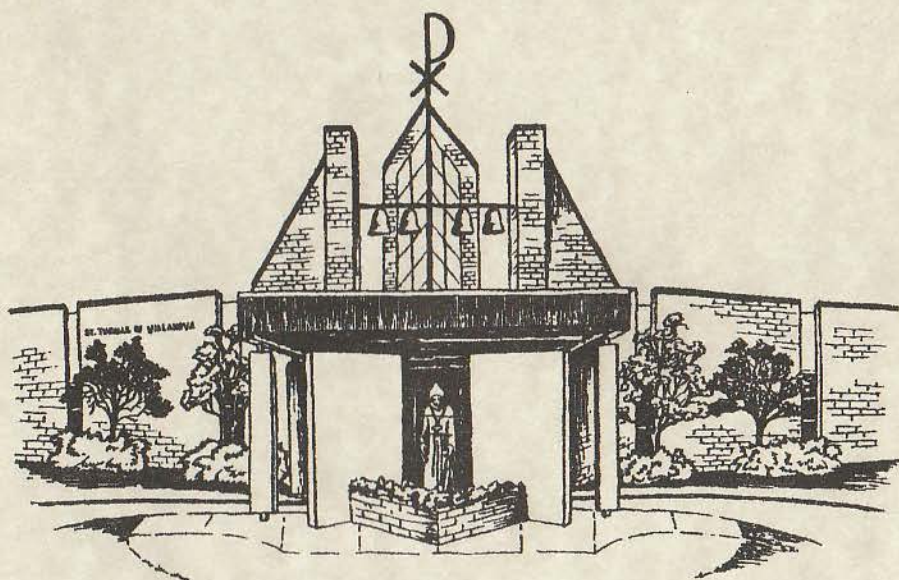




St. Thomas of Villanova

A Catholic Parish Family
Palatine, IL

William Richard Kowal

Born into Life
November 14, 1951

Born into Eternal Life
December 21, 2015

Funeral Mass
December 28, 2015



Celebrant:
Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela



PALLBEARERS

Quinn Spivey, Marty Callaghan, Dan Callaghan, Michael Costantino,
Billy Costantino, Tom Costantino, John Fisher & Anthony DeSalvo

WELCOME & BLESSING

GATHERING SONG: Be Not Afraid #683

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Tim Mikeworth

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.

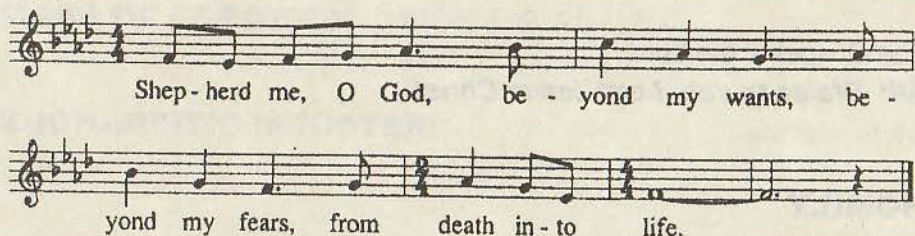
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

31 Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain



SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:5-8*Jill Johnson*

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

Fr. Tom Rzepiela

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to His disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with Me, that where I am you also may be. You know the way that leads where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

*Caitlin Callaghan, Laura Mikeworth,
Jenny O'Grady, Sarah Costantino & Anna Wilson*

Our Response is " Lord, Hear Our Prayer "

- ♦ For Bill that he may rest and rejoice in the presence of God's eternal love and glory. We pray to the Lord...
- ♦ In thanksgiving for the 24 years of marriage that Bill and Laura shared. We pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For all who cared for Bill during his last days, that they know how much their help was appreciated. We pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For Bill and all our deceased relatives and friends, that they may have their full share of peace and eternal life. We pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For all who are here today, that we remember just how precious and how fragile life really is. We pray to the Lord...

PRESENTATION SONG: Make Me A Channel #828**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*Peggy Fisher, Mary Kay Callaghan,
Carol Costantino & Nancy Mikeworth*

MASS OF CREATION #198, 199, 202, 204

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Jack Springmire

INCENSING SONG



1. He has said, "My hour is com-ing. In a
2. He has said, "My peace I give you." He has
3. He has said, "I go be-fore you to pre-



1. while, you will not see me. I will nev-er leave you
2. said, "My peace I leave you. If you love me, love my
3. pare a home in Heav-en. I will re-turn to re-



1. or-phans; I will see you once a-gain.
2. peo-ple; if you love me, feed my lambs."
3. ceive you; you will see me glo-ri-fied."



On that day, you will know me, on that



day, you will know my Fath-er; on that



day, re-ceive my Spir-it. You are



with me, and I with you."

CLOSING SONG: On Eagle's Wings #691



I'll Be There

Well, Hope is an anchor, and love is a ship.

Time is the ocean and life is a trip.

*You don't know where you're goin' 'til you know where you're at
and if you can't read the stars, well you better have a map
a compass and a conscience soul so you don't get lost at sea
or on some old lonely island where no one wants to be.*

*From the beginning of creation I think our maker had a plan,
for us to leave these shores and sail beyond the sand
and let the good light guide us through the waves and the wind,
to the beaches in the world where we have never been
and we'll climb up on the mountain y'all and we'll let our voices ring
those who've never tried it, they'll be the first to sing.*

Oh my my

So I'll see you on the other side, if I make it.

It might be a long hard ride, but I'm gonna take it.

Sometimes it seems that I don't have a prayer.

Let the weather take me anywhere,

*but I know that I wanna go where the streets are gold
'cause you'll be there.*

Oh my my

Well you don't take nothing with you here

and you can't take nothing back.

I ain't ever seen a hearse with a luggage rack.

So I've torn my knees up praying, scarred my back from falling down.

I've spent so much time flying high 'til I'm face first in the ground.

*So if you're up there watching me, would you talk to God and say,
tell him I might need a hand to see you both someday.*

Oh my my

So I'll see you on the other side, if I make it,

and it might be a long, hard ride, but I wanna take it.

Sometimes it seems that I don't have a prayer.

Let the weather take me anywhere,

*but I know that I wanna go where the streets are gold
'cause you'll be there.*

Oh my my

'cause you'll be there.

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- George Strait