

Readings that we recommend, you can pick different readings but need to be approved by Fr. Leo:

First Reading – Wis. 3:1-9 – A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Second Reading – Rom. 6:3-9 – A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Gospel Reading – John 11:17-27 – Read by Fr. Leo Zonneveld.

The Readings for Our Parish Funeral Booklet

First Reading (Wis. 3:1 – 9)

A Reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the just 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 before men, indeed, they be 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 visitation they shall shine,
and shall 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 his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading (Rom. 6:3-9)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Are you not aware that we who baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know, our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

The Word of the Lord.