

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
Gibbsboro, NJ

Planning Funeral and Memorial Liturgies



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From the Pastor: Arranging Funeral and Memorial Masses



The Roman Catholic Faith teaches us that the sadness of death will be overcome by Our Savior's bright promise of eternal life for those who believe in Him. During the Funeral Mass, we celebrate the life of your loved one the eternal life promised for all believers.

St. Andrew the Apostle parish encourages our parishioners to celebrate the complete Funeral Rites as a means of consolation for the living and grace-filled assistance for the deceased. These Rites, which include a Funeral Mass are most properly celebrated in the parish church of the deceased, in the presence of their faith community.

Funerals are normally celebrated on Monday through Friday at times depending on the availability of the Church and clergy. ***The first step*** when planning a funeral liturgy is to inform the parish and then immediately contact the Funeral Director of your choice. The Parish office telephone number is 856-784-3878. After you have communicated with the Funeral Home, the Director will contact the Parish to schedule the arrangements accordingly. Scheduling through the Funeral Director is critically important as he/she must also integrate the cemetery schedule in the arrangements.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish will provide you assistance in planning your loved one's Funeral Mass through our Funeral/Bereavement Ministry. Once the Mass has been scheduled at the church, the next of kin or their designate will receive a telephone call from one of our ministers to schedule a meeting with the family to assist in planning the funeral liturgy. The Funeral Minister will coordinate all aspects of the Liturgy so that family members can spend this important time with loved ones, and not be consumed with details of the Liturgy.

PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTER, I ask that you review this planning booklet that has been prepared for you and your family. **It is extremely important that you complete page 3 of this booklet before you meet with the Funeral Minister, and bring this page with you to the meeting.** If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this booklet, I invite you to speak with the bereavement minister, parish office, or the Priest that will be presiding at the Mass. The clergy and staff at St. Andrew the Apostle are here to serve you and your family during this difficult time. If I may be of assistance to you at any time before, during or after the Funeral Mass, please don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Msgr. Louis A. Marucci". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

(Rev.) Msgr. Louis A. Marucci, D. Min, Pastor

Planning Sheet for the Funeral Liturgy

(Please complete this Planning Sheet and bring it with you to the meeting with the minister.)

Placing of Pall: (Usually 3-4 immediate family members)

Family Members to Place Pall:

Entrance Hymn: (see List of Funeral Hymns on page 9)

Hymn/Song: _____

~Readers must be a minimum age of 16 and Confirmed.~

First Reading (see List of Old Testament Readings on page 10-11)

Reading Selection:

Reader: _____

Second Reading: (see List of New Testament Readings on page 12-15)

Reading Selection: _____

Reader: _____

Gospel Reading: (proclaimed by priest) (see List of Gospel Readings on page 16-17)

Gospel Selection: _____

Prayer of the Faithful: _____

Offertory: Song/Hymn: _____

Gift Bearers (2): _____

Communion Hymn/Song: _____

Meditation Hymn/Solo of Ave Maria by Cantor: Yes or No

If yes, Version: _____

Recessional Hymn/Song: _____

During your meeting with the Bereavement Minister, you will also be asked to share a favorite story, a few special life moments or the life lessons that were most memorable about your loved one. These remembrances may be incorporated into the Priest's homily during the Mass.

When Death is near....

When a loved one dies or is in the imminent process of dying, it is obviously a time of great stress and emotion. It may be difficult to make decisions or know what to do, especially if the circumstances are sudden. Whether one is personally facing the death of a spouse, parent, or child, or whether you are stepping in to assist a close friend/neighbor in that situation, the parish is here to support and assist you. This booklet, along with the support of our Bereavement Ministry Team will help to guide you through the process from beginning to end.

The First Steps....

When your loved one dies, or is in the imminent process of dying, *the first telephone call* you should make should be to the parish priest. If your loved one is very near death, he/she (and his/her family) may find great comfort in the spiritual support offered at the time of death. If your loved one has already passed, the priest will provide important information related to the protocol surrounding the funeral ritual. Second, *the next person* that should be immediately contacted is the Funeral director. The parish will suggest a reputable funeral home, if the family does not already have a strong preference. Generally, it is the responsibility of the Funeral director to arrange to transport the body or remains. Experts caution against dealing with a distant funeral home via telephone, particularly one picked at random over the internet. A reputable local funeral director will know the appropriate laws necessary to expedite the process and may be able to save you much unwarranted expense.

The next important task is to notify immediate family members, particularly those who live a distance. Such prompt notice assures that those closest to the deceased do not learn of the death through the grapevine; and will provide ample time for family members to make their visitation arrangements, if required.

Planning the Rite...

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Numerous people, especially the elderly, have made provisions to preplan their funeral arrangements. Anyone assisting in making funeral arrangements should ascertain first whether the deceased may have left instructions regarding death. If prearrangements have been made, the Family member should bring these to the attention of the Bereavement Minister immediately. Since the Funeral Mass is extremely sacred, things of secular nature (songs, poems, readings, etc) are not permitted during the Mass. Such things can be incorporated during the viewing or graveside. The Bereavement minister will guide the family through the necessary planning steps, outlining some of the options that are available.

A principal distinction between Catholic theology and many other faiths concerns the efficacy of praying for the dead. In the Catholic funeral tradition, we not only comfort the bereaved, but we also pray for the deceased. The Catholic Church teaches that “though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth, and benefit from our prayers and intercession.”

Funeral Rites: Common Form

1. **Viewing or Vigil service** (with preference that the body is present.)
2. **Funeral Mass** (with preference that the body is present.)
3. **Graveside service** (with burial or the Cremains (cremated remains).
4. **Memorial Mass** (with neither the body nor remains present)

Note: The Memorial Mass is often celebrated when the deceased lived a distance away, and family members in the area wish to commemorate their loved one. The Mass can be scheduled close to the time of death or at some convenient time for the gathering of friends and family.

Vigil Services

1. Prayer service (suitable for congregations of mixed faiths)
2. Prayer service with rosary – see below (suitable for congregations of mixed faiths)
3. Rosary alone – usually five decades of the rosary. (suitable where most of the congregation are Catholic).

The vigil service may be held at the funeral home, the church, or at a private home. Vigils may be led by a priest or deacon. The vigil is the best time to have memorials, eulogies, as well as secular music, poems, or readings.

Funeral Mass

1. Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass is celebrated in the church. At the entrance to the church the casket is sprinkled with holy water and members of the immediate family may assist to cover the casket with a funeral pall, (white garment symbolic of the deceased’s Baptismal garment) . Immediately following the prayers, during the entrance song, the Ministers, followed by Casket and then family members, process to the front of the church. Christian Symbols, such as an open bible and a crucifix, may be placed on the casket.

An urn of cremated remains may be carried in procession or placed on a table at the front of the church before the service begins.

A flag may be placed on the casket, after the Mass, when the Funeral Pall is removed. The Casket is processed to the cemetery with the American Flag honoring the deceased.

2. Memorial Mass (no remains present)

The memorial Mass is celebrated in church similar to the Funeral Mass, but no remains are present. The opening rites take the form of the of Mass celebrated in the appropriate liturgical season.

Outline of the Funeral Mass

***Hymns and songs may be inserted in the following places.

Opportunities for Family Participation

1) Placing of the Pall during the Introductory Rite (usually the immediate family members)

2) Readings during Mass (2 or 3 opportunities)

We encourage family members and friends to take part in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the First Reading, Second Reading, and the Universal Prayers (Prayer of the Faithful). Copies of the authorized readings are included at the back of this booklet. Other readings may be included in a vigil service. Readers must be at least sixteen years of age, and have been properly Confirmed.

3) Presentation of the Bread and Wine (usually 2 people)

Introductory Rites***

The Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm***(sung)
- Second Reading
- Gospel Reading
- Homily
- Universal Prayers (Prayer of the Faithful)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- The Offertory***(Bread and wine are brought to the altar)
- The Eucharistic Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer and The Sign of Peace
- Communion*
- Communion Meditation***

Final Commendation and Farewell***

- Closing Song.***

Other Considerations

Displays and photographs

We welcome displays of photographs and memorabilia at the entrance to the church . A single framed portrait may be displayed on an easel near the altar., when the cremains are present.

Art and Environment of the Church

The Art & Environment of the church has been planned and prepared by the Art and Environment Committee of the Parish according to the norms of the liturgical season. Families should be mindful that the liturgical and seasonal altar displays must remain intact and will not be removed for funerals and memorial services. Please consider providing flowers that will coordinate with the liturgical and seasonal environment of the church since this will serve to provide a beautiful environment for the house of the Lord while enhancing the memorial for your loved one.

Flowers

We welcome flowers and wreaths as part of the funeral celebration. Flowers used at the funeral home for the Vigil service may be brought to the church. They are most appropriate in the main entryway along with the guest book and, possibly, some photos. The environment of the sanctuary is set for the liturgical season. Please consider leaving a few arrangements from the funeral at the church. Members of the Art & Environment ministry will be pleased to care for the flower arrangements and ensure that they are properly displayed in the church. During Lent we do not use flowers on the altar, but they can be displayed around the casket or in front of the altar.

Memorial Gifts

Families frequently ask for information regarding a memorial gift to the Church on behalf of their loved one. If you are interested in remembering your loved one through our Memorial Fund at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, please contact Msgr. Marucci for more information. Please inform the funeral director of your wishes in order that it can be published along with the funeral announcement. To do this, we ask that you publish “In lieu of flowers, the family requests relatives and friends to honor (the deceased) by making a contribution to the St. Andrew Church Memorial Fund. These gifts are received in the name of your loved one and provide the means for the Church to continue its extensive charitable and pastoral services.

Military Honors

If there will be military honors taking place at the cemetery, your funeral director will assist with necessary arrangements. If the casket comes to the church draped in a flag, the flag is removed before the liturgy begins and then put back on the coffin after the pall has been removed at the end of the liturgy.

Bereavement / Consolation Ministry

We have a ministry dedicated to providing continued spiritual support, companionship, and grief counseling to you after the funeral services. Please contact the parish office (856) 784-3878. for additional information.

Music Options: (Choose one song from each category. Only liturgical selections are permitted.)

PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

All Creatures of Our God and King	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Christ Be Our Light	City of God
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	Faith of Our Fathers
For All the Saints	Go in Peace
How Great Thou Art	Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Lead Me, Guide Me
Let There Be Peace on Earth	Lift High the Cross
Lord of All Hopefulness	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
May the Angels Be Your Guide	On Eagles Wings
Praise to the Lord	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Sing With All the Saints in Glory	Soon and Very Soon
The Church's One Foundation	The Strife Is O'er
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King	

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Amazing Grace	Be Not Afraid
Because the Lord is My Shepherd	Be Still My Soul
Beyond the Moon and Stars	Center of My Life
Come to Me	Give Me Jesus
Here I Am Lord	Holy is His Name
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Jesus, Remember Me	Loving and Forgiving
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God	Panis Angelicus
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Seek Ye First
Shelter Me, O God	Shepherd Me, O God
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	There is a Longing
These Alone	Ubi Caritas
We Will Rise Again	We Walk By Faith
You Are Mine	You Are Near

COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb	Be Thou My Vision
Blest Are They	Bread for the World
Eye Has Not Seen	Gift of Finest Wheat
Hosea	I Am the Bread of Life
I Have Loved You	In Remembrance of Me
Lord of All Hopefulness	Lord You Have Come to the Seashore
O God, You Search Me	One Bread, One Body
Only This I Want	Prayer of St. Francis
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Servant Song
Soul of My Savior	Taste and See
The Supper of the Lord	We Remember
Where My Father Lives	

Music Options (continued): (Choose one song from each category.)

INCENSING/SONG OF FAREWELL

Song of Farewell- Ernest Sands

Celtic Song of Farewell- arr Steve Schaubel

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light

Psalm 40: Here am I, Lord

Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs

Psalm 51: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting

Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Psalm 91: Be with Me, Lord

Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 118: This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing

Old Testament Readings (choose one)

#C1 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

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

The word of the Lord.

#C2 Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

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

The word of the Lord.

#C 3a Wisdom 3: 1-9 (longer version)

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

#C 3 Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9 (shorter version of #3a)

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The word of the Lord

C4 Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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

The word of the Lord.

#C5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

The word of the Lord.

#C 6 Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

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

The word of the Lord.

#C7 Daniel 12: 1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: at that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Readings (choose one)

#E1 Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more than, 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.

#E2 Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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

The word of the Lord.

#E3a Romans 6:3-9 (long version)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

#E3b Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (short version)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

The word of the Lord.

#E4 Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

#E5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give just 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.

#E6 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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

The word of the Lord.

#E7a 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (long version)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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

The word of the Lord.

OR

#E7b 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (short version)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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

The word of the Lord.

#E8 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, than 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.

#E9 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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

The word of the Lord.

#E10 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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

The word of the Lord.

#E11 **Philippians 3:20-21 A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

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

The word of the Lord.

#E12 **1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sister, 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.

#E13 **2 Timothy 2:8-13 A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

#E14 **1 John 3:1-2 A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

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

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Readings (choose one)

#G1. Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G2. Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply, “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G4. Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G12. John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowd: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it (on) the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G13. John 6:51-58

Jesus told the crowd: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G14. John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (But) even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G15. John 11:32-45

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#G16. John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26

Jesus told his disciples: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Music

Music is an important part of ritual, and we encourage families to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources. Music for all liturgies is under the direction of our Director of Music and Liturgy. Organ music can provide a quiet and prayerful atmosphere at the beginning of the service, when mourners are likely to be upset and in need of a calming atmosphere. At the end of the Mass, when the cortège leaves the church for the final resting place, it is good to have some uplifting and reassuring music.

Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs

During a liturgy that lasts around 60 minutes, it is good to allow everyone present to participate in the singing. The hymns, psalms and spiritual songs that are chosen need to be familiar to a good number of the congregation so that the singing is strong. Our music selections contain many fine items from which you may wish to choose.

Organist and Cantor

On occasion, people request family members to participate in the Music Ministry for the Funeral Mass. The Salary Scale for the Parish Principal Organist includes all weddings and funerals. Cantors who are selected to sing for Funerals at St. Andrew are selected because they donate their talent to enhance our Sunday Worship. Although outside Cantors and Organists are not permitted, St. Andrew the Apostle Church will allow skilled members of the family to sing or play one selection during the Funeral to honor their loved one. This must be prearranged in advance with our Pastoral Associate for Worship & Music at St. Andrew Parish. Phone 856-784-3878.

Music stipends are not given to the Church but are paid directly to the Musicians. The stipend allotment for the organist is \$200 the stipend for the Cantor is \$200. These fees are to be paid by the funeral director directly to the musicians. They should be paid on the day of the funeral.

Recorded Music

We recognize the importance of certain recorded songs. Recorded music may be proper at a viewing or vigil service or at a reception but not during Mass.

Bag Pipes

Bag pipes are sometimes culturally important. As they are instruments designed to be played outdoors we welcome their use on the steps of the church before or at the end of a service or to lead a procession out of church.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Notes and Questions to Ask the Priest or Minister



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