

**Planning of Roman Catholic Funeral Rites  
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish  
Mass of Christian Burial**

“I know of no greater comfort that we can give to grieving person than to proclaim our hope in the resurrection of the dead. The pain, suffering and loss of a loved one can become a blessed moment when the Spirit works wonders in the hearts of those who believe.

Jesus knew this to be true. He told His disciples without any doubt or hesitation: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14: 13)

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Dear St. Patrick Parish Family Members,

The death of a loved one is an incredibly difficult time in our lives. In the midst of all emotions and often physical exhaustion from caring for our loved one, we are faced with making arrangements at the Funeral Home as well as planning the Funeral Rites at the church. This booklet has been developed to assist members in our parish family in planning their own Funeral Rites as well as for families when planning the Funeral Rites for a loved one. Our hope is that many will choose to plan all or at least part of their own Funeral Rites. I believe doing this is a tremendous gift to your family at the time of your death and gives you the sense of peace that this is completed for when it is needed.

This booklet provides everything you need to plan your Funeral Rites. We have included church guidelines on Christian Funerals, information regarding cremation, the order of Mass for a Mass of Christian Burial.

If you have any questions about this material and/or would like assistance in planning your Funeral Rites, please call the parish office 419-381-1540.

In Christ,

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## Preferred Funeral Rites in the Roman Catholic Church

The Preferred Funeral Rites within the Catholic Church include the Vigil Service celebrated at the funeral home the day before the Funeral, the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in the church, and the Rite of Committal of the Body at the cemetery. Within these Preferred Funeral Rites there are three preferences with the second and third preferences related to the church's stance on cremation.

**The First Preference:** Funeral Rites with the Body Present. The Catholic Church prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the Vigil Service as well as the hours of visitation. The body of the deceased is brought to the church for the Mass of Christian Burial. The Rite of Committal of the Body takes place at the cemetery. The body of the deceased is to be interred, either in the ground or in a crypt, following the Funeral Mass.

**The Second Preference:** Funeral Rites with the Body Present with Cremation afterwards. If the choice to cremate a body has been made, the Church recommends that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. In this case, the Vigil Service and related rites and prayers are done in the presence of the body. The body is brought to the church for the Mass of Christian Burial with cremation taking place after the Funeral Liturgy. After cremation of the body, the cremated remains are to be committed for burial. The cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect given to the human body. Therefore, they should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.

**Third Preference:** Funeral Rites with the Cremated Remains Present. Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial with the cremated remains of the deceased present is considered the least desirable choice. The Church strongly prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the Funeral Rites since the presence of the body clearly recalls the life and death of the person. If cremation is chosen to be done prior to the Funeral Rites, at the Vigil Service as well as the Mass of Christian Burial are to be celebrated with the cremated remains present. As with the second preference the cremated remains should to be buried/entombed immediately following the Mass of Christian Burial.

There are many reasons why these preferences have been outlined by the church. They help us celebrate our belief in the Resurrection and encourage us to gather together to support one another and pray together. The support given to the family, viewing the body, telling stories, coming together to celebrate the life of the deceased, and taking them to their final resting place are all important rituals. Even though many find these rituals archaic or emotionally too difficult it is generally agreed on by grief professionals that these rituals play an essential role in helping family and friends walk their journey of grief in the healthiest ways possible.

With this said, there are times the wishes of the deceased and/or their family are different than these outlined preferences. Families may choose to have the funeral liturgy at the Funeral Home (not a mass), to have cremation done prior to the Funeral Rituals, or not to bury the cremated remains. We respect these wishes. Our role is to walk with and support all of our families through their days of sorrow and grief in the ways that they feel is best for them. We believe this is in line with Mission of Jesus Christ as well as our Parish Mission Statement.

### **Planning Your Own Funeral Liturgy**

We encourage parishioners to plan their own funeral liturgy. You may do this with family members, with a good friend, or by yourself. Everything you will need to do this is provided in this folder. Once your funeral liturgy is planned we suggest that you contact the Parish and review your plans with someone from the parish.

It is also important to let your family know that this has been completed. If you have pre-planned your funeral with a local funeral home we suggest that you have your Funeral Liturgy plan on file at the Funeral Home.

### **At The Time of Death**

After the death of a loved one the family meets with a local funeral home to make funeral arrangements. The funeral home coordinates the date and time of the funeral with St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. Once the date has been confirmed with St. Patrick's a family member will be called to arrange a time to meet and plan either the Mass of Christian Burial to be held at church or the Funeral Service that will be held at the Funeral Home. At this meeting with the family the music, readings, and petitions will be selected and the different ways the family may be involved in the Vigil Service and the Funeral Liturgy will be discussed. If this has already been planned, this information will be reviewed with the family. Details regarding the vigil, the luncheon, or any other matters specific to the family will be confirmed. Someone from the parish will be available to the family from the initial contact with the family until all Funeral Rites are completed, as well as in the months afterward.

### **Funeral Luncheon Program at St. Patrick**

Our funeral luncheon ministry is a blessing to all families who choose to have a luncheon at St. Patrick. We have funeral lunch teams committed to serving your family and friends a lovely luncheon following the funeral of your loved one. The funeral luncheons are held in the Holy Family Center at St. Patrick's. Parish volunteers provide potatoes, salads, vegetables, desserts. The parish provides coffee, tea and lemonade, as well as the paper products and utensils. **The family pays for prepared meat, bread/rolls, and .50/person for supplies.** The luncheon teams and Parish volunteers will take care of setting everything up, serving, and cleanup.

If a family chooses to have a funeral luncheon, a funeral luncheon coordinator will call the family contact person to confirm all details. At this time the family will need to provide an estimate of the number of people that plan to attend the luncheon. An envelope with the cost of the luncheon will be given to the family contact person by the coordinator after the luncheon.

### **Funeral Luncheon Eligibility at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns**

Funeral luncheons will be provided for those registered members of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish who are buried from St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church. If, for various reasons, such persons request a Memorial Mass or burial service at the funeral home, the family is still eligible for a luncheon.

### **General Notes:**

1. The parish staff requires at least two days prior notice for a luncheon request.
2. Due to space availability, luncheons are limited to one hundred fifty (150) persons, unless additional space can be made available
3. Because of various planned school and parish activities, there will be times when the facilities are not available and a funeral luncheon will not be provided. We ask for your understanding in such an event.

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**Mass of Christian Burial  
Order of the Mass**

**Before the Mass begins: Family Sharing/Eulogy (optional)**

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Sprinkling Rite and Placing of the Pall (Pall placed by immediate family members)  
(For explanation of the Pall see the sheet in the inside folder cover)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Old Testament (Read by family member/friend/parishioner)

Psalm Response (Sung)

Second Reading – New Testament (Read by family member/friend/parishioner)

Gospel

Homily

Intercessions (Read by family member/friend/parishioner)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

Presentation of Gifts (family members/friends)

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Song of Peace

Communion Song

Signing of the Book of Life (someone from the family will be asked to write the name of their loved one in the Parish Book of Life.)

Concluding Rite

Final Commendation/Commendation Song

Recessional Song

**St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish**

**Song Suggestions for Funeral Liturgy**

Normally **four songs** are needed for the Mass: Gathering, Offertory, Communion and Recessional. A song of praise after Communion is optional, but not necessary. Marian songs should be sung only at the Offertory or as a song of praise after communion.

Aside from Marian hymns, most of the songs on the list are interchangeable in regard to where they are sung during the liturgy; they are simply listed in the place at which they are most frequently sung during liturgy.

Below are song title suggestions from the Gather Hymnal that are appropriate for a funeral liturgy.

**Gathering**

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Glory And Praise To Our God

Here I Am, Lord

Holy, Holy, Holy

You Are Mine

**Offertory**

Blest Are They

Eye Has Not Seen

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hosea

I Have Loved You

Only This I Want

Prayer of St. Francis

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Seek Ye First

**Offertory(continued)**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

The Servant Song

The Summons

These Alone Are Enough

We Have Been Told

You Are Near

### **Communion**

Gift of Finest Wheat

I Am the Bread of Life

One Bread, One Body

Song of the Body of Christ

Taste and See

### **Recessional**

City of God

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Let There Be Peace On Earth

On Eagle's Wings

***These are some other song suggestions that are not in the hymnal and some are not traditional Catholic hymns, but may be sung as an optional song of praise after communion:***

In the Garden

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)

### **Responsorial Psalms for liturgies – choose one**

(R1) Psalm 19, Lord You Have The Words Of Everlasting Life

(R2) Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd/Shepherd Me, O God

(R3) Psalm 25, To You O Lord I Lift My Soul

(R4) Psalm 27, The Lord is my light and my salvation

(R5) Psalm 30, I Will Praise You, Lord

(R6) Psalm 34, The Lord Hears The Cry Of The Poor

(R7) Psalm 51, Create In Me

(R8) Psalm 85, Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

(R9) Psalm 103, The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

(R10) Psalm 131, In you O Lord, I have found my peace

### **Commendation Songs**

Songs of the Angels by Bob Dufford

The Hand Of God Shall Hold You

## **Old Testament Readings**

**Please select one reading from the Old Testament**

(To help in your selection, we have marked the readings with asterisks \* \* used most often by families.)

### **Old Testament (O-1)**

#### **Job 19:1, 23-27**

A reading from the book of Job

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

### **\*\* Old Testament (O-2)**

#### **Wisdom 3:1-6, 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 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.

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

**\*\* Old Testament (O-3)**

**Wisdom 4:7-15**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The just man, though he dies 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.

The Word of the Lord

**\*\* Old Testament (O-4)**

**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

## **Old Testament (O-5)**

### **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 the 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

## **Old Testament (O-6)**

### **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

## **Old Testament (O-7)**

### **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

## **\*\* Old Testament (O-8)**

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-14**

There is an appointed time for everything, and 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. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered.

The Word of the Lord

**\*\* Old Testament (O-9)**

**Isaiah 55: 6-14**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats. So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. Yes, in joy you shall depart, in peace you shall be brought back. Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, and all the trees of the countryside shall clap their hands.

The Word of the Lord

**\*\* Old Testament (O-10)**

**Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

## **New Testament Readings**

**Please select one reading from the New Testament**

(To help in your selection, we have marked the readings with asterisks \*\* used most often by families.)

### **\*\* New Testament (N-1)**

#### **Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears-him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

### **New Testament (N-2)**

#### **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, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. 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

## **New Testament (N-3)**

### **Romans 5:17-21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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

## **\*\* New Testament (N-4)**

### **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

## **New Testament (N-5)**

### **Romans 8:14-23**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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

## **\*\* New Testament (N-6)**

### **Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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

**\*\*New Testament (N-7)**

**Romans 14:7-9, 10b-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

**New Testament (N-8)**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The Word of the Lord

## **New Testament (N-9)**

### **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 that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that 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

## **\*\* New Testament (N-10)**

### **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

**\*\* New Testament (N-11)**

**2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

**New Testament (N-12)**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

A reading from the letter of 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

**\*\* New Testament (N-13)**

**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 and sisters, 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

**New Testament (N-14)**

**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

**\*\* New Testament (N-15)**

**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

**New Testament (N-16)**

**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 and sisters. 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 and sisters.

The Word of the Lord

**New Testament (N-17)**

**Revelation 14:13**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let" them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord

## **New Testament (N-18)**

### **Revelation 20:11 – 21:1**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

This pool of fire is the second death.

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord

## **\*\* New Testament (N-19)**

### **Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord

**\*\* New Testament (N-20)**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-17**

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**\*\* New Testament (N-21)**

**Philippians 4:4-9**

Brothers and sisters;

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

**\*\*New Testament (N-22)**

**(Philippians 3:12-14)**

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus]. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

## **GOSPEL READINGS**

### **Please select one Gospel Reading**

(To help in your selection, we have marked the readings with asterisks \*\* used most often by families.)

#### **\*\* Gospel (G-1)**

#### **Matthew 5:1-12a**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-2)**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-3)**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-4)**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place 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. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Gospel (G-5)**

**Mark 15:33-39**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-6)**

### **Luke 7:11-17**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arises!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **\*\* Gospel (G-7)**

### **Luke 12:35-40**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-8)**

### **Luke 23:33, 39-43**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-9)**

### **Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-10)**

**Luke 24:13-16, 28-35**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-11)**

### **John 5:24-29**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself and he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-12)**

### **John 6:37-40**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-13)**

**John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-14)**

**John 11:17-27**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-15)**

**John 12:23-26**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus told his disciples: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **\*\* Gospel (G-16)**

**John 11:32-45**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**\*\* Gospel (G-17)**

**John 14:1-6**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way. Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Gospel (G-18)**

**John 17:24-26**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: Father, my disciples are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Gospel (G-19)**

### **John 19:17--18, 25-30**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus carrying the cross himself went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord

## Petitions/Intercessions

### Funeral Liturgies

**Select a total of six petitions.**

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. May they see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.
  
2. That we may realize that for \_\_\_\_\_, life has been changed, not ended. We pray to the Lord.
  
3. In thanksgiving for all the joy, happiness and loving care \_\_\_\_\_ gave to her/his family. May we always remember the blessing she/he has been to us. We pray to the Lord.
  
4. For \_\_\_\_\_ and all others who persevered through times of great suffering. May we be inspired by their great courage and live lives of peaceful acceptance. We pray to the Lord.
  
5. For the repose of the soul of \_\_\_\_\_. May he/she rest in peace and find complete fulfillment in God's presence. We pray to the Lord.
  
6. We assemble here in faith and confidence to pray for \_\_\_\_\_. May we live in hope and expectation of a new life, yet to come. We pray to the Lord
  
7. That while we grieve the loss of \_\_\_\_\_ we may keep within us the hope of a joyful reunion in heaven. We pray to the Lord
  
8. For the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ as they seek comfort and consolation. May they be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wants to comfort those who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

9. That the Lord will comfort the family of \_\_\_\_\_ in their bereavement and help them console one another. We pray to the Lord.
10. For the consolation of the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_. May they experience the Love and Support of the Lord and others. We pray to the Lord.
11. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.
12. For all of us assembled today in prayer. May we be gathered together again one day in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.
13. In thanksgiving for the prayers, good wishes and practical help given to \_\_\_\_\_ and her/his family during this difficult time. We pray to the Lord.
14. For all who have gathered here to worship in faith. May we be made one in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.
15. For all those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. May they all be welcomed by the Lord into the light of God's presence. We pray to the Lord.
16. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord
17. That we may have a deep respect for life for all ages and in all forms. May the Lord help us create a better world wherever we live. We pray to the Lord.
18. For the removal of violence, war, brutality and inhumane conduct from the world. May the Lord help us become a world of harmony and peace. We pray to the Lord.

19. For those who are imprisoned or persecuted for the ideals which they plan or implement. May the Lord bring about justice through them. We pray to the Lord.
  
20. For the poor, the uneducated and under privileged. May they come to know the goodness and power of God. We pray to the Lord.
  
- 21 For those who will die today, alone, unnoticed and unmourned. May they experience the Lord's Light and Love. We pray to the Lord.

9-12-16

**FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING SHEET FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family/Friend Participation in Liturgy**

The Funeral Liturgy is greatly enhanced when the family participates in appropriate ways: clothing the casket with the pall, selecting and reading the Scripture readings and intercessions, serving as lectors or extraordinary minister, singing the responses and the hymns, and offering a short eulogy.

**Speaking before Mass/Eulogy (Optional)** this is to be **no longer than 3 minutes** and they must have it written down.

Name of the person: \_\_\_\_\_

**Placing of the Pall** (Usually immediate family – two to eight people)

(The funeral pall (a large white cloth) reminds us of the garment given at baptism symbolizing our life in Christ. At the reception of the body, the pall is draped over the casket following the blessing with holy water.)

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Music

(See Pages 5-6 - Pink Colored Pages)

**Gathering Song:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm Response:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Offertory Song:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Song:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signing of the Book of Life:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commendation Song:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recessional Song:** Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Readings

**Old Testament: (See Pgs 7- 10 - Violet Colored)** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Testament: (See Pgs 11-17 - Yellow Colored)** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel: (See Pgs 18-25 - Blue Colored)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intercessions**

**(See Pages 26-27 - Green Colored Sheets)**

Reader-Petitions: (You may have two people do this - each reading three.)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose Six:** # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation of the Gifts:** (You may have two to four people.)

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**Eucharistic Ministers:** (Up to three people are needed or the parish will provide.)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Sign the Book of Life:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Incense at the end of the Funeral Mass. YES or NO**

9-12-16

## **For Those Planning Their Own Funeral**

### **Thoughts and Memories**

If you are planning your own funeral you may fill out these two pages for use at the time of your funeral and to be given to your family.

If you need more space feel free to use extra paper and place in your folder.

**To assist the priest with his homily for your funeral, we ask that you take some time to write some memories.**

**These are memories that will not be in the obituary.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**Favorite memories from your childhood**

**Favorite memories from your adult years**

**Favorite hobbies and things you enjoyed doing in your free time**

**Volunteer work and/or charities you were involved in with the parish/community**

**Special vacation or family times**

**Special sayings, readings, or songs**

**How you hope to be remembered**

**ANYTHING ELSE?**

***For Those Planning The Funeral of a Loved One***

**Thoughts and Memories**

**Memories of ...**

Next two pages to be filled out by the family and /or friends of the deceased.

If time allows it would be nice for some family members to do this together

**To assist the priest with his homily for your loved one, we ask that you take some time to write some memories about your loved one.**

**These are memories that will not be in the obituary.**

**Name of loved one** \_\_\_\_\_ **Completed by** \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of person was your loved one and what are your favorite memories?

Did your loved one speak of childhood memories or have favorite family memories?

Were there any special hobbies or interests that your loved one enjoyed?

Was there any volunteer work your loved one was involved in with the parish/community?

Were there any special friends your loved one had? special sayings, readings or songs?

How do you think your loved one would want to be remembered and how **will** your family remember him/her?

ANYTHING ELSE?