hymn from Entrance/Offertory List OR:

- A _____ Hosea (#405)
- B _____ You Are Mine (#627)
- C _____ Whatsoever You Do (#656)
- D _____ Shepherd Me, O God
- E _____ Take and Eat (#812)
- F _____ Gift of Finest Wheat (#816)
- G _____ I Am the Bread of Life (#822)
- H _____ Rest Now in Me

Post-Communion

- A _____ Lux Aeternam
- B _____ Ave Verum
- C _____ Ave Maria
- D _____ Go Silent Friend (Danny Boy) (#868)

Last Farewell

- A _____ An Irish Blessing
- B _____ The Lord Bless You and Keep You
- C _____ Songs of the Angels
- D _____ In Paradisum (#865)
- E _____ May Flights of Angels Lead You
- F _____ Song of Farewell
- G _____ I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- H _____ Jesus, Remember Me (#422)

Departure from the Church

- A _____ Amazing Grace (#586)
- B _____ O God Beyond All Praising
- C _____ How Great Thou Art (#496)
- D _____ Lord of All Hopefulness (#560)
- E _____ In Paradisum (#865)
- F _____ Battle Hymn of the Republic
- G _____ The Summons (#687)
- H _____ Lord of All Power
- I _____ Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#542)
- J _____ Out of the Depths I Cry To You My Lord

Other special requests:

(If Ave Maria is a special request it is sung **at the offertory or after the Communion hymn**), please choose one Communion Hymn.

MUSIC SELECTIONS *(if desired)*

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Seasonal Music (May be substituted at the Entrance, Offertory or Departure)

Advent

- A1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#323)
- A2 People, Look East (#337)
- A3 On Jordan's Bank (#344)
- A4 Come, O Long Expected Jesus (#345)
- A5 The King Shall Come (#347)

Christmas

- C1 Joy to the World (#353)
- C2 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#356)
- C3 O Come, All Ye Faithful (#357)
- C4 O Little Town of Bethlehem (#359)
- C5 Angels We Have Heard on High (#361)
- C6 Good Christian Friends Rejoice (#367)
- C7 Of the Father's Love Begotten (#374)
- C8 Once In Royal David's City (#380)
- C9 As with Gladness Men of Old (#384)
- C10 The First Nowell (#388)
- C11 What Star Is This (#389)

Lent

- L1 Hosea, (#405)
- L2 Jerusalem, My Destiny (#399)
- L3 O Sacred Head Surrounded (#435)

Easter

- E1 Sing with the Saints in Glory (#442)
- E2 O Sons and Daughters, Gather 446
- E3 Alleluia Give Thanks (#462)
- E4 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#457)
- E5 The Strife Is O'er (#459)

A photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The sand is dark and has several sets of footprints leading away from the viewer towards the ocean. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."