

FUNERAL PLANNING PACKET



St. John Vianney Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060
440.255.0600
440.255.6482, fax
www.sjvmentor.org

If you have need of this material you have probably lost a loved one. On behalf of the Parish Staff and the parishioners of St John Vianney Parish, please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your loved one. Know that our love, prayers, and support are with you during this difficult time.

We would like to offer you an opportunity to help plan the Funeral Mass. The Mass should be seen as both joyful and sad. It is joyful because it marks the deceased's birth into Eternal Life and at the same time a moment of sadness for those gathered who mourn the loss of the deceased.

Enclosed in this packet are various materials to help you plan for the Funeral Mass. You may select readings for the Liturgy of the Word. You can designate readers, if there are family members or friends who are willing to do so. If you do not have anyone capable or willing to do the readings, we will provide someone who can. You can choose people to present the gifts of bread and wine. The hymns for the Mass can be of your choosing. We have a full funeral choir to lead us in song and music. We are available to help you with this selection process when you meet with the priest who will preside at the funeral.

Although we do not expect or recommend it, it is optional to have remarks of remembrance at the funeral. The best place for people to speak about the deceased is at the wake or at the funeral meal. It is there that one is surrounded by family and friends and their loving support. If it has to be done during the funeral Mass it must be done by only ONE person and for no more than three minutes. Please remember that the church, the funeral directors and the cemetery are on a time schedule.

Please know that after the Funeral Mass, if there is anything we can do to help you with the grieving process, do not hesitate to call upon anyone of us on the Pastoral Staff.

In Christ Peace,

Fr Tom Johns, Fr. Russ Rauscher, Fr. Peter Kovacina
Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Parochial Vicar

FUNERAL LITURGY

SYMBOLS USED IN FUNERAL LITURGY

Page 1

MUSIC SELECTIONS

Page 2

You may choose one of each:

Entrance Song
Responsorial Psalm
Offertory Song
Communion Song
Reflection Song (Optional)
Closing Song

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Pages 4 – 7

Please choose *one* Old Testament reading

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Pages 8 – 18

Please choose *one* New Testament reading

GOSPEL READINGS

The Gospel will be chosen and read by the priest or deacon celebrant

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Page 19

SYMBOLS USED IN THE FUNERAL LITURGY

Holy Water: Holy water reminds us of the saving waters of baptism. In the rite of reception of the body into the church, holy water is sprinkled on the casket to call to mind the deceased's baptism and initiation into Catholic community.

The Pall: A pall (white cloth) will be placed over the casket when it is received into the church. It is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased and is a sign of the Christian dignity he or she received in baptism. The use of a pall also signifies that we are all equal in the eyes of God.

If the deceased was a served in the US military, the casket is often brought to church draped in an American flag. The Flag will be removed from the casket when it is brought into the church and replaced by the pall. It shows that he or she is first and foremost children of God. The flag will be put back on the casket just before it leaves the church.

Christian Symbol: A cross, rosary or Bible may be placed on the casket during the funeral Mass. The cross is a reminder of the cross that the deceased was marked with at baptism and of our salvation through Jesus Christ. As disciples of Christ we come to understand our role through our devotion to His greatest and first disciple, His mother Mary. The Bible is God's Revelation to us and how we understand our Faith in Jesus Christ.

Easter Candle: The Easter candle reminds the faithful of Christ's eternal presence among His people and of His victory over sin and death. It recalls the Easter Vigil when the Church awaits the Lord's resurrection that the deceased will, we pray, participate in. During the funeral Mass the Easter candle is placed near the casket.

Incense: Incense is used during the funeral rite as a sign of honor to the body of the deceased, which through baptism became the temple of the Holy Spirit. Incense is also used as a sign of the community's prayers for the deceased rising to the throne of God.

MUSIC SELECTIONS FOR FUNERALS

Possible Songs: These are only a few of the possibilities, you may choose others. Barb Visocky Adams, Music Director at St John Vianney Church, will be happy to assist you in your selections. She can be reached at 440.255.0600.

Please note that non-religious songs and pre-recorded music are not allowed to be used at a Funeral Mass. Families are welcome to have musicians or singers other than the St. John Vianney musicians, however, if they are not familiar with the Catholic Funeral Liturgy and the sung parts of the Liturgy, then parish musicians also must be present to lead the Mass parts.

To listen click on the link next to the song then click on the play button.



All I Ask of you <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/503>
Amazing Grace <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/116>
Be Not Afraid <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1389>
Come to Me <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/661>
Dwelling Place <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/6889>
Eye Has Not Seen <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/569>
For All the Saints <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/180>
How Great thou Art <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/220>
I Know that my Redeemer Lives <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/2462>
Let There be Peace on Earth <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/7428>
Like a Shepherd <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/6943>
On Eagle's Wings <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1526>
Only a Shadow <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/11139>
Only in God <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/6975>
Only This I Want <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1425>
Prayer of St Francis <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/319>
You are Near <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1413>

COMMUNION SONGS:

Blest are They <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/587>
Gift of Finest Wheat <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/189>
I am the Bread of Life <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/314>
One Bread, One Body <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1398>
Taste and See <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/1878>

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS:

Shepherd Me O God... (Psalm 23) <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/8450>
To you, O Lord, I lift my Soul (Psalm 25) <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/2245>
The Lord is my Light and My Salvation (Psalm 27) <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/77915>
The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Psalm 103)

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

PLANNING SHEET

Funeral of: _____ Date: _____

Presider: _____ Time: _____

Pall placed on Casket by: _____ Christian Symbol placed on casket: _____

Cremation: Will cremains be present? _____ A family member or friend may be designated to carry the cremains into the Church at the Entrance Procession.

Who will carry in the cremains? _____

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: _____ Read by: _____

New Testament Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Gospel: The Gospel will be chosen and read by the priest or deacon celebrant

Prayers of the Faithful: _____ Read by: _____

Presentation of Gifts by?: _____

How many gifts?: (General 2 – 4) _____

Hymns/Songs

Opening Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Offertory: _____

Communion Song: _____

Reflection Song (Optional): _____

Closing Song: _____

Remarks of Remembrance

By who (only 1 person please for 3-5 minutes)

Notes: _____

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1011 - 1

**A reading from the second Book of
Maccabees
12:43-46**

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.

1011 - 2

**A reading from the Book of Job
19:1, 23-37a**

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.

1011 - 3

LONG FORM

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 in the eyes of 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.

1011 - 3

SHORT FORM

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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 in the eyes of 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 his elect.

The word of the Lord.

1011 - 4

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom
4:7-15**

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.

1011 – 5

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah
25:6a, 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!”

The word of the Lord.

1011 – 6

**A reading from the Book of 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.

The word of the Lord.

1011 – 7

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Daniel
12:1-3**

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 DURING THE EASTER SEASON

1012 – 1

LONG FORM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-43

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“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 children
of Israel

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.”

The word of the Lord.

1012 – 1

SHORT FORM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-36;42-4

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“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
children of Israel

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.

1012 – 2

A reading from the Book of 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.”

The word of the Lord.

1012 – 3

A reading from the Book of 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.

The word of the Lord.

1012 - 4

A reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-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.”

The word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS NOT DURING EASTER SEASON

1014 - 1

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
5:5-11**

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

1014 - 2

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
5:17-21**

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 man
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.

1014 - 3

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
the Romans
6:3-9**

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.

1014 – 4

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
the Romans
8:14-23**

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 waits 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.

1014 – 5

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
the 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 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.

1014 - 6

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
the Romans
14:7-9,10c-12**

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 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.

1014 - 7

LONG FORM

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul
to the Corinthians
15:20-28**

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen
asleep.
For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also
through a man.
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.
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.

1014 - 7

SHORT FORM

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul
to the Corinthians
15:20-23**

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen
asleep
For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also
through a man.
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.

The word of the Lord.

1014 - 8

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

15:51-57

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,
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.

1014 - 9

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

4:14—5:1

Brothers and sisters:
We know 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 earthy 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.

1014 - 10

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
5:1, 6-10**

Brothers and sisters:
We know that if our earthy 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.

1014 - 11

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

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.

1014 - 12

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

4:13-18

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

1014 - 13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

2:8-13

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.

1014 - 14

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

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.

1014 - 15

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint John
3:14-16**

Beloved:

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.

General Intercessions

*Please use these or you can compose your own. If composing your own, please use the following as a model.

General intercessions, also known as Prayers of the Faithful, come after the homily. The priest will introduce them with a short prayer. When the intercessions are done, the priest will conclude with another short prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord...

R. Lord, hear our prayer

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that they may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord...

R. Lord, hear our prayer