

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

(First Readings)

1. **Job 19:1, 23-27a**
I know that my Redeemer lives.
2. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**
There is a time for everything under the heavens.
3. **Wisdom 3:1-9**
The souls of the just are in the hand of God.
4. **Wisdom 4:7-8, 13-14a**
The just one, though they die early, shall be at rest.
5. **Sirach 6:6-12, 14-16**
Faithful friends are beyond price.
6. **Sirach 44:1-15**
Let us now give praise to an illustrious man (father), whose good works will not be forgotten.
7. **Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9**
God will destroy death forever.
8. **Lamentations 3:17-26**
It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.
9. **Daniel 12:1-3**
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.
10. **Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31**
A woman (mother) who honors the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

(Second Readings)

1. **Romans 5:5-11**
The love of God has been poured out into our hearts; we will be saved through Christ.
2. **Romans 6:3-9**
If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.
3. **Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
4. **Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12**
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
5. **1 Corinthians 2:6-9**
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him.
6. **1 Corinthians 13:4-12**
Love never fails.
7. **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**
Death is swallowed up in victory.
8. **2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1**
What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
9. **2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**
We have an eternal dwelling in heaven.
10. **Philippians 4:4-9**
The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
11. **Colossians 3:12-17**
Let the peace of Christ control your hearts and give thanks to God through Christ.
12. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
We shall always be with the Lord.
13. **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**
I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
14. **1 Peter 1:3-9**
God gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus.
15. **1 John 3:1-2**
We shall see God as God is.
16. **Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**
There shall be no more death.