

## Selecting Readings for a Funeral St. Francis de Sales / Blessed Sacrament Parish

Use the **Sacred Scripture Selections** resource to complete this worksheet. Each reading has a number which will identify it. The selected readings will be in place at the Ambo at the service ready for the readers.



You will select a **FIRST READING** and **SECOND READING**, possibly a **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**, and suggest a **GOSPEL** reading for the homilist to consider.

You will also be asked to **indicate who is reading the text**. If you wish the Parish to provide a reader simply indicate "Parish Reader" in the appropriate space.

**STEP ONE:** Using the suggestions, select a "**First Reading**" and a reader.

**STEP TWO:** The "**Responsorial Psalm**" is sung by the psalmist. The Parish Music Director will select an appropriate psalm if you do not have a preference.

On very rare occasions the Psalm is read. If you wish the psalm read, prearrange it with the **Parish Music Director**. The psalm is never replaced by a song or a poem.

**STEP THREE:** Select a "**Second Reading**" and a reader,

**STEP FOUR:** The ultimate choice of the "**Gospel Reading**" is the privilege of the homilist who will speak to this text as part of the homily. You may suggest a specific text if one appeals to you. The homilist will consider your request as he makes his final decision. The Gospel is read by a Deacon (when present) or a Priest and preceded by a sung **Gospel Acclamation** led by the cantor.

**STEP FIVE:** Indicate who will be reading the **Prayer of the Faithful** at the service.

**FINAL STEP:** Call the Parish Office with your selections and readers (613-283-0220) or return the completed sheet to the Parish Office prior to the funeral.

**Can you choose other scripture readings?** It is possible to select readings from the Holy Bible that are not part of our suggestions. If you wish to do this please speak with the presider since there is a specific formula for the readings that should be respected.

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## Readings for the Funeral of: \_\_\_\_\_

Using the reading suggestions please complete the following. (If you wish to choose other readings please consult with the parish before the service.) **Each reading has a selection number that identifies it.** If you do not have anyone who wishes to read, the parish will supply a reader for you if you indicate "Parish Reader".

### The First Reading

From the Old Testament. During Easter Time readings from Acts and Revelation are also acceptable.

Selection #	Reader
1011 (____)	
1012 (____)	If you are selecting a reading from Acts or Revelations during the Easter liturgical period.

### The Responsorial Psalm

The psalm is **presented** by the psalmist. Please contact the **Parish Music Director** for assistance. A "psalmist" and/or "cantor" is a soloist who has trained in liturgical music. The congregations sings the refrain (called the "antiphon").

### The Second Reading

From the New Testament with the exception of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Selection #	Reader
1014 (____)	

### The Gospel Acclamation

The acclamation and its antiphon are presented by the cantor and then sung by the congregation.

### Optional suggestion for the Gospel Reading

You may suggest a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

Selection #	Reader
1016 (____)	The <b>Deacon</b> (when present) or the <b>Priest</b> proclaims the Gospel.

### Prayer of the Faithful

To be read by the [ ] **Deacon / Presider** or by \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this planning sheet to the Parish Office as soon as possible prior to the funeral.**  
**You may call with your selections (613-283-0220) or drop this sheet off to the office.**