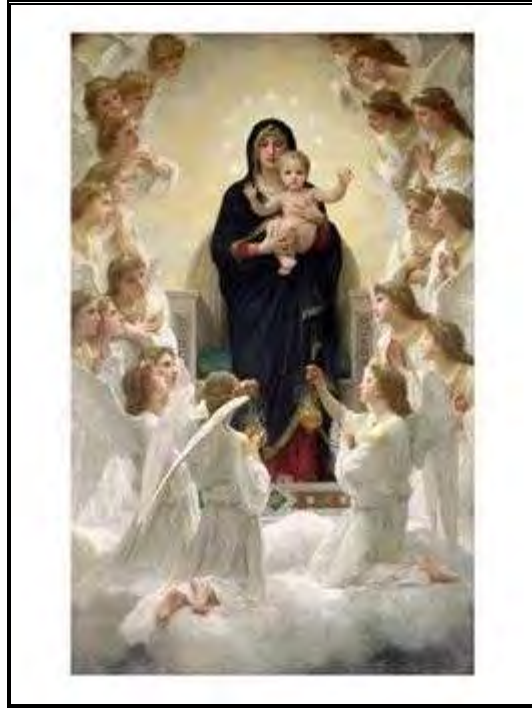


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*On behalf of the Parish Community of Sacred Heart Church, we would like to extend our prayers to you and your family at the loss of your loved one. We are here to help you.*

*The following guide will allow you to choose Scripture readings and hymns as well as enable you to decide if you would like to have individuals play a more active role in the Funeral Mass.*

*May God's presence and love strengthen you now and always.*

*We invite you to reflect on the following Scripture passages and select two readings for the Liturgy of the Word:*

1.

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

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.*

2.

*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  
and 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.*

3.

*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.*

4.

*A reading from the 2nd Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing 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 earthly 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.*

5.

*A reading from the 1st Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians*

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.*

6.

*A reading from the 1st Letter of Saint John*

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.*

7.

*A reading from the Book of Revelation*

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 child.”

*The Word of the Lord.*



*Please reflect on the following hymns and select as many as 4 of them if you would like. If you have any music related questions please call our Music Director, Mark McKeever at (856) 829-0090 x22.*

Abide With Me	I Heard the Voice of Jesus	Panis Angelicus
All I Ask Of You	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Parable
Amazing Grace	In the Garden	Prayer of Saint Francis
Be Not Afraid	Jerusalem My Happy Home	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Blest Are They	Jesus Remember Me	Psalm 42
Christ Be Our Light	Faith of Our Fathers	Shelter Me, O God
Center of My Life	Jesus, Lord	Sing a New Song
City of God	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	Sing With All the Saints In Glory
Day Is Done	Lady of Knock	Softly and Tenderly
Dona Nobis Pacem	Let There Be Peace on Earth	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Eye Has Not Seen	Let Us Break Bread Together	The Lord is My Light
For All the Saints	Lord of All Hopefulness	The Strife is Over
For the Fruits of This Creation	Mother at Your Feet is Kneeling	The Supper of the Lord
Gather Us Together	Mother Beloved	To You, O Lord
Gift of Finest Wheat	Nearer, My God, to Thee	Ubi Caritas
Hail Mary; Gentle Woman	Now We Remain	We Remember
Heart of Jesus Hear	On Eagle's Wings	We Walk By Faith
Here I Am Lord	One Bread One Body	You Are Mine
Hosea		You Are Near
How Great Thou Art		Your Words are Spirit and Life
I Am the Bread of Life		

*(Please circle your choices)*

*Please list any special involvement you may wish to ask of others:*

*The first reading will be read by:*

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*The second reading will be read by:*

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*Prayers of the Faithful*

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*The gifts will be brought up by:*

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*A Remembrance (Eulogy) will be given by:*

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*Please list any special requests you may have for the cemetery:*

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*Please list any other special requests you may have:*

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