

THE PROPERS FOR FUNERAL GUIDELINES

(from the Office of Divine Worship)

please implement from this day forward:10/2019

FOR THE READINGS/PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

A Jewish person may read the Old Testament at a wedding or funeral *outside* of Mass. A non-Catholic Christian may read the Old Testament or the New Testament at a wedding or funeral *outside* of Mass. **Only a Catholic** may read *within* Mass. **Only a Catholic** may read the Prayer of the Faithful in official liturgy, *within or without* Mass.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Catholics should bring up the gifts. The rubric in the GIRM and Roman Missal that “the faithful” may bring up the gifts is understood to mean **Catholic** faithful.

READINGS: the following readings are to be used for funerals:

(if a family wants different readings please have them get in contact with Fr. Kevin)

FIRST READING: WISDOM 3:1-9

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:3-9

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:51-58

first reading

(Wis 3:1-9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 judgment they shall shine

and 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.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Second reading

(Rom 6:3-9)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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 are also to 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. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

PRIEST: Brothers and sisters, Jesus is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for us. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to His:

READER: 1. For _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she/he may now be admitted to the company of the saints..... We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our relatives and friends who have gone before us in faith, that they may find refreshment, rest and peace in God's presence.....We pray to the Lord

4. For the family and friends of _____, that the Lord may heal the pain of loss that comes with the death of a loved one.....We pray to the Lord

5. For ourselves, that we who pray with confidence for our brother/sister _____, may be strengthened in hope and live in the expectation of Jesus' coming..... We pray to the Lord

PRIEST: Father, your only son suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we might have a share in his risen life. Grant the Christ's victory over death may be a pledge of _____'s everlasting joy in your kingdom. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL

(John 6:51-58)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ