

FUNERAL MASS
FOR



SAINT BRIGID ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Parish Family of Saint Brigid wishes to extend its prayers and deepest sympathy as you mourn the death of your loved one.

As Catholics, we believe that in death, “life is changed, not ended.” Jesus promises eternal life to all who believe in Him. Eternal life is a place where there will be no more sadness but only joy and happiness that comes from being in His presence.

The Mass of Christian Burial is the liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. The focus of this Mass and every celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Mystery: the life, death, resurrection and glorious ascension of Jesus from the dead. The Paschal Mystery assures us that one day all who believe in Jesus will also share in His resurrection.

This guide is designed to help enable you to take part in the celebration of Mass. It will guide you to select readings that may help you deepen your own faith as you mourn the loss of your loved one. It also describes other ways that you can take part in the celebration of the liturgy on the day of burial.

We invite you to prayerfully go through this booklet and choose the readings and ways you can participate in the Funeral of your loved one. On Page 3, you may find a form where you can indicate the choices you have made.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Carlos C. Velásquez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Rev. Carlos C. Velásquez
Pastor

THE FUNERAL LITURGY OF

Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Pall Bearers: Funeral Home Pall Bearers Family Pall Bearers

First Reading: # _____ Read by: Priest Family Member: _____

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of the my life.
 Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.
 Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: # _____ Read by: Priest Family Member: _____

Gospel: *Chosen by the Priest Celebrant*

Universal Prayer: Read by: Priest Family Member: _____

Offertory: Would two family members like to bring up the gifts of bread and wine?
 Yes No If yes, please list their names:

1) _____ 2) _____

Hymn Selections

Processional Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

**Please e-mail or fax this form to the parish the day before the funeral: achavarriaga@stbrigidrcc.org*

Additional Information

Anything special that you'd like to let Father know?

Spouse:

Children:

Grandchildren:

Parish Involvement (Societies, Groups, Ministries, Volunteer, etc.)

Hymns for Funeral Masses

Processional Hymns

All Creatures of Our God and King
Amazing Grace
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Jerusalem, My Happy Home
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
We Walk by Faith
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Abide With Me

Offertory Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Be Still, My Soul
Be Thou My Vision
Where Charity and Love Prevail
Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod or Schubert)
Blessed Assurance
Pie Jesu (Faure)
Lord of All Hopefulness
Prayer of St. Francis
Softly and Tenderly
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Communion Hymns

I Am the Bread of Life
Draw us in the Spirit's Tether
Soul of my Savior
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Behold the Lamb
Take and Eat
Taste and See
Draw Near and Take
Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
Panis Angelicus

Recessional Hymns

The Strife is O'er
For All the Saints
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Jesus Shall Reign
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Notes regarding the Readings of Sacred Scripture at the Funeral Mass

- One or two readings may be chosen for the Funeral Mass
- If you choose one reading, it may be from either the Old Testament (OT Section) or the New Testament (NT Section)
- If you chose two readings, the first must be from the Old Testament (OT Section) and the Second from the New Testament (NT Section).
- The Responsorial Psalm will be sung by the organist. Please choose one from the options on page 3.
- Please note all your selections on page 3.
- The Priest Celebrant will choose the Gospel.
- If family members will be proclaiming the readings, please share this booklet with them so they may practice the readings before the Funeral Mass (this booklet is also available online at: www.stbrigidrcc.org/funerals). At the Funeral, readers do not need to bring the readings with them up to the pulpit. A Consolation Minister will instruct and guide them to the pulpit during the Funeral where the readings will already be prepared.

OT 1

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

OT 2

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.

OT 3

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.

OT 4

A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

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 in mind;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been superfluous
and foolish to pray for the dead.

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 absolved from their sin.

The Word of the Lord

NT 1

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 first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

NT 2

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 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.

NT 3

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.

NT 4

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.

NT 5

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingly power:
proclaim the word; be persistent
whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage
through all patience and teaching.

For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;
I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord



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