

VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED WITH RECEPTION AT THE CHURCH

REV. ROBERT W. PUHLMAN

JULY 18, 1949 – OCTOBER 18, 2024

REV. STEVEN ROBERT HOFFER

PASTOR

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

6:30 PM – Rosary

7:00 PM – Vigil

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church

10:30 AM – Rosary

11:00 AM – Funeral Mass

Rite of Committal

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Palm Mortuary Northwest

6701 North Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89131

1:00 PM

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

Fr. Steve, with assisting ministers, goes to the door of the church and greets those present who are all standing.

Fr. Steve: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Steve then sprinkles the coffin with holy water, saying:

Fr. Steve: In the waters of Baptism, Fr. Robert Puhlman died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

All Respond: Amen.

PLACING OF THE PALL

The pall is a cloth that covers a coffin from the reception into the church and is used throughout the funeral liturgy. The word comes from the Latin word pallium or cloak. The pall symbolizes the Baptismal robe that Fr. Bob wore at his own Baptism as an infant.

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Fr. Steve and assisting ministers precede the coffin and Puhlman family into the church. The parish's Paschal candle has already been placed near the position that the coffin will occupy at the conclusion of the procession.

The Paschal candle is placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his own Passover (Paschalis Sollemnitatis §99). During the procession, a psalm, song, or responsory is sung. Fr. Bob chose the hymn The King of Love, My Shepherd Is, which is inspired by Psalm 23 that he felt a strong devotion to as a pastor.



The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With you, dear
 4. And so through all the length of days, Your good - ness

1. fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am his, And
 2. soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant pas - tures grow, With
 3. Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my com - fort still, Your
 4. fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I sing your praise With

1. he is mine for ev - er.
 2. food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3. cross be - fore to guide me.
 4. in your house for ev - er.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

All present are to remain standing. As symbols of his Christian life, Fr. Bob's personal Crucifix and Rosary as well as the parish's Book of Gospels, will be placed on his coffin by members of the Puhlman family.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Steve: Lord God, you chose our brother Robert to serve your people as a priest and to share the joys and burdens of their lives. Look with mercy on him and give him the reward of his labors, the fullness of life promised to those who preach your holy Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Respond: Amen.

All present are invited to sit as the liturgical celebration continues with the Liturgy of the Word. In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word (Sacrosanctum Concilium §51). The Scriptures are the Word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

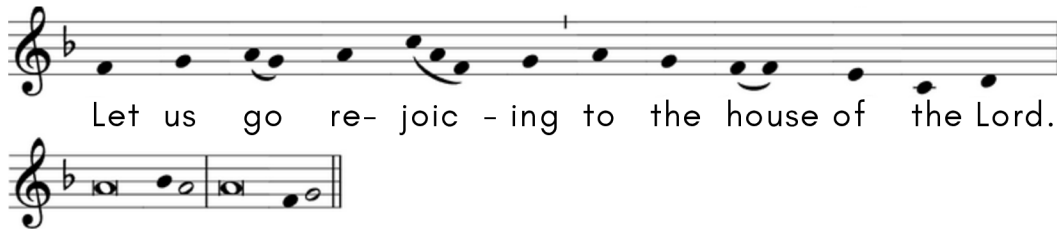
Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Psalm 122 (121): 1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

I rejoiced because they said to **me**, *
"We will go up to the house of the **Lord**."
And now we have **set foot** *
within your gates, O **Jerusalem**.

To it the tribes **go up**, *
the tribes of **the Lord**.
According to the decree **for Israel**, *
to give thanks to the name of **the Lord**.
In it are set up judgment **seats**, *
seats for the house of **David**.

Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem**! *
May those who love **you prosper**!
May peace be within **your walls**, *
prosperity in **your buildings**.

Because of my relatives **and friends** *
I will say "Peace be **within you**!"
Because of the house of the Lord, **our God**, *
I will pray for **your good**.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Revelation 14:13

Blessed are those who died **in the Lord**;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go **with them**.

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Melody: Gregorian Mode VI.

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 35-40

The Lord be with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

✝ A reading from the holy Gospel, according to Luke

All Respond: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps

and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

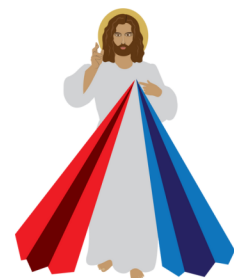
HOMILY

Rev. Miguel Rolland, Ph.D., Pastor of St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church, and Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua from February 2019 through June 2019, will give a brief homily.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

All stand. Fr. Steve invites us to prayer and an Assisting Minister will lead those present in the Prayer of Intercession.

After Each Invocation, All Respond: Lord, have mercy.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



CONCLUDING PRAYER

Fr. Steve: God of mercy and love, grant to Fr. Bob, your servant, and priest, a glorious place at your heavenly table, for you made him here on earth a faithful minister of your word and sacrament. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Respond: Amen.

EULOGY

Fr. Bob had selected both Fr. Miguel and Fr. Steve to both give a brief Eulogy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTATION

Fr. Bob was an active Knight and strong supporter of this Catholic men's fraternal group.

CONCLUDING RITE

Fr. Steve: May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Respond: Amen.

Fr. Steve: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

All Respond: Amen.

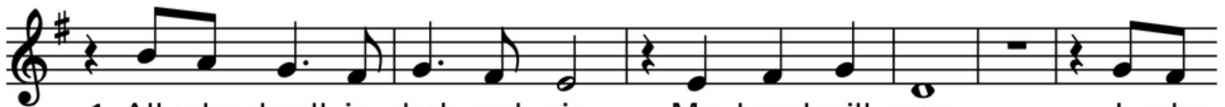


CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



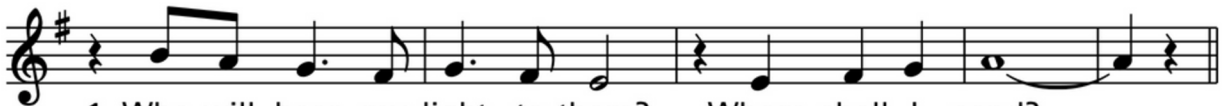
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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POSTLUDE

Engima Variations, Op. 36: IV (Nimrod) Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Shepherd's Council, Parish Ministries, and Confirmation Students invite and encourage you to please join us in our Banquet Room and Eastern Terrace for a light reception.

FR. BOB'S ASSIGNMENTS

SERVING THE LORD

Ordination: June 9, 1984

Holy Family Cathedral (Diocese of Orange)

Most Rev. William Robert Johnson, MSW

St. Irenaeus; Cypress, CA; Parochial Vicar

July 1, 1984 - July 1, 1985

Our Lady of Fatima; San Clemente, CA; Parochial Vicar

July 1, 1985 - July 1, 1990

St. Kilian; Mission Viejo, CA; Parochial Vicar

July 1, 1990 - July 1, 1993

Holy Spirit; Fountain Valley, CA; Parochial Vicar

July 1, 1993 - July 1, 1997

St. Cecilia; Tustin, CA; Parochial Vicar

July 1, 1997 - April 30, 2022

Our Lady of Las Vegas; Las Vegas, NV; Parochial Vicar

June 1, 2002 - July 1, 2004

St. James the Apostle; Las Vegas, NV; Parochial Administrator

July 1, 2004 - October 31, 2005

Mexican American Cultural Center; San Antonio, TX; Spanish language student

November 1, 2005 - December 20, 2005

La Virgen de Guadalupe; Mesquite, NV; Pastor

January 2, 2006 - July 1, 2012

St. Anthony of Padua; Las Vegas, NV; Founding Pastor

July 1, 2012 - January 31, 2023

Retired from Active Ministry

February 1, 2023 - October 18, 2024

REV. ROBERT WELSH PUHLMAN

July 18, 1949 to October 18, 2024

Ordained a Priest: June 9, 1984

Rev. Robert W. Puhlman, 75, of Las Vegas, passed away on Friday, October 18, 2024. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 18, 1949, to Margaret and Albert Puhlman. He was one of four siblings: Peggy, Martha, and Albert Jr. At the age of nine, his family moved to California, where he completed school and college. After graduating, he entered the Salesians of Don Bosco and became a religious brother. Fr. Bob eventually left the Salesians to study for the Diocese of Orange. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on June 9, 1984, by Most Rev. William Johnson at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange, California.

Fr. Puhlman's life was marked by his unwavering commitment to the Lord's work. His assignments took him to various communities, including St. Irenaeus, Cypress, CA; Our Lady of Fatima, San Clemente, CA; St. Kilian, Mission Viejo, CA; Holy Spirit, Fountain Valley, CA; St. Cecilia, Tustin, CA; Our Lady of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV; St. James the Apostle, Las Vegas, NV; La Virgen de Guadalupe, Mesquite, NV; and St. Anthony of Padua, Las Vegas, NV. His presence and dedication left a lasting impact on each of these parishes.

Fr. Bob's legacy is one of service and dedication. His efforts were instrumental in the successful capital campaigns that culminated in the construction of two churches in the rapidly growing Archdiocese of Las Vegas. Fr. Bob constructed La Virgen de Guadalupe and St. Anthony of Padua. For his efforts, Fr. Bob earned the nickname "Bob the Builder" at a time when that children's show was popular. His most recent appointment was as the Founding Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Centennial Hills on July 1, 2012. He held a deep love for God and His people. His magnetic personality and reputation as a practical joker not only led to deep belly laughs, but filled the hearts of many.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fr. Bob quickly assembled an online Catholic evangelization ministry at St. Anthony of Padua, culminating in many people returning to the Catholic faith and several men discerning the priestly vocation. This legacy continues today as the only live-streamed evening Mass, with music, on the West Coast. He retired from active ministry on January 31, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of faithful service that will inspire generations to come.

Father Bob is survived by sister-in-law, Carole, and brother-in-law, Don, as well as his nieces and nephews, Ken, Merilee, Tina, Chip, and Scott.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church with Most Rev. Gregory W. Gordon, STL, celebrating. The Rite of Committal (Interment) will be at 1:00 PM at Palm Mortuary Northwest.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the Memory of Fr. Bob Puhlman can be made to the Building Fund of St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, Las Vegas, NV. Online donations can be made at www.SAPLV.com.

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER” – PSALM 110



Fr. Bob at a family wedding.



Visits with his much loved dog, Frankie.



Fr. Bob's 40th anniversary earlier this year.



Fr. Bob visiting Josh at the Seminary.



A Halloween visit with "The Sisters."



40th anniversary smiles in Mesquite.



SiriusXM debut with Lino Rulli in Feb. 2016.



Mass of Thanksgiving for retirement.



Selfie attempt for SEO.



Groundbreaking at St. Anthony of Padua.



Fr. Bob Puhlman with Fr. Steve Hoffer at their first Mass together.



The Three Amigos.



Virgen de Guadalupe celebration.



Administrators & Pastors of SAPLV before Bishop Pepe's Blessing Mass.

We'll meet again some sunny day. Keep smiling through just like you always do!

ASSITING WITH THE LITURGY

Rev. Steven Robert Hoffer
Celebrant & Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Miguel Rolland, Ph.D.
Homilist & Pastor of St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Mr. Antonio Avila
Deacon of the Word & Deacon, St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church

Mr. Kevin Kiefer, OP
Master of Ceremonies

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Director of Music & Liturgy, St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church

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Lectors

Mr. Josh Lynn & Mr. Jerome Coleman
Sacristans

The George Family
Altar Servers

The Choir of St. Anthony's; The Children's Choir; The San Pedro Calungsod Choir
St. Anthony of Padua Funeral & Environment Ministries
The Knights of Columbus Color Corps

Fr. Bob's Family and Friends Wish to Offer a Special Thanks To...

Most Rev. George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. & Clergy of the Archdiocese, Abel Carlos & Family, Theresa Anderson & Pam Bell, Fr. Bob's Medical Team & Caregivers, Parishioners of the parishes Fr. Bob served, Parish Office Staff, SAP Shepherd's Council & Parish Ministries, SAP Confirmation Students, Archdiocesan Chancery Staff, Missio Dei Media, and Flowing Tide Pub.

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