

## MINISTRY OF BEREAVEMENT

### *St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook—Catholic Community of Northbrook*

*In every celebration for the dead, the Church attaches great importance to the reading of the word of God. The readings proclaim to the assembly the paschal mystery, teach remembrance of the dead, convey the hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom, and encourage the witness of Christian life. Above all, the readings tell of God's designs for a world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold on all whom God has called his own. A careful selection and use of readings from Scripture for the funeral rites will provide the family and the community with an opportunity to hear God speak to them in their needs, sorrows, fears, and hopes.*

Order of Christian Funerals: #22

#### **OLD TESTAMENT—FIRST READINGS**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 31-31  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11-15  
Wisdom 3:1-9  
Wisdom 4:7-15  
Sirach 6:5-6, 14-17  
Sirach 44:1, 10-15  
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9  
Lamentations 3:17-26  
Daniel 12:1-3  
Micah 6:6-8

#### **NEW TESTAMENT—SECOND READINGS**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43  
Romans 5:5-11  
Romans 5:17-21  
Romans 6:3-9  
Romans 8:14-23  
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39  
Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12  
1 Corinthians 15:51-57  
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1  
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10  
Philippians 3:20-21  
Philippians 4:4-9  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
2 Timothy 4:6-8  
1 John 3:1-2  
1 John 3:14-16  
Revelation 14:13  
Revelation 21:1-7