

PLANNING FOR CATHOLIC FUNERALS AT HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.
-Luke 20:38

THREE PARTS TO A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Part I: Vigil for the Deceased

The Vigil for the deceased is the official prayer service of the Church for the deceased and the first of the three major rites celebrated by the Catholic community. The vigil service should not be omitted. The vigil is celebrated between the time of death and the funeral liturgy, often on the day before or evening before the funeral Mass. The vigil may take place in the home of the deceased, at a funeral home, or in the church and is led by a priest or deacon. The vigil takes the form of the Liturgy of the Word. It includes readings from sacred Scripture, song(s), psalm(s), and intercessory prayer. A brief homily/reflection by the leader is also included. At the conclusion of the vigil service is the best time for family and friends to offer stories, reflections, and eulogies on the life of the deceased. Devotional prayers, such as the rosary, may not replace the vigil service, but are a welcomed addition.

Part II: Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass is the central liturgical celebration for the deceased. The Catholic community reaffirms in sign and symbol, word and gesture, that through baptism we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and look forward to the day when we will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace. The funeral Mass is normally celebrated the evening before or on the day of burial, and it takes place in the church with the priest as the presider.

The funeral Mass begins at the entrance of the church. The priest and the gathered assembly receive the body of the deceased. The coffin is sprinkled with holy water, and the pall is placed upon it by family or friends of the deceased to recall baptism. The body is carried in procession toward the altar and placed near the paschal candle. While an extended time of remembrance is most appropriate for the vigil, if desired, one family member or friend may offer a brief, prepared eulogy before the Liturgy of the Word begins.

Mass continues as the community celebrates the Liturgy of the Word. The homily is based on the readings and focuses on the paschal mystery and God's love. The assembly prays for the deceased and the bereaved in the intercessions. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated in the usual manner. In word and sacrament, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection and reaffirm our share in this mystery.

The Final Commendation immediately follows the prayer after Communion. At this time, the deceased is entrusted to God's tender care. The Song of Farewell is the climax of the rite of Final Commendation. This song, sung by the assembly, is meant to affirm hope and trust in the paschal mystery. The body will be incensed during the Song of Farewell. The Prayer of Commendation concludes the rite. The procession is formed, and the body is carried to the place of burial/committal.

Part III: Rite of Committal

The funeral rites conclude with the Rite of Committal. The burial/committal takes place as soon as possible after the funeral Mass. The Rite of Committal takes place beside the open grave or place of interment and will be led by a priest or deacon. Though brief, the Rite of Committal assists the bereaved at this most difficult time. This rite includes a short Scriptural verse, the prayer of committal, intercessions, Lord's prayer, and a blessing. The lowering of the body into the grave or placement in the tomb or crematorium may take place following the prayer of committal or at the conclusion of the rite. A song affirming hope in the resurrection may conclude this rite. Those who wish may offer some gesture of leave-taking at this time.

READINGS

FIRST READING (select one)

FIRST READING #1: *We pray for the dead because we look forward to their resurrection.*

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING #2: *I know that my redeemer lives, and I will behold him.*

Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the book of Job

Then Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING #3: *The souls of the just are at peace with God forever.*

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

But 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 before 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.

FIRST READING #4: *God measures goodness not in length of years, but in understanding of truth.*

Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom

But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported--snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account. Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING #5: *God will destroy death forever and wipe away every tear.*

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING #6: *Even in the midst of great sorrow, I hope in the Lord.*

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my

soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING #7: *The day of final judgement is coming when the dead will awaken.*

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (select one)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #1: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." (Psalm 23)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #2: "To You, O Lord, I lift my soul." (Psalm 25)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #3: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." (Psalm 27)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #4: "My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?" (Psalm 42 & 43)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #5: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." (Psalm 63)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #6: "The Lord is kind and merciful." (Psalm 103)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #7: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living." (Psalm 116)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #8: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #9: "Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord." (Psalm 130)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM #10: "O Lord, hear my prayer." (Psalm 143)

SECOND READING (select one)

SECOND READING #1: *Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life? Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #2: *Where sin is great, God's grace and mercy abound.*

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #3: *Through baptism, we die and rise with Christ.*

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be

done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #4: *Even in our present suffering, we wait for the glory to come, the redemption of our bodies.*

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #5: *Nothing can separate us from the love of God.*

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #6: *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #7: *Just as in Adam all die, in Christ all are brought to new life.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-24a, 25-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #8: *On the last day, the dead will be raised and death will be swallowed up in victory.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and

the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #9: *What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

SECOND READING #10: *We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. So 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #11: *Jesus will transform our wretched bodies into glorious bodies.*

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

But 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.

SECOND READING #12: *Do not grieve those who have fallen asleep, for the dead in Christ will rise.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #13: *If we have died with him, we shall live with him.*

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #14: *We shall see God as he really is.*

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING #15: *We have passed from death to life because we love one another.*

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING (select one)

GOSPEL #1: The Beatitudes; rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.

(Matthew 5:1-12a)

GOSPEL #2: Come to me all who are burdened, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:25-30)

GOSPEL #3: Be ready, for you do not know when the bridegroom is coming, and you must go to meet him.

(Matthew 25:1-13)

GOSPEL #4: The righteous are those who love God by caring for the least among them.

(Matthew 25:31-46)

GOSPEL #5: Jesus was crucified, died, and rose again.

(Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 *or* 15:33-39)

GOSPEL #6: Jesus amazes the crowds by resurrecting a young man who was dead.

(Luke 7:11-17)

GOSPEL #7: Be vigilant and prepared always.

(Luke 12:35-40)

GOSPEL #8: Jesus tells the criminal, today you will be with me in paradise.

(Luke 23:33, 39-43)

GOSPEL #9: Jesus died and was buried. The women find his tomb empty.

(Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a *or* 23:44-46, 50, 52-53)

GOSPEL #10: Jesus meets the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and tells them it was necessary that the Messiah should suffer to enter into his glory.

(Luke 24:13-35 *or* 24:13-16, 28-35)

GOSPEL #11: Whoever believes in me will pass from death to life.
(John 5:24-29)

GOSPEL #12: I will not reject anyone who comes to me.
(John 6:37-40)

GOSPEL #13: All who eat this bread will live forever and be raised on the last day.
(John 6:51-58)

GOSPEL #14: I am the resurrection and the life.
(John 11:17-27 *or* 11:21-27)

GOSPEL #15: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
(John 11:32-45)

GOSPEL #16: If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.
(John 12:23-28 *or* 12:23-26)

GOSPEL #17: In my father's house there are many rooms; I have prepared a place for you.
(John 14:1-6)

GOSPEL #18: Father, I want those you have given me to be with me.
(John 17:24-26)

GOSPEL #19: Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
(John 19:17-18, 25-29)

MUSIC

All #s from *Gather* 3rd edition unless otherwise noted. Hymn tunes or composers are listed in the right column for reference. Please contact Elizabeth Jackson (ejackson@htparish.org) to obtain an electronic copy of this document that contains recordings of each song.

Please select one (1) Opening Song, one (1) song for Preparation of the Gifts, one (1) Communion Song, and one (1) Closing Song. Please know there will also be a Song of Farewell during the Final Commendation.

Opening / Closing Hymns and Songs

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	#949	HYFRYDOL
Amazing Grace	#645	NEW BRITAIN
Baptized in Water	#903	BUNESSAN
Be Not Afraid	#683	Bob Dufford
Christ, Be Our Light!	#590	Bernadette Farrell
City of God	#766	Dan Schutte
Come to Us	#842	Rory Cooney
Dwellers in the Holy City	#976	ST. THOMAS
Glory and Praise to Our God	#606	Dan Schutte
Here I Am, Lord	#777	Dan Schutte
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	#615	GROSSER GOTT
How Can I Keep from Singing?	#685	HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
How Great Thou Art	#578	HOW GREAT THOU ART
Jerusalem My Happy Home	#870	LAND OF REST
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	#614	HYMN TO JOY
Morning Has Broken	#855	BUNESSAN
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God	#902	ST. COLUMBA
O God, Beyond All Praising	#598	THAXTED
On Eagle's Wings	#691	Michael Joncas
Shall We Gather at the River	#873	HANSON PLACE
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	#539	HYMN TO JOY
Soon and Very Soon	#865	SOON AND VERY SOON
The Strife Is O'er	#525	VICTORY
We Shall Rise Again	#871	RESURRECTION
We Walk By Faith	#680	SHANTI

Preparation of Gifts / Communion Songs

Amazing Grace	#645	NEW BRITAIN
Be Not Afraid	#683	Bob Dufford
Behold the Lamb	#939	Martin Willett
Center of My Life	#679	Paul Inwood
Christ, Be Our Light!	#590	Bernadette Farrell
Eye Has Not Seen	#728	Marty Haugen
Gift of Finest Wheat	#940	BICENTENNIAL
I Am the Bread of Life	#945	BREAD OF LIFE
I Have Loved You	#588	Michael Joncas
I Receive the Living God	#916	LIVING GOD
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	#828	Sebastian Temple
May Holy Angels Lead You	#978	LONDONDERRY AIRE
On Eagle's Wings	#691	Michael Joncas
Peace Is Flowing Like A River	#819	Anonymous, acc. by Diana Kodner
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#955	PRECIOUS LORD
Quietly, Peacefully	#713	Antonin Dvorák
Softly and Tenderly	#963	Will L. Thompson
Song of the Body of Christ	#924	NO KE ANO' AHI AHI
Take and Eat	#950	Michael Joncas
Taste and See	#930	James E. Moore, Jr.
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	#712	ST. COLUMBA
These Alone Are Enough	#650	Dan Schutte
Ubi Caritas	#696	Bob Hurd
Unless a Grain of Wheat	#783	Bernadette Farrell
We Remember	#681	Marty Haugen
We Walk By Faith	#680	SHANTI
You Are Near	#695	Dan Schutte

FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

Name of Deceased: _____
Date of Death: _____
Funeral Date: _____ Time: _____
Contact Person: _____
Contact Relationship: _____
Contact Address: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Contact E-mail: _____
Funeral Home: _____

Part I: Vigil for the Deceased

(The vigil is celebrated between the time of death and the funeral liturgy, often on the day before or evening before the funeral Mass. The vigil may take place in the home of the deceased, at a funeral home, or in the church and is led by a priest, deacon, or lay person.)

Vigil Date: _____ Time: _____
Eulogy will be offered: Yes No
If yes, list name: _____

Part II: Funeral Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn: _____
Words of Remembrance: Yes No
If yes, list name: _____

(**Note:** Words of Remembrance during Mass can be no longer than 5 minutes in length. They can be read by only one person and must be submitted to Elizabeth Jackson or Fr. Shayne Duvall no later than two days before the funeral Mass.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: _____

Reader: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Second Reading: _____

Reader: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Priest to select: Yes No

Universal Prayer

Priest to read: Yes No

If no, led by: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: _____

Gift bearers: Yes No

If yes, list names: _____

Communion Song: _____

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Yes No

(**Note:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be practicing Catholics who have been commissioned by their local bishop to minister in this capacity.)

If yes, list names: _____

FINAL COMMENDATION

Song of Farewell

Closing Song: _____



Part III: Rite of Committal

Location: _____



Other:

Pall Bearers: _____

<p>For office use only: Doors: Portico _____ MPB _____ PDS _____ DB _____ MI _____ Casket: Yes _____ No _____ Bereavement meal: Yes _____ No _____ Obituary on Facebook: Yes _____ No _____</p>
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