

Suggested Songs

Entrance Song

- Amazing Grace CBW #
- Be Not Afraid
- For All The Saints (not during Lent)
- Gather Us In
- Glory and Praise To Our God
- Here, I Am Lord
- How Great Thou Art
- On Eagle's Wings

Offertory Song

- Amazing Grace
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
- Here, I Am Lord
- Lord Of All Hopefulness
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
- We Walk By Faith

Communion Song

- Be Not Afraid
 - Blest Are They
 - Eye Has Not Seen
 - Gift of Finest Wheat
 - On Eagle's Wings
 - Seed Scattered and Sown
 - You Are Near
- Ave Maria
(requires arrangement with the cantor)

Closing Song

- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (not during Lent)
- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- City of God
- For All The Saints (not during Lent)
- How Great Thou Art
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Lord, You Give The Great Commission
- On Eagle's Wings
- Sing A New Song
- Sing To The Mountains

*Only hymns from officially approved Hymn Book
can be used for the ceremony*

The Christian Funeral can be celebrated in the Church or
in the Funeral Home. There are a few options, please
discuss them with the pastor before you decide:

- Funeral Mass in the church
- Funeral Service in the church (with communion)
- Funeral Service in the church (no communion)
- Funeral Service outside the church

What form of the deceased's name would you like
to be used during the funeral ceremonies?

When submitting this completed guide, please
include some notes on the deceased person's life
to assist the priest in celebrating the life of your
departed loved one.

If there are any questions about the Funeral liturgy who
in the family should be contacted?

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Funeral Planning Guide

Dear Friend in Christ

Be assured of **our prayers** as you prepare and plan for the Mass of Christian Burial for your departed loved one. It is our hope that your participation in the planning and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial is to provide consolation and support to you at this difficult time.

You will find here suggestions for the **Scripture Readings** which can be read by a family member or a friend. You can choose one or two readings.

The Prayers of the Faithful or **Petitions** can also be read by a family member or a friend. Suggested petitions can be found here.

You will also find **song suggestions** for the Opening, Offertory, Communion and Closing processions and optionally for the Responsorial Psalm between the readings.

Two significant ways for family members to participate in the Holy Mass are: (1) for the family to participate in **placing the pall** (a white cloth that is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased) on the casket at the beginning of the Mass and (2) by presenting the **offertory gifts** of bread and wine.

While the **eulogy** is not allowed at the Mass you are very welcome to include memorial speeches during the visitations or after the interment. On request of the family the priest may lead prayers at the **visitation** time.

You are very welcome to leave some **flowers** in the church **In Memory** of your loved one, we will publish a memorial note in our Bulletin. There are also other donations **In Memory** possible if you wish.

It is customary that we offer **Holy Masses** for the repose of the soul of your deceased loved one. You may book some intentions through the office. You are welcome to join us for the **Bereavement Mass** and celebration which occurs before Christmas. We will notify you in writing about the date and time.

Our Bereavement and Luncheon Ministry would be happy to assist you in organizing a **reception** after the funeral Mass and offer any guidance or help if needed.

Our prayers are with you!

The Pastor and St. Mary's Community

Scripture Readings

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

(While these are the most commonly selected readings, other options are possible, please ask us.)

First Reading – from the Old Testament

1011 (3) ___ Wisdom 3:1-9 “The souls of the just are in the hand of God . . . they are in peace...”

1011 (4) ___ Wisdom 4:7-15 “The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest...”

1011 (2a) ___ Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 “There is ... a time to be born and a time to die...”

1011 (5) ___ Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 “The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces...”

1011 (6) ___ Lamentations 3:21-26 “...I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope...”

To be read by

Second Reading – from the New Testament

1014 (1) ___ Romans 5:5-11 “Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts...”

1014 (3) ___ Romans 6:3-9 “If, then we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him...”

1014 (5) ___ Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 “If God is for us, who can be against us?”...”

1014 (10) ___ 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10 “...we walk by faith and not by sight...”

1014 (14) ___ 1 John 3:1-2 “...we are God’s children now...”

1012 (4) ___ Revelation 21:1-5a, 6a-7 “...God’s dwelling is with the human race...”

To be read by

The Gospel Reading is chosen and read by the Priest or Deacon

Sample Petitions

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (PETITIONS)

(Sample petitions can be reworded to better fit a given situation)

For (deceased’s name) who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints, we pray to the Lord . . .

For (deceased’s name) who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day, we pray to the Lord . . .

For the family and friends of (deceased’s name), that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, we pray to the Lord . . .

For our family and friends who have died and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face, we pray to the Lord . . .

For those who are sick, suffering or poor, that God might guide us to help them in their need, we pray to the Lord . . .

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered again in God’s kingdom, we pray to the Lord . . .

To be read by _____

The Offertory Gifts of Bread, Wine and Water will be presented by
