

Funeral Masses and Readings

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish family extends it's deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your loved ones at this time of your loss.

This booklet is to assist you in the planning of the funeral during your time of sadness. The Church's funeral liturgies are to bring comfort and peace to the family as we commend our beloved dead to God's loving embrace.

The purpose of a Funeral Mass in the Roman Catholic Church is to praise God for the gift and sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ, who brings us the hope of eternal life and to pray for the soul of the faithful departed person. A Funeral Mass is a Mass, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, not a celebration of the life of the deceased. It is not a time for eulogies or contemporary music that the deceased person may have enjoyed. Eulogies (speeches made about the life of the deceased) and secular music are more appropriate during the visitation time at the funeral home or at a reception, not during the Mass. A Funeral Mass is celebrated in the same manner as a Sunday Mass; the only additions being the Funeral Rites, consisting of the Welcoming of the Body and the Final Commendation.

Normally two readings are proclaimed during the Funeral Mass, in addition to the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel reading. You are invited to choose the first two readings and the Responsorial Psalm; this booklet contains suggested readings. The First Reading is from the Old Testament, followed by the Responsorial Psalm and then the Second Reading, from the New Testament. These readings can be proclaimed by people of your choosing or, if you wish, the church will provide readers. The Responsorial Psalm may be sung by an experienced cantor or a choir member, if available. Please advise the church of your choices at least two day in advance of the funeral by email or by calling the parish officd

If you are designating family or friends as readers, they are asked to arrive ahead of the funeral cortège, so that we can familiarize them with the sound equipment and the location of the ambo.

During the Funeral Mass, two or three family members or friends may be designated to bring up the gifts, bread and wine, during the offertory. Please advise the church if you chose to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 613-256-1034 or via email at office@hnomalmonte.ca.

FIRST READING - 1

Job 19.1, 23-27

I know that my Redeemer lives.

A reading from the book of Job.

1 Job answered those who reproached him:
23 “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
25 “For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

FIRST READING - 2

Isaiah 25.6-10a

*The Lord God invited all people to the feast
and will wipe away the tears from all faces.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
- 7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
- 8 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,
“Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST READING - 3

Isaiah 49.8, 13-15

I have given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his servant:

- 8 In a time of favour I have answered you,
on a day of salvation I have helped you;
I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages,
- 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.
- 14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me."
- 15 Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST READING - 4

Ecclesiastes 3.1-11

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

- 1 For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up.
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.
- 6 A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.
- 9 What gain have the workers from their toil?
- 10 I have seen the business
that God has given to everyone to be busy with.
- 11 He has made everything suitable for its time;
moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds,
yet they cannot find out what God has done
from the beginning to the end.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST READING - 5

Wisdom 3.1-9

God accepted the virtuous as a holocaust.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

- 1 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
- 2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
3 and their going from us to be their destruction;
but the righteous are at peace.
- 4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
- 5 Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them
and found them worthy of himself;
6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
- 7 In the time of their visitation
the righteous will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- 8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
- 9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and the Lord watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 1

PSALM 23.1-3a, 3b-4; 5, 6 (R.1)

The response to the Psalm is:

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 2

Psalm 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14 (R.1a)

The response to the Psalm is:

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek. **R.**

9 Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! **R.**

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 3

Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (R.1a)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- 1 O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. **R.**
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
- 5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**
- 7 For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 4

Psalm 103.8+10, 13-14, 15-16, 17 (R.8 or Ps 37.39)

The response to the Psalm is:

R. The Lord is merciful and gracious.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
14 For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust. **R.**

15 As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more. **R.**

17 The steadfast love of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 5

Psalm 116.10+15, 16-17, 18-19 (R.9)

The response to the Psalm is:

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

10 I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**

16 O Lord, I am your servant;
You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING - 1

Romans 8.31b-39

Neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God.

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

- 31 If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.
34 Who is to condemn?
Is it Christ Jesus,
who died, and indeed, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us?
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written,
"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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

Brothers and sisters,
listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die,
but we will all be changed,
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.
53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
55 “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
56 The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING - 3

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1
We speak since we are grounded in faith.

R. A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

- 13 Just as we have the same spirit of faith
that is in accordance with scripture—
“I believe, and so I spoke”—
we also believe, and so we speak,
14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus,
and will bring us with you into his presence.
15 Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
16 So we do not lose heart.
Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
17 For this slight momentary affliction
is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
18 because we look not at what can be seen
but at what cannot be seen;
for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.
1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING - 4

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

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

- 13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.
- 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died.
- 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the air;
and so we will be with the Lord forever.
- 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING - 5

Revelation 21.1-5a
God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

R. A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 1 Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
- 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”
- 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”

The word of the Lord.