

FUNERAL MASS SELECTIONS

Full Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Place of Funeral: _____

Place of Committal/Burial. _____ *(Please circle one)* Body/Ashes

A. Liturgy of the Word: The Word of God brings hope and consolation. At the Funeral Mass we have three readings from the Bible.

1. First Reading from Section A (or Sec. B if it is Easter Season) # _____

Read by: _____

2. Second Reading from Section C # _____

Read by: _____

B. Prayers of the Faithful: Prayer of intercession are offered for the deceased, for the family, for all who mourn, and for all gathered for the funeral Mass. You may have someone from the family read these prayers after the homily.

Read by: _____

C. Offertory Gift Bearers: Family members or friends are invited to carry up the gifts of bread and wine. This is another liturgical expression of love for the deceased.

Usually, 2-3 gifts are brought to the altar.

Gift Bearers: _____

D. Words of Remembrance: After the Prayer after communion, ONE family member or friend can say a few words in remembrance of the deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out these remarks in advance and keep them to less than five minutes in length. It is important that the remarks focus on God, prayer and the faith of the life of the deceased and should be respectful of the fact that we are in Church, in the presence of God.

Read by: _____

Selections Prepared by: _____

Relation to deceased: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Contact: _____

E. Music Selection: Music is an integral part of worship during the Funeral Mass and can be helpful to the grieving process. Funeral music needs to reflect not only the grief of the family, but the whole truth about the life and death of a Christian: “God’s love for them and the promise of eternal life.” This is why the Church insists that only liturgical music should be used and that the primary focus should be on the assembly's song. Ideally there should be a balance between music expressing grief, loss and the need for comfort, and music expressing the believing community’s joyful hope that both the deceased and those who celebrate the rites are entering into the risen life of Jesus the Lord.

Music Director will help you select the hymns

1. Opening Hymn: _____

2. Responsorial Psalm: _____

3. Offertory Hymn: _____

4. Communion Hymn: _____

5. Commendation Hymn: _____

6. Closing Hymn: _____