

Funeral Pre-Arrangements



For the Roman Catholic Mass of Christian Burial

All Saints Parish

This Pre-Arrangement Belongs to: _____

*All Saints Parish
25743 State Route 1
Guilford, IN 47022*

Our dear people,

For the Christian death is not an end, but a beginning. In death, the faithful follower truly lives with our Lord in eternal and blessed union. This is what we long for-heaven.

These following pages might seem to be morbid or dark, but for a Christian they are pages of hope and expectation. Remember man that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Death is a reality of life, and everyone should be ready. A simple way to prepare for your own death and to assist your family and friends, who will be left behind, is to pre-plan your funeral.

At the time of mourning, it can be a great comfort to your family and friends to know that the readings, songs and other arrangements that are made for the celebration of Holy Mass and Christian Burial were specifically chosen by you.

Remember, it is the grace of being a baptized Christian that upon death the Sacred Rite of Christian Burial should be celebrated. This is the desire of the Church. Please read through, pray about and fill out the following pages. It is a wonderful way to keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

This document in its entirety, or the second page should be kept in a place that is known to your immediate family.

Peace and Blessings!

In His Priesthood,

Rev. Jonathan P. Meyer & Rev. John Hollowell

All Saints Catholic Cemeteries

The Campuses of St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Paul and St. Martin

Rules and Regulations-Revised October 25, 2022

All Saints Parish Cemeteries are Roman Catholic Cemeteries properly consecrated as a sacred place in accordance with Canon Law 1210, which provides, “only things which serve the exercise or promotion of worship, piety, and religion are to be admitted into a sacred place; anything that is not in accord with the holiness of the place is forbidden.”

Rules to be abided by

Anyone interested in obtaining burial rights must read and abide by these rules and regulations and do so by signing a copy of this document (page 2) for retention for both the individual and church records. It is our hope that by having this information it will better allow you and your loved ones to grieve with hope at your time of loss.

Definition of Terms

- A burial plot, also known as a grave, is defined as an area of ground intended for the burial of one individual for a full body or two individuals for cremains. In order for two individuals to be buried in a single plot the following criteria must be satisfied: plots must be purchased and pre-planned, both individuals must be named at the time of purchase, both individuals must agree to be cremated, cremains must be buried side by side and not on top of each other. This applies to plots purchased after October 1, 2019.
- Cremains is the term used for the cremated remains of a human person.
- Spouses are defined as a man and women united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- Effective September 15, 2022 the option to bury in a columbarium is available at the St Martin cemetery.
- All Saints Cemeteries are properly consecrated as sacred places in accordance with Canon Law 1210, which provides “only those things which serve the exercise or promotion of worship, piety, and religion are to be admitted into a sacred place; anything that is not in accord with the holiness of the place is “forbidden”.
- A registered parish member is (1) on the Parish Roster and (2) also contributes financially and with the giving of their time and talent. A non-registered person is someone who does not meet the two mentioned criteria.

General Rules

- A full body burial requires the use of a vault.
- The burial of cremains does require a burial container but does not require the use of a vault, but it is strongly recommended.
- Cremains are to be buried in the ground or in a columbarium and treated with the same respect as a full body burial.
- Before the initiation of any burial plot preparation, or setting of a headstone, the parish office must be contacted so that the proper placement can be marked by members of the cemetery board.
- The cemetery board, with the approval of the parish council and the pastors, reserves the right to add or change regulations.

Plot Rules

- Burial right costs:
 - o Single cemetery plot \$500 – registered parish member, spouse and dependent children.
 - o Single cemetery plot \$1,000 – non registered person.
 - o Single niche space in columbarium - \$800 – registered parish member, spouse and dependent children.
 - o Single niche space in columbarium - \$1,600 – non registered person.
- o Checks are to be made out to All Saints Parish.
- Acquiring a plot/niche space means the right to be buried (burial rights), but the individual or family members of the person being buried do not own the ground; the ground is the property of All Saints Catholic Church.
- The right to burial in each plot/niche space belongs to the individual who purchased them. They may be transferred to immediate heirs or descendants, with written notice given to the parish office, but they may not be resold. All sales take place through the parish office.
- Purchased rights can be donated back to All Saints if they are not to be used or a refund of the purchased price may be given by the parish upon written request.

- Rights are purchased with the intent of being used. Acquiring plots/niche space to block off areas is not the intent of our parish community cemetery; unused plots are contrary to our small parish cemetery concept.
- If multiple plots are acquired, (more than two) family members must be buried from left to right filling in every space, leaving room for spouses. This is to prevent single plots from being unused.
- All Saints is responsible for maintaining the grounds after burial. It may take six months to one year for the completion of fill dirt and seeding.

Columbarium Rules

- The purpose of the columbarium is for interment of human cremains. Financial savings exist in using a columbarium vs burying in the ground. Charges for opening and closing the grave, pouring the headstone foundation, and purchasing a headstone would not apply.
- One individual cremation per niche is permitted. Each niche is 12"x12"x12".
- Niche space will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The columbarium is two-sided. We will sell niches on the church side first from top to bottom and left to right.
- Interments in the niches may be made only in a sealed urn and must be smaller than 12"x12"x12".
- The faces of the niches may be engraved prior to or after death. The parish will provide the plaque to be engraved. Engraving should be complete within 90 days of burial. **All final engraving designs must be sent to the parish office and approved by the** subcommittee of the cemetery board which consists of one board member from each historic campus, and if needed **consultation with the pastors and parish council, prior to final order placement. Designs should follow the guidelines listed** below.
- The cost of the urn and engraving are not included in the purchase price of the niche.
- Opening and closing of niches: All Saints Parish will arrange for the opening and closing of niches at the time of interment. Cost is included in the purchase price of the niche.
- Access to the niche after interment is prohibited.

Grave Markers-Headstone Rules

- Single grave monument-less than 42 inches long, 22 inches wide and 60 inches tall.
- Double grave monument-less than 84 inches long, 22 inches wide and 60 inches tall.
- Plot owners are responsible for the purchasing of headstones.
- This is a Roman Catholic Parish Cemetery; grave markers should reflect and honor this.

Initials Required

_____ ● Headstones should be in a traditional shape and style. Headstones in the shape of non-traditional or secular symbols are not permitted. Non-traditional shapes include but are not limited to benches, couches, trees, animals, children's toys, logos.

_____ ● Headstones are not permitted to have secular (non-Christian) images. Guidelines for images on the tombstones:

Religious images that are allowed: cross, dove, rosary, bible, praying hands, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart, miraculous medal, image of a saint, biblical passage, heart, marriage bands/rings.

Images of God's Creation that are allowed: a head shot of the deceased, flowers, trees, plant life, animal life, farm land.

Images that are not allowed: secular (non-Christian) images including but are not limited to logos, brand names, motorized vehicles (such as tractors, race cars, boats), guns, knives, weapons, hobbies, sports memorabilia, and references to alcohol or drugs.

● A medallion or image to show the deceased was a Veteran or public servant (fire fighter, police, medical professional, EMT) is permitted

_____ ● **All final headstone designs and layouts must be sent to the parish office and approved by the subcommittee of the cemetery board which consists of one board member from each historic campus, and if needed consultation with the pastors and parish council, prior to final order placement and purchasing of said monuments from a monument company. After approval, any change to the design or layout must also be approved by the subcommittee of the cemetery board.**

_____ ● **Monument companies must have their monuments and footer/foundation installation approved in advance by the cemetery committee or their designee. Any monument and footer/foundation installed without approval is subject to removal at the cost of the monument company.**

- For any headstone that spans combined plots, with the exception of spouses, approval from the cemetery board, and if needed the parish council and the pastors, is required.
- Headstones damaged by time or weather are to be repaired by immediate family. If there are no living family members that are parish members, the parish cemetery board may repair the headstone at the cost of the parish.
- Headstones are to be set within six (6) months of burial. After attempting to notify the family, the cemetery board, with the approval of the parish council, reserves the right to place a simple grave marker after eighteen (18) months of the burial. (The name of the deceased, the date of birth, and the date of death will be on the marker).
- The cemetery board, with the approval of the parish council and the pastors, has the right to refuse any stone that does not meet the intentions of these rules.
- Headstones must have a concrete foundation, level to the ground, at least twenty-six (26) inches in depth, reinforced with rebar and with the base measuring four (4) inches wider than the base of the monument on all sides.
- The foundation and headstone must be lined up with the other monuments in its proper row.
- The cost of opening and closing of the grave is not included in the purchasing of the plot.
- No foot markers/stones are permitted with the exception of military, flat, bronze markers.
- Mausoleums are not permitted in our cemeteries.

Decoration Rules

- Decorations are not permitted at the columbarium site.
- During the mowing season (April 1-November 1) it is required that flowers, lights, statues or mementoes be placed on the headstone or a hanger directly adjacent to the headstone. All articles should be marked with names so that they can be replaced if blown or knocked off. No items/flowers are permitted on the grass during the mowing season. Any items/flowers on the grass after April 10 will be discarded without the consent of the owner.
- The cemetery board has the right of refusal to any object placed on a grave and have the right to remove said object if deemed inappropriate.
- Artificial flowers may be placed on the ground in front of headstones starting November 1st through March 31st and again two days before Memorial Day through four days after that time.
- No live plants, trees or shrubs may be planted.
- Christmas blankets are not permitted.
- Anything left on the burial plot after a funeral, other than the grave marker/headstone must be removed after ten (10) days, or it will be discarded by the parish cemetery board.
- Rods to hold flowers, also known as “shepherd hooks,” may be used but **must** be oriented over the headstone out of the mowing area, so that harm is not done to those who maintain the cemetery lawn.
- Benches, stone borders, fences and footstones are not permitted on plots at any time.

Visitation Rules

- Visitation hours are from sunrise to sunset. Visitation outside these hours is strictly forbidden.

Information Requests

- A donation of \$25 is suggested for the requesting of genealogy or burial records.

I have read the attached rules and regulations and promise to abide by them, so help me God.

Signature of Purchaser 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Purchaser 2: _____ Date: _____

Funeral Planning Sheet

Basic Data

Your Name: _____

Preferred Funeral Home: _____ Pre-Arrangements: yes/no (*circle one*)

Full Body Burial or Cremation (*circle one*)

Name of Cemetery for Burial: _____ Plot Location: _____

Viewing/Calling

At the Viewing there is an option for the rosary to be said or for a simple prayer service:

Rosary/Prayer Service (*circle one*)

Roman Catholic Funeral Mass

-Pall Bearers carry your casket to the church and from the church to the grave.

Traditionally there are 6 men who fill this role.

Names: _____

-The Pall-At the Mass your casket is greeted in the back of the church and covered with a white cloth, provided by the parish. (covering the casket with a quilt or flag is not appropriate for Mass). Whom would you like to place the Pall (the white cloth) on your casket.

(The Priest, your children, grandchildren, friends etc.)

Names: _____

-A Christian Symbol may be placed upon the casket. *This is an option, not required.*

Please circle one if you want this option: Bible, Rosary, Crucifix

Please describe the bible/rosary/cross if there is a certain one you have in your possession:

-Scripture- At Holy Mass there are normally 2 Readings and a Gospel Reading. Please use the attached sheet to select your readings. The responsorial psalm is sung/chanted by the musicians.

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading: _____

Gospel (Read by Priest or Deacon): _____

-Readers-You may also select people to read these passages of sacred scripture. They should be practicing Catholics who are skilled public readers. You can have one person or multiple. You may also have the church provide a reader if you do not desire to select a family member or friend.

Name(s): _____

-Prayers of the Faithful- These petitions are offered for the repose of your soul and for all those who mourn. Are there any specific things that you would like to have included: (*veterans, nurses and doctors, children, parents, mothers/fathers, other deceased family members etc.*). Please mention those here: _____

Selecting someone to read these petitions is also needed. You can have the reader from above read them, select a different person, have several persons read them, or have the church provide a reader.

Name(s): _____

-Music- At a Catholic Funeral only live, sacred music that is based on scripture is allowed to be sung. Secular music or even Contemporary Christian Music may be played at the vigil/calling or at another suitable time, but it does not have a place within the context of Holy Mass. There are traditionally four songs that are sung. Please select songs from the attached list. Please realize that some songs may need to be adjusted due to the skill or familiarity of the musicians or cantors.

Opening Song: _____

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Meditation Hymn (*optional*): _____

Closing Hymn: _____

Other music such as the *Responsorial Psalm, the Holy, Holy, Holy, and the Song of Farewell* are selected by the musicians themselves.

-Musicians and Cantors(singers)- Live music is a vital part of the funeral Mass. Quality music adds to the celebration of the funeral. All final music selections must be coordinated with the director of music or the pastor. The inclusion of family members or friends in the playing or singing of a funeral Mass is permissible, but must be coordinated with the parish music director or pastor. Any outside musician/cantor must be either catholic themselves or accustomed with our Catholic Traditions and the celebration of Holy Mass.

Names: _____

Funeral Meal- The parish often provides a funeral meal after the funeral Mass. Would you like this option for your living family members and friends. Any special requests for this meal? _____

Any other special requests:

Eulogy or Words of Remembrance during Holy Mass are not a part of our Roman Catholic Tradition. If a eulogy is requested, it could be done (1) prior or after the rosary/prayer service at the viewing, (2) during the meal after the burial (3) prior to the start of the funeral Mass beginning (prior to the placing of the pall or the opening hymn) . If there is a desire for any of these options, please speak to the priest in advance, so there is foreknowledge.

Sacred Scripture Readings to Select From:

FIRST READING-

The first reading is drawn from the books of the Jewish Bible, the Old Testament. Readings you may select include:

1. Job 19:1, 23-27

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! 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."

2. Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6. 9

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 the elect.

3. Wisdom 4:7-14

But the just man, though he dies 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.

4. Isaiah 25: 6. 7-9

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!"

5. Lamentations 3:17-26

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.

6. Daniel 12:1-3

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

7. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

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

SECOND READING-

The Second Reading is drawn from the letters in the New Testament. Readings you may select include:

1. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 or 10:34-36. 42-43

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, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

2. Romans 5:1-11

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.

3. Romans 5:17-21

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.

4. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4. 8-9

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.

5. Romans 8:14-23

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.

6. Romans 8:31-35. 37-39

What then shall we say to this? 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.

7. Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

8. 1 Corinthians 15:20-24. 25-28

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits 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 first fruits; 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.

9. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

10. 2 Corinthians 5:1. 6-10

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.

11. Philippians 3:20-21

But 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.

12. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

13. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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.

14. 1 John 3:1-2

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.

15. 1 John 3:14-16

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.

16. Revelation 14:13

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

17. Revelation 20:11-21:1

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

18. Revelation 21:1-5. 6-7

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

GOSPEL-

The Gospel reading is drawn from Mathew, Mark, Luke or John in the New Testament. Readings you may select include:

1. 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.

2. 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 yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

3. Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

4. 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."

5. Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.

6. Luke 7:11-17

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

7. Luke 12:35-40

Jesus told his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

8. Luke 23:33, 39-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

9. Luke 23:44-49; 24:1-6 or 23:44-49

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

10. Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

11. 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."

12. 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."

13. 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."

14. John 17:24-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

15. 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."

16. 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.

17. John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where (I) am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

-Common Songs to Select From:

All Creatures of our God and King
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Ave Maria
Be Not Afraid
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Crown Him With Many Crowns
Eat This Bread
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Gifts of Finest
Wheat)
For All the Saints
Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Here I Am Lord
Holy God We Praise Thy Name
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
Immaculate Mary

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
Lord of All Hopefulness
Love Divine All Love Excelling
Morning Has Broken
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
O Sanctissima / Virgin Full of Grace
On Eagles Wings
One Bread One body
Prayer of St. Francis / Make Me a Channel of Your
Rest Now in Me
Sing With All the Saints in Glory
Sing of Mary
Taste and See
The Lord is My Shepherd
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
We Remember
You are Near