

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rita Simó &
Tomás Bissonnette



Rita Simó

August 5, 1934 to September 22, 2020

Tomás Bissonnette

November 20, 1939 to August 10, 2022

Wednesday, August 17

St. Gertrude Catholic Church

1420 W. Granville · Chicago, IL 60660

Visitation: 6 pm in the church

Funeral Service: 7 pm to follow visitation

**Visitation & Funeral Mass
for
Rita Simó & Tomás Bissonnette**

Celebrants: Fr. Joe Mulligan, Fr. Mike Gabriel & Fr. Mike Bradley

Prelude Music: performed by Faculty String Quartet from
The Peoples Music School

Processional: *Sing a New Song* by Dan Schutte, #550

Opening Prayer

First Reading: *Lamentations 3:22-26; Isaiah 25:9*

Lector: Joel Benavides

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Responsorial Psalm: *Shepherd Me O God* by Marty Haugen, #459

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Lectors: Diana Arellano [English]

Rimir De León [Spanish]

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*

from *The Mass of Glory* by Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:33-40*

He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Homily: Joe Mulligan, S.J.

Prayers of the Faithful Led by Art Lyons

Offertory: *Amazing Grace*, public domain. #446

performed by pianist Bob Sutter

Communion: *Pan de Vida* by Bob Hurd, # 333.

Refrain will be sung in Spanish and verses sung in English

Refrain: Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor,
Santa copa, Cristo Redentor.
Su justicia nos convertirá.
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

Pescador De Hombres (Lord, You Have Come) by Cesáreo Gabaráin
#496 (Verses sung in English, refrain sung in Spanish)

Meditation: *Pavana Capriccio*, Op. 12 by Isaac Albéniz

Eulogies: Denise Plunkett • Richard Young • Nalini Kotamraju
Jennifer Kim-Matsuzawa • Gregory Pierce

Poetry Reading: *Life is a Journey* by Rabbi Alvin Fine read by Pamela Young

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life is a journey:
From childhood to maturity
And youth to age;
From innocence to awareness
And ignorance to knowing;
From foolishness to discretion
And perhaps to wisdom.

From weakness to strength or
From strength to weakness
And often back again;
From health to sickness,
And we pray to health again.

From offense to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude,
From pain to compassion,
From grief to understanding,
From fear to faith.

From defeat to defeat to defeat
Until, not looking backwards or ahead,
We see that victory lies not
At some high point along the way
But in having made the journey
Step by step,
A secret pilgrimage.
Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life is a journey.

Final Commendation: *Jesus Remember Me*

by Jacques Berthier, #416

Recessional: *We are the Light of the World*

by Jean Anthony Greif, #601

Musicians

Jim Manzardo, cantor

Dana Sullivan, flute

Jim Szmurlo, trumpet

Tona Palomino, trumpet

Mary Clare Barker, piano and music director