

SECOND READING OPTION # 4 [1 Corinthians 2:6-10]

Instructions for Reader: *Please sit next to the center aisle so that it is not necessary for you to pass awkwardly through a row of people on your way up to do the reading. In the beginning of the funeral Mass, after the casket is placed in the sanctuary by the Altar and the musicians have stopped playing and singing, the priest will pray the opening prayer and the congregation will respond, "Amen." Immediately, as all the people sit down you should walk up the center aisle until you reach the step up into the sanctuary. Stop. Genuflect (bend the right knee to the ground). Step up. Go over to the pulpit to your left (the big wooden 'booth' with the microphone), adjust the microphone to be close to your lips and read slowly and clearly. Pause at the // symbol (which is also a good time to catch your breath in the course of your reading.).*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. // We do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, // nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. // Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, // and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. // But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, // what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. // For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God. // The Word of the Lord.

After you finish the reading and the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God," be careful stepping down from the pulpit. Please return to that very spot in front of the sanctuary, where you initially proceeded toward the pulpit, facing the Tabernacle and Crucifix. Genuflect. Return to your seat.