

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Reardon, and all the members of the St. Regis Parish Family, I wish to express my condolences to you members of Lucille's family and her friends. Throughout our lives we take certain people for models of behavior, and at the time of someone's death we thank God for the example that person has given. So I'm quite sincere when I say thank you for letting us share in this Mass together. As a parish family we need to see models of good Christian lives, like Lucille's.

The Mass of Christian burial which we celebrate today confirms our faith in the promise God makes at baptism. When she was baptized, Lucille was welcomed into the Christian community. Today we pray that she who lived faithfully ever since that day will enjoy her place in the communion of saints for ever.

We have good reason to pray with confidence that Lucille will see the Father. Jesus promised that those to whom he reveals the Father will come to know him. And since we believe that Jesus revealed the Father to Lucille throughout her life of prayer and good works, that she will now come to know him perfectly. We believe she will hear these words addressed to her: "Come to me you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."

I hope that our celebration today will inspire us all to lead lives faithful to God that we too may walk confidently this journey Lucille has taken before us. Jesus reveals the Father to us also in our prayer and good deeds. Let us remain attentive to his call and serve him faithfully.