

**First Reading:**

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

**Response: *The word of the Lord.***

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: *The Lord is my Shepard, there is nothing I shall want.***

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**Response: *The word of the Lord.***

**Gospel**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Response: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Bidding Prayers**

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

**We ask our Blessed Lady to intercede for us,  
as we say.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women and  
blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus, Holy Mary,  
Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death,  
Amen.

Offertory Hymn:  
**Amazing Grace.**

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.*

Communion Song  
**Ave Maria- Maria Callas**

*Communion*

**If you would like a blessing then please feel free to  
join us with your arms crossed with your  
hands on the opposite shoulder.**

*Eulogy*

**Read by Thomas and Anthony Portaluri**

**Poem: Footprints.**

## **THE FOOTPRINTS PRAYER**

One night I had a dream... I dreamed I was walking along the beach  
with the Lord, and

Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene  
of my life flashed before us,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many  
times along the path of my life,

There was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it  
happened at the very

Lowest and saddest times in my life

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,

You would walk with me all the way;

But I have noticed that during the  
most troublesome times in my life,

There is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I  
needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious  
child. I love you, and I would never,  
never leave you during your times of  
trial and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you.