

St. Matthew the Apostle Church Funeral Liturgy Planning Sheet

Funeral Liturgy of: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

Vigil Place & Time: _____

Location of Burial: _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Presider: _____

Servers: _____

Placing of the Pall by: Family _____ Other _____

Please note: The Order of Christian Funerals does not allow for a eulogy to take place within the celebration of the funeral liturgy. It is our practice that any eulogy or remarks on behalf of the deceased's family be shared at the Christian Vigil Service prior to the funeral or at the luncheon afterward.

Bereavement Luncheon:

If you choose, our parish Bereavement Committee will provide a luncheon for your family and friends in the St. Anthony Room in the church following the graveside service. Should you desire the luncheon, please let us know as soon as possible. We ask that you estimate the number of persons likely to attend (usually family members and out-of-town guests).

____ Yes ____ No Number of guests _____

(over)

The categories below outline the order of the Funeral Mass. Please indicate your desires by filling in the blanks. If there is no preference for music selections, the parish Director of Music will choose. Since the Mass is the official public prayer of the Church, all selections need to be approved by the Pastor. Parish clergy or a staff member can assist in this preparation.

Introductory Rites

Placing of Pall on casket – Placed by: _____

The Placing of Pall occurs at the doors of the church, where the priest greets the body. The priest accompanies the body on its journey to the Paschal candle, which is a predominant symbol of Christ in the funeral liturgy, with family and friends following in procession. All worshippers meditate on the prayer of the Church chanted by the cantor or choir as they witness this solemn procession as part of the funeral ritual.

Liturgy of the Word

Please note how the selected Scripture passages speak to the faith of the deceased loved one. As part of St. Matthew parish's ministry of consolation during this difficult time, a trained parish lector and psalmist will proclaim the Scripture readings and General Intercessions, and the priest celebrant or assisting deacon will proclaim the Gospel.

Reading I _____
(Scripture passage)

Responsorial Psalm _____
(Scripture passage)

Reading II (Optional) _____
(Scripture passage)

Gospel _____
(Gospel passage)

General Intercessions *(a deacon will do, if present)* No: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts by (normally 2 people):

Music during Preparation of Altar: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Final Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal