



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.*

FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

The following expresses the desires of _____
with regard to the liturgical preparations for their funeral.

I have other pre-arrangements on file with: _____ (funeral home)

I would like to be buried at: _____ (cemetery)

I have pre-purchased a burial plot: Yes – No Plot designation: _____

Visitation:

Recite Rosary: Yes – No

Eulogy*: Yes – No By: _____

* Eulogies are not typically permitted at a Catholic Funeral Mass. They would be more appropriate for the Visitation, perhaps before or after the Rosary if there is one.

Funeral Mass:

(It is preferable that the body be present for the Funeral Mass, even if cremation is to take place at a later time.)

Placement of the Funeral Pall over the casket by: _____

(This is often done by the surviving spouse, children, or family of the deceased)

Liturgy of the Word: (see other side for assistance)

First Reading (Old Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23) is typical

Second Reading (New Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Gospel: _____ Read by the priest or deacon

Prayers of the Faithful (Petitions) Read by: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Gift Bearers (bread & wine): _____

(This is often done by the children, grandchildren, godchildren, or family of the deceased)

Music: (see other side for assistance)

Gathering/Opening Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____ (often just an instrumental)

Communion Hymn: _____

Meditation: Song of Farewell (if body of deceased is present in casket)

Dismissal/Closing Hymn: _____

SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR ADULT FUNERAL

Note: Any selection from the Bible may be used for a funeral. Those listed below are preselected by the Church as an aid in narrowing down choices and providing guidance.

St Mary Parish Office has booklets available of the following readings to ease your selection.

Old Testament (choose 1)

Job 19:1,23-26

Wis 3:1-9

Wis 4:7-14

Prov 31:10-31

Eccl 3:1-15

Isa 25:6,7-9

Lam 3:17-26

Dan 12:1-3

II Mac 12:43-46

Psalm 23 – Good Shepherd

is typically used for the Responsorial Psalm, but any of the others could be utilized

New Testament (choose 1)

Acts 10:34-43

Rom 5:5-11

Rom 5:17-21

Rom 6:3-9

Rom 8:14-23

Rom 8:31-39

Rom 14:7-12

I Cor 15:20-28

I Cor 15:51-57

II Cor 5:1, 6-10

Phil 3:20-21

I Thes 4:13-18

II Tim 2:8-13

II Tim 4:1-2, 6-8

I John 3:1-2

I John 3:14-16

Rev 14:13

Rev 20:11-21:1

Rev 21:1-7

Gospel (choose 1)

Mt 5:1-12

Mt 11:25-30

Mt 25:1-13

Mt 25:31-46

Mk 15:33-39; 16:1-6

Lk 23:33, 39-43

Lk 23:44-53; 25:1-6

Lk 24:13-16, 28-35

Jn 5:24-29

Jn 6:37-40

Jn 6:51-58

Jn 11:17-27

Jn 11:21-27

Jn 11:32-45

Jn 12: 23-28

Jn 14:1-6

Jn 17:24-26

Jn 19:17-18; 25-30

SUGGESTED SONGS FOR ADULT FUNERALS

Note: Below are commonly used songs at Funerals, but others could be chosen. Any song from the hymnal may be used. All music used in a funeral must be of a sacred nature. Secular music is generally not permitted at the funeral.

Choose: Gathering/Opening Hymn, Communion Hymn, Dismissal/Closing Hymn

On the Holy Mountain

Lord, Let Me Walk

Return to God

Now the Green Blade Rises

One Bread, One Body

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

We Remember

I Am the Bread of Life

See Us, Lord, about Your Altar

Now We Remain

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Amazing Grace

God, Our God of Distant Ages

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)

Shall We Gather at the River

You Are Near

Eye Has Not Seen

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Be Not Afraid

On Eagle's Wings

You Are Mine

Prayer of St Francis

How Great Thou Art

Blest Are They

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Soon and Very Soon

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Ave Maria

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

Salve, Regina / Hail, Blessed Lady

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Sing of Mary

* - During Lent, songs may not use "Alleluia."