

FUNERAL MASS

TRIDENTINE MASS READINGS

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

(Thessalonians 4. 13-18)

Brethren: We would not have you ignorant concerning those who are asleep, lest you should grieve, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so with Him God will bring those also who have fallen asleep through Jesus. For this we say to you in the word of the Lord, that we who live, who survive until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself with cry of command, with the voice of Archangel, and with trumpet of God, shall descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise up first. Then we who live, who survive, shall be caught up together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall ever be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to St. John

(St. John 11. 21-27)

At that time Martha said to Jesus: "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it to thee." Jesus said to her: "Thy brother shall rise." Martha said to Him: "I know that he will rise at the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die. Dost thou believe this?" She said to Him: "Yes, Lord, I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who art come into this world."