

## PLANNING FOR THE FUNERAL LITURGY

“Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.” *Taken from the General Introduction of the Order of Christian Funerals*

The following outline is to help you plan the funeral liturgy. Scripture readings can be found [here](#) (*link here to readings*). Suggested funeral music can be found [here](#) (*link here to suggested music*). Various ministers are needed at every liturgy. Family members and friends may perform some of these ministries.

Eulogies may be spoken before Mass begins. We ask that it is limited to 5 minutes in length. However, it is strongly encouraged that eulogies be presented during the Visitation, the grave site or at a luncheon, where there will be no time limit.

The pastor of the parish usually presides at the Funeral Mass, however, exceptions can be made in special circumstances. If a funeral is celebrated outside of Mass, a priest, deacon or pastoral minister may preside.

Celebrant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Soloist: \_\_\_\_\_

Pianist: \_\_\_\_\_

Servers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pall Bearers: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ORDER OF LITURGY

- Greeting
- Sprinkling with Holy Water
- Placing of the Pall Done by: \_\_\_\_\_

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*The pall (white cloth) is a reminder of the garment put on at Baptism symbolizing we are clothed with Christ.*

♪ Gathering Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

- Opening Prayer

### Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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

♪ Responsorial Psalm (sung): \_\_\_\_\_

- Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Gospel Acclamation

- Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

- Homily

- \*Prayer of the Faithful (petitions)

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

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

- \*Presentation of the Gifts by: \_\_\_\_\_

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♪ Preparation Hymn (Offertory): \_\_\_\_\_

- Eucharistic Acclamations
- Our Father
- Communion

\*Eucharistic Ministers: \_\_\_\_\_

♪ Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Rite of Commendation**

Song of Farewell: "Jesus, Remember Me"

♪ Processional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The church can provide readers, servers, gift bearers and/or Eucharistic ministers if none are available from the family.