



# ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear friends,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your loved one and please be assured of our prayers for their soul and the comfort of your family.

The Sacred Scriptures provide comfort and wisdom in many moments of our lives. I encourage you to prayerfully choose scripture readings that are appropriate for your family and your deceased loved one.

This binder is provided to you as assistance in choosing the Scripture readings for your loved one's upcoming funeral. The funeral liturgy allows for many options as you will see. We do ask that the Scripture readings for all Catholic funerals be chosen from these options. We also ask that this translation of the Scriptures be used for the funeral as well.

A few items to keep in mind when choosing funeral readings:

- One reading from the Old Testament and a psalm are chosen. The psalm may be recited or sung.
- The second reading from the New Testament is optional.
- The celebrant will ordinarily choose the Gospel reading but feel free to make a request of any of the ones provided in the Gospel section.
- During the Easter Season (from Easter to Pentecost), the first reading is chosen from the Easter section.

If the reader has any questions, they should feel free to speak with the celebrant of the funeral. Here are some items for the reader to keep in mind:

- After the collect (the opening prayer), the reader(s) should approach the sanctuary to the left side near the pulpit. It is appropriate to bow towards the altar when entering and exiting the sanctuary during mass.
- If there are two readers, a seat is provided for you in the sanctuary near the pulpit.
- Copies of your selected readings will be provided for you on the pulpit.
- Please be sure to proclaim the introduction to the reading and the readings as they are provided. e.g. "A reading from the Book of Wisdom."
- If the psalm is sung, you may be seated.
- Again, it is appropriate to bow to the altar before leaving the sanctuary. After the readings, you may return to your pew.

May the Lord soon welcome your deceased loved one to Paradise.

In Christ,

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