



St. Matthias Parish

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The priest, pastoral staff and people of St. Matthias Parish offer our prayerful support especially when family members die. We want you to know that in the days and months ahead your parish community is willing to help, but we need to know what we can do for you. We are also aware that we cannot remove your pain, but we are willing to assist you as much as possible, as you attempt to find God's loving presence even in the midst of suffering and loss. Please contact the Parish office (see above) for more information or special requests.

Contact Person: _____ Relationship to Deceased: _____

Contact Person's Phone and/or Email: _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Age: _____ Date of Death: _____

Funeral Home: _____ Cemetery: _____

Select one: ___ Blessing Service at Funeral Home or ___ Mass in Church

Date & Time of Funeral Service/Mass and Location: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: _____ *(for Blessing Service from Old or New Testament)*

(From the options given in the booklet #1-7, below)

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: (Circle One)

Psalm 23, Shepherd Me, O God / The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 27, The Lord is my Light

Psalm 25, To You O Lord, I Lift my Soul

Psalm 16 & 61: Shelter Me, O God

Psalm 103, The Lord is Kind and Merciful / Loving and Forgiving

Psalm 131, Like a Child Rest

Second Reading: _____ *(for Blessing Service: No 2nd Reading)*

(From the options given in the booklet #8-20, below)

Read by: _____

Gospel will be selected and proclaimed by Priest or Deacon.

HOMILY (SERMON) by Priest or Deacon

Please note below any points you feel might be helpful to the celebrant as he prepares the homily for the deceased:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Will family members or friends bring up Offertory gifts? yes / no

If yes, who will do so (up to 4 people):

Possible Eulogy after Communion by: _____

MASS SONGS: Please check here ___ if you wish the organist to pick the hymns or circle 4 to 5 songs below:

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Behold the Lamb

Blest Are They

Center of My Life

Come To Me

Deep Within

For All the Saints

Eye Has Not Seen

Go, Silent Friend

Here I am, Lord

How Great Thou Art

I Am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Jesus, Remember Me

Lamb of God by Twila Paris

Lead Me Lord

Like A Shepherd

Look Beyond

Lord, When You Came to the Seashore

On Eagle's Wings

Only This I Want

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Shelter Me, O God

The Lord Is My Hope

The Strife is O'er

We Will Rise Again

With A Shepherd's Care Remember Your Love

We Remember

You Are Mine

You Have Called Us

Meditation Hymn (Optional): Ave Maria by Schubert or Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

SCRIPTURAL READINGS APPROPRIATE FOR FUNERALS

While any appropriate Scriptural passages may be considered for the funeral liturgy, the following are those chosen as most appropriate by the Church.

FIRST READING (From OLD TESTAMENT READINGS)

1. A Reading from the Book of 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.” **The Word of the Lord**

2. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6a, 7, 8, and 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!" **The Word of the Lord**

3. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

“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. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.” **The Word of the Lord**

4. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-6,9)

“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**

5. A Reading from the Second Book of 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. **The Word of the Lord**

FIRST READING (From OLD TESTAMENT READINGS...continued)

6. A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:11-15,20,25-26,28-30)

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. **The Word of the Lord**

7. A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8, 10, 11a)

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts. **The Word of the Lord**

SECOND READING (From NEW TESTAMENT READINGS)

8. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." **The Word of the Lord**

9. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (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, 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**

10. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:31b-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **The Word of the Lord**

SECOND READING (From NEW TESTAMENT READINGS...continued)

11. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:7-9, 10b-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. **The Word of the Lord**

12. A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:1,6-10)

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

13. A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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. **The Word of the Lord**

14. A Reading from the letter of Paul to the 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. **The Word of the Lord**

15. A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the 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. **The Word of the Lord**

16. A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to 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. **The Word of the Lord**

SECOND READING (From NEW TESTAMENT READINGS...continued)

17. A reading from the First Letter of 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. **The Word of the Lord**

18. A reading from the First Letter of 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. **The Word of the Lord**

19. A reading from the Book of Revelation (21:1-5a, 6b-7)

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

20. A reading from the Book of Revelation (14:13)

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

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