

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

Reading II from the New Testament

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What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
4:14-5:1

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,

so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;

rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction

is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen:
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For 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.

The word of the Lord.