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# Funeral Planning Guide

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## **How to Get Started**

This binder will help you get started in the decision-making process about funeral planning from beginning to end. As you consider these decisions, you may want to consult with family members or close friends about your wishes. When your plans are complete, we will be happy to keep a copy of your plan on file at the parish of your choice. If you want to make changes, feel free to contact us at any time.

## **Funeral Pre-Planning**

It is best to decide upon a funeral home/director in advance. Many funeral homes offer pre-planning services, and can help you through the many decisions you will need to make through the funeral home. Contact several funeral homes and compare their services and fees. You may also want to check with relatives and friends about their experiences with particular directors and homes. You should feel comfortable with the director and the home you choose. And always remember, the more decisions you make now, the less your family will have to decide later.

These pages are intended to serve as a guide to pre-plan the funeral. It is not intended to become a rigid rule and may be changed or revised at any time. It is intended to provide direction and suggestion at a time when grief may make such thinking and decision-making difficult for you and those who love you. It is also a great opportunity to share your faith with your family, talking about what Jesus means to you and how you want that expressed at the Mass celebrating your life and faith.

After you have completed the required sheets needed to plan the funeral, please bring it to the parish office you are working with and they will make a copy for you and anyone else that you choose to have a copy, and we will keep a copy in our files in the parish office.

**The First Reading**

**From the Old Testament**

**Please choose one of the following blue page options  
(all labeled OT#)**

## OT#1 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

*A truly capable woman - who can find her?*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and works with loving 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 for her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**

## OT#2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

*A time for everything*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,  
A time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, 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 refrain 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.  
God has made everything appropriate to its time.

**The word of the Lord.**

**OT#3 Wisdom 3:1-9**

*Their hope is full of immortality.*

**LECTOR:** 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 though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is 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.**

**OT#4 Sirach 2:1-11**

*You who fear the Lord, trust him.*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of Sirach

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy,  
turn not away lest you fall.

You who fear the Lord, trust him,  
and your reward will not be lost.

You who fear the Lord, hope for good things,  
for lasting joy and mercy.

Study the generations long past and understand;  
has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken?  
has anyone called upon Him and been rebuffed?

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord;  
he forgives sins, he saves in time of trial.

**The word of the Lord.**



**OT#5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9**

*The Lord God will destroy death.*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples,  
A feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.  
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 your 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.**

**OT#6 Isaiah 35:4-8, 10**

*God himself will come and save you.*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes in vindication;

With divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

Then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water;

A highway will be there,

called the holy way;

It is for those with a journey to make,

and on it the redeemed will walk.

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return

and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;

They will meet with joy and gladness,

sorrow and mourning will flee.

**The word of the Lord.**

## OT#7 Isaiah 40:25-31

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Do you not know?  
or have you not heard?  
The LORD is the eternal God,  
Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary;  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary;  
and young people stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord,  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

**The word of the Lord.**

## OT#8 Isaiah 40:25-31

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a light for the nations,  
To open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

**The word of the Lord.**

## OT#9 Isaiah 61:1-5, 9

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release the prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor from the Lord  
and a day of vindication by our God,  
to comfort all who mourn;  
To place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes,  
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,  
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.  
All who see them shall acknowledge them as a people the  
Lord has blessed.

**The word of the Lord.**

**OT#10 Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*I will put my spirit in you that you may live.*

**LECTOR:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

O my people, I will open your graves  
and have you rise from them,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord,  
when I open your graves and have you rise from them  
O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the Lord!  
I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**The Second Reading  
from the New Testament**

**Please choose one of the following pink page options  
(all labeled NT#)**

## NT#1 Romans 5:5-11

*God proves his love for us.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just person, though it is barely possible that for a good person someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

**The word of the Lord.**



## NT#2 Romans 6:3-9

*Let us walk in newness of life.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to this death, so shall we be united with him in the resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. One who is dead has been freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**The word of the Lord.**

### NT#3 Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

**LECTOR:** 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.**

## NT#4 Romans 8:31b-35,37-39

*Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?*

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**NT#5 2 Corinthians 15:51-57**

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will 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 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.**

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

*We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**NT#7 Philippians 3:20-21**

*Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from Philippians.

As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

**The word of the Lord.**

## NT#8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*We shall stay with the Lord forever.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers & 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 dies 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.**

**NT#9 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:8-13**

*If we have died with him, we shall live with him.*

**LECTOR:** 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.

**The word of the Lord.**



## NT#10 Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7

*There will be no more death.*

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of the heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among mortals, He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See I make all things new!...To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who win the victory will inherit these gifts; I will be their God and they will be my children."

**The word of the Lord.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

**Proclaimed by the Celebrant**

**Please choose one of the following yellow page options  
(all labeled Gospel #)**

## Gospel #1 Matthew 5:1-2a

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

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 #2 Matthew 11:25-30

*Come to me...and I will give you rest.*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "I will 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 #3 Matthew 25:31-46

*Come, you whom my Father his blessed.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the 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 of mine, you did for me.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Gospel #4 Luke 12:35-40

*Be prepared.*

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 who the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have then 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 #5 Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

*Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?*

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 #6 John 6:37-40

*All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.*

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 #7 John 6:51-58

*All who eat this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

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 people quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat of 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 of my flesh and drinks of 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 #8 John 11:21-27

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

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 #9 John 12: 23-28

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

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.”

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Gospel #10 John 14:1-6

*There are many rooms in my Father's house.*

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.**

# Petitions

Please choose 6 or 7 of the numbered options below.  
More personal prayers may be written, please ask the  
Parish Office for guidance.

1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead (him/her) over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord:
2. Our (brother/sister) \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table. Welcome (him/her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord:
3. Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray to the Lord:
4. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your son. We pray to the Lord:
5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord:
6. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially \_\_\_\_\_ that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord:
7. For those who mourn the loss of \_\_\_\_\_, that their grief may be lightened by the Risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home. We pray to the Lord:
8. For the grace of a well-prepared death, that, when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptism robe unstained. We pray to the Lord:
9. For the sick, the recovering, and the dying, that the compassion of Jesus may be present to them in our prayers. We pray to the Lord:
10. For all who have served their country in the military; may their efforts to establish peace on earth succeed. We pray to the Lord:
11. For the doctors, nurses and staff who attended to \_\_\_\_\_, may God strengthen them in their work and bless their lives with health and peace. We pray to the Lord:
12. 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:

# Recommended Music for Funerals

The music list below is recommended for Funerals. Any music not found within this list must be approved by the Music Coordinator.

Everything listed below is approved for the Licensure at the Church of St. Benedict (Avon) along with St. John the Baptist (Collegeville).

If there is a song we are not licensed for, there is an additional fee if you would like it for the Funeral (see note above regarding approval).

OneLicense.net License fee: \$95.00

CCLI.com License fee: \$111

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher	Opening Song	Gifts	Communion	Closing Song
Alleluia No. 1	Fishel	<b>G 524</b>	GIA		X	X	
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus		<b>G 949</b>	GIA	X			X
Amazing Grace	Newton	<b>G 645</b>	GIA	X		X	X
At the Table of Jesus	Alonso	<b>G 948</b>	GIA			X	
Behold the Lamb	Willett	<b>G 939</b>	OCP			X	
Be Not Afraid	Dufford	<b>G 683</b>	OCP		X	X	X
Blest Are They	Haas	<b>G 735</b>	GIA			X	
Christ, Be Our Light	Farrell	<b>G 590</b>	OCP			X	X
Come to Me	Joncas	<b>G 731</b>	GIA		X	X	
Come to the Water	Foley, SJ	<b>G 584</b>	OCP		X	X	
Eternal Father, Strong to Save		-	OCP	X			X
Eye Has Not Seen	Haugen	<b>G 728</b>	GIA		X	X	
For All the Saints		<b>G 884</b>	OCP	X			X
Gift of Finest Wheat	Kreutz	<b>G 945</b>	OCP			X	
Go in Peace	Hart	<b>SS 130</b>	SS-OCP			X	X
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman		<b>G 889</b>	OCP		X	X	
Healer of Our Every Ill	Haugen	<b>G 960</b>	GIA		X	X	
Here I Am, Lord	Schutte	<b>G 777</b>	OCP		X	X	
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name		<b>G 615</b>	Public Domain	X			X
How Can I Keep from Singing?	Lowry	<b>G 685</b>	GIA	X	X		
How Great Thou Art	Hine	<b>G 578</b>	OCP	X			X
I Am the Bread of Life	Toolan	<b>G 945</b>	GIA			X	
I Have Loved You	Joncas	<b>G 588</b>	OCP		X	X	
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say		<b>G 724</b>	GIA	X			X
I Receive the Living God	Geoffroy	<b>G 916</b>	GIA			X	
I Will Live On (Ps. 118)	Haas	-	GIA		X		
Jerusalem, My Happy Home		<b>G 870</b>					
Jesus, Heal Us	Haas	<b>G 952</b>	GIA			X	
Lead Me, Lord	Becker	<b>SS 221</b>	SS-OCP				X
Lift High the Cross		<b>G 881</b>	GIA	X			X
Lord of the Dance	Carter	-	OCP		X	X	X
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Magnificat	Haas	G 892	GIA			X	
May the Road Rise to Meet You	True	RS2 780	GIA			X	
Now We Remain	Haas	G 785	GIA		X	X	
O God beyond All Praising		G 598	GIA	X			X
O God, You Search Me	Farrell	G 581	OCP		X	X	
Only A Shadow	Landry	-	OCP		X	X	
On Eagle's Wings (Ps. 91)	Joncas	G 691	OCP	X	X	X	X
Only This I Want	Schutte	G 782	OCP		X	X	
Prayer of St. Francis	Temple	G 828	OCP		X	X	
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Dorsey	G 955	GIA	X		X	X
Quietly, Peacefully	True	G 713	GIA			X	
Shelter Me, O God	Hurd	G 717	OCP		X	X	
Sing a New Song	Schutte	G 607	OCP	X			
Sing with All the Saints in Glory		G 539	GIA	X	X		X
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Baker	G 712	GIA		X		
The Living Bread of God	Haas	G 921	GIA			X	
The Servant Song		G 751	OCP		X	X	
Though the Mountains May Fall	Schutte	G 689	OCP	X			X
We Are Many Parts	Haugen	G 834	GIA		X	X	
We Have Been Told	Haas	G 784	GIA		X	X	
We Remember	Haugen	G 681	GIA		X	X	
We Shall Rise Again	Young	G 871	GIA				X
We Walk by Faith	Haugen	G 680	GIA	X	X		X
We Will Rise Again	Haas	-	OCP		X	X	
Wherever You Go	Haas	G 968	GIA		X	X	
You Are Mine	Haas	G 721	GIA		X	X	
You Are Near	Schutte	G 695	OCP		X	X	

## Responsorial Psalms

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God	Haugen	G 35	GIA
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord	Haugen	G 39	GIA
Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light	Haas	G 41	GIA
Psalm 40: Here I Am	Cooney	G 49	OCP
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful	Cotter	G 72	GIA

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
<i>Mass of Creation</i>	Haugen	G 198-204	GIA

# The Funeral Eulogy

## *What is a Eulogy?*

In the Catholic Funeral Rite, the eulogy is short speech in honor of a person who has died and is given by a family member or a friend. Think of it as a short “word picture” of your loved one’s most important qualities and personality.

In the Catholic ritual, the eulogy, if given, can be placed either at the very beginning of the Mass (this is the recommend time) or after Communion just before the final commendation. Longer stories and remembrances can be part of the Wake or the meal after the funeral.

The eulogy need not be longer than five or six minutes. (When reading aloud at a moderate pace that equals about 2 single spaced pages in the font this paper is using: Times New Roman, 12 point). When carefully prepared, an enormous amount of very important qualities of your loved one can be spoken of in this time and will be better remembered by those listening to you than a longer eulogy.

Please do not fall into the trap of thinking that a long eulogy is a sign of how much the family loved the deceased. Everyone at the Mass will better remember a moderate five-minute eulogy that concentrates on one or two things.

## *Preparing the Eulogy*

The preparation of the eulogy can be a wonderful time for the family to gather and discuss it together. Individual members of the family can suggest important qualities or details that they would like mentioned and everyone can agree on the general form of the final text. This ensures that when the eulogy is given it truly represents the thoughts of everyone.

## *Who is to present the Eulogy?*

By far the most effective eulogy is one speech delivered by a family member or a friend on behalf of the whole family. A unified and balanced eulogy is a powerful message.

For some important reason, the family may choose to have a few members read different sections of the eulogy. If this is done, it is very important that each section be part of a unified whole. Make sure that the eulogy would sound like one text if only one person were to read it aloud. Try to avoid repeating the same information and concentrate on the one thing that each member wishes to say.

## *Important Practicalities*

It is essential that the speaker has a strong voice and reads the text at a reasonable pace. The speaker needs to speak clearly into the microphone. There is nothing more disappointing than a eulogy that no one can hear. Choose the person who is most likely to deliver the eulogy without being overcome with emotion. Have a backup person ready to take over if the original speaker cannot continue.



Please make sure that the person who is to give the eulogy writes it down and practices it aloud. Print the text in size 14 font so that it is easy to read aloud. ***Do not rely on just notes:*** this is both a formal and an emotional moment: a written text will be a big help in allowing you to honor your loved one with dignity and grace.

Avoid too many details, examples or dates. Do not blur your message with too much information. Be selective of the facts and details you present.

It is not appropriate in a formal religious ceremony to ask if anyone else present would like to say a few words. That is best suited to the less formal setting of the Wake or dinner.

If you desire to share with people a more in-depth story of your loved one's life, consider making available copies of a written biography that people can take home and read at length in their own time.

## **GUIDELINES FOR A EULOGY**

### **Some elements to consider**

#### **Introduction:**

Introduce yourself and mention if you are speaking for the whole family.

#### **Main Body of the Eulogy**

These are suggestions of elements that can be included:

Childhood- Place of birth, parents, siblings, growing up, etc.

Occupation(s), field of work, military service

Family life- spouse, children, vacations

Special interests, hobbies, involvement in clubs/groups

#### **Name one or two of the most important personal qualities of your loved one.**

What are some of the aspects of the deceased's life that you really want to say "thank you" for? Is there a brief example of a time or event that best expresses that quality?

This is what most people will take away from your eulogy. Consider it carefully and choose the quality that you would like people to remember.

#### **Closing:**

A simple thank you to those present and a request for prayers for the deceased and the family is a good way to close.

# Funeral Service Information 2020

**Parish Office:** 320 250-5618  
**Priest Contact:** Father Greg Miller OSB 320 291-5223  
**Administrator:** Charlene Lahr 320 241-2159

## Funeral Homes:

- Williams Dingmann Funeral Home 320 252-2522 or 320 356-7337
- Wenner Funeral Home 320 685-7762
- Miller Carlin Funeral Homes 320 845-2035 or 320 252-7004
- Benson Funeral Home-St Cloud 320 252-3132
- Daniels Funeral Home-St Cloud 320 258-3208
- Patton-Schad-Melrose 320 256-4249

Fees	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Clergy	\$100.00	\$100.00
Accompanist	\$100.00	\$100.00
Cantor	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Church of St Benedict - Funeral	\$100.00	\$200.00
Church of St Benedict – Wake	\$100.00	\$200.00
Ground Plots	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Second Burial on Plot	\$350.00	\$350.00
Casket Burial: Open/Close (ground)	\$575.00 (Tschida \$550)	\$575.00 (Tschida \$550)
Mausoleum Crypt	\$2,050.00 - \$2,250.00	\$3,050.00 – 3,250.00
Crypt Name Plate	\$500.00	\$600.00
Mausoleum Niche-bottom 2 rows	\$550.00	\$1,550.00
Mausoleum Niche-3 <sup>rd</sup> row & up	\$750.00	\$1,750.00
Niche Name Plate	\$300.00	\$400.00
Urn Burial: Open/Close (ground)	\$325.00 (includes infants)	\$325.00 (includes infants)
Funeral Luncheon	No fee if in funeral group	\$4.00/Plate (75 plate min)

# Planning a Christ-Centered Funeral

Planning for: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wake/Visitation      Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to have a wake the night before my Funeral Mass Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to have my wake at St Benedicts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to have my wake at the Funeral Home.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want to have a wake, and would rather just have visitation prior to my Funeral Mass.

Funeral Mass \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Service (cremation) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to have my Funeral Mass in the Abbey Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to have my Funeral Mass at St. Benedict's in Avon.

## Christian Symbols:

Bible: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lectors and Readings:

Find either one or up to three lectors to read the readings and intercessions at the funeral Mass. If you are unable to provide a lector(s), let the priest know as soon as possible. Lectors should sit in a convenient place in church to access the lector stand when necessary.

Choose the following:

Old Testament Scripture Reading: (see pages 4-14 for blue page options) OT# \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament Reading: (see pages 15-25 for pink page options) NT# \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading: (see pages 26-36 for yellow page options) G# \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers of the Faithful (choose 6-7): (see page 37 for purple page options)

Numbers chosen:    1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Music:** Music can be found on pages 38-39

Processional (Opening Song): \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm (p39): \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation: *Celtic Alleluia* or *Mass of Christ the Savior (Lent)*

Preparation of the Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Setting: *Mass of Creation*

Communion (select up to 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Commendation: *Song of Farewell*

Closing Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist: \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor/Choir: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

The bread and wine which are to be used for consecration may be brought forth during the Preparation of Gifts. These individuals can be grandchildren, children, family or friends. Not everybody has to bring something up to be a part of the procession.

Gifts brought up by whom:

\_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Ministers:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Eulogy:**

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon:**

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ specify time \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many people are you expecting for the luncheon? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /plate

**Burial Plan:**

Parish Cemetery Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Plot: \_\_\_\_\_ Niche: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Row: \_\_\_\_\_ Sequence: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notify Funeral Group             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Update Census             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contact Cemetery                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Update Funeral Group List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prepare Funeral Readings Binder  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Update Envelope # _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Readings & FG List to the Church | <input type="checkbox"/> | Update Cemetery List      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Funeral Home Funds               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bulletin Announcement     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Record in Register               | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                           |