

SECOND READING OPTION # 1 [1 John 3:1-2]

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. John. // 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. // Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure. // 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.