

## *Flora Lucille Hixson Shaw*

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Born in Columbus, Ohio on November 23, 1925, and passed away on June 14, 2014.

Flora was preceded in death by her loving husband Earl Shaw and her parents, Giovanni Cessare and Diletta Padovan.

She is survived by her son, John Keith Hixson and wife, Eliana; grandchildren, Andrik (Hixson), Fabian and Monica and Raul and Tiffany; and her great-grandchildren, Fabian and Giovanni

*The family wishes to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.*



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St. Monica Parish community.*

## *Memorial Mass for Flora Lucille Hixson Shaw*



*November 23, 1925 - June 14, 2014*

*June 23, 2014*

*St. Monica Catholic Church  
Dallas, Texas*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

In the waters of Baptism, Flora died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*On Eagle's Wings*

Song # 690

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Flora, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:20-21

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians*

Our Citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

### HOMILY

Fr. Alan McDonald

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Ave Maria*

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Be Not Afraid*

Song # 680

### PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

**Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

**Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Flora, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Flora in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

Song # 650

