



Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church

Funeral Guidance



IN YOUR GRIEF...accept our prayers and consolation at the death of your loved member who is our brother/sister in the faith of Jesus Christ. Saint Jude Catholic Community shares your loss and we shall remember your deceased family member and your survivors in our prayers.

This funeral guide will assist you in planning Christian Burial for your loved one.

“In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.” par. #1 OCF

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 Order of Christian

Funerals directs the Church to plan for the deceased as follow:

✠ Baptized Catholic	✠ Baptized Non-Catholic
Vigil (<i>An Evening Service</i>) Funeral Liturgy (<i>Celebration of Eucharist</i>) Rite of Committal (<i>Burial Service</i>)	Funeral Service (<i>Service & Commendation</i>) Rite of Committal (<i>Burial Service</i>)
Outline of Funeral/Memorial Mass Reception of the Body at the Entrance* Entrance Procession Opening Prayer Liturgy of the Word Old Testament/Psalm/New Testament Gospel/Homily/Prayer of Faithful Liturgy of the Eucharist Gifts/Eucharistic Prayer/Communion Closing Prayer Final Commendation* Prayer/Signs & Farewell Commendation/Procession <i>* Omitted if it is the Memorial Mass</i>	Outline of the Funeral Service Entrance Procession Opening Prayer Liturgy of the Word Old Testament/Psalm/New Testament Gospel/Homily/Hymn/Intercessions Final Commendation Prayer/Signs & Farewell Commendation/Procession

Procedure in Preparation of the Funeral

1. Immediate family member may contact parish priest and inform the depart of your loved one.
2. Arrange with the selected funeral home and inform them to make contact with the parish in planing date and time.
3. Please prepare the explanation below in selecting participants, readings, and other part of the mass.
4. Schedule immediately a meeting to discuss with the pastor or representative of the service.

Family needs to select the following for liturgy:

- I. Participants for the Liturgy
- II. Readings for the Liturgy (the suggested readings are summarized please look over the whole reading)
- III. Music for parts of the Liturgy [the parish reserves the rights of providing musicians]

I. Selection of Liturgical Ministers & Family Involvement

The following involvements are encouraged by the participation of friends and family members who have been prepared for liturgical ministry. Please keep in mind that all selected persons must be able to serve at the liturgy without disruption of emotional grief.

Family Involvement [if emotionally capable]

- Pall Dresser: _____
- Gifts Presenter: _____
- The Diocesan Bishop directs there will be NO EULOGY at Funeral Mass. Eulogy can be done at the Vigil.

Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must check in with the presider or parish representative 20 minutes before the liturgy begins for instruction.

- First Reader: _____
- Second Reader: _____
- Intercessions Reader: _____
- If known or related Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and would like to consider for service, please list the name & phone number for consideration: _____

Presiding Ministers: If the clergy is unavailable for the vigil/rosary, a parish deacon or a designated representative from one of the ministry will preside at the service. Please do not arrange on your own for the vigil/rosary; but the parish will arrange for you. The pastor will celebrate the Christian burial. You may invite other priest for con-celebration. Christian burial without the Eucharist maybe presides by the parish deacon.

Memorial Display & Flower & Parish Facility: For the memorial mass and funeral service without the presence of the deceased, a portrait with a floral arrangement maybe displayed before the assembly near the Paschal Candle. Only one memorial picture can be displayed near the entrance in the back of the Church for viewing during the regular burial liturgy. Please arrange someone to remove it after the service. Flower arrangements will be placed according to the Church space without obstruction to the Liturgy. Flower arrangements need to be removed by family members, if they desire, immediately after the time of the funeral; otherwise, it will be utilized for church decoration. Only active & registered family may arrange the parish hall with the parish manager. Prior approval from either the pastor or parish manager is necessary for using the parish hall for reception after the liturgy. For non-active and non-parishioners, please inquire with the parish manager and there will be a donation for usage.

Appreciation & Deceased Memorial: Appreciation to the usage of the Church and music ministry is requested because musicians operate on their own times and for church air & heating. The fee of accompanist is \$100, and the cantor is \$75. Please arrange with funeral home to provide a check to these people. If the choir is singing the total fee is \$200. Families may remember and pray for the deceased by checking with the receptionist for mass intention available dates during the year. A parish memorial donation is welcome; please send donation and describe your intention; of course you can discuss with the pastor of any memorial gifts designating to liturgical or pastoral needs of the parish.

II. Selection of Readings for Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament		
1.	Job 19:1,23-27	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
2.	Wisdom 3:1-9	<i>He accepted them as a holocaust</i>
3.	Wisdom 4:7-15	<i>A blameless life is a ripe old age</i>
4.	Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>The Lord God will destroy death for ever</i>
5.	Lamentations 3:17-26	<i>It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God</i>
6.	Daniel 12:1-3	<i>Those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth will awake</i>
7.	Maccabees 12:43-46	<i>It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again</i>
8.	Ecclesiasticus 44:10-15	<i>His reputation will live forever</i>
9.	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	<i>There is an appointed time for everything</i>
10.	Proverbs 31:10-31	<i>The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised</i>
11.	Jeremiah 29:11-15	<i>I will gather you together from all the nations</i>
12.	Isaiah 12:1-6	<i>God indeed is my Savior, I am confident and unafraid</i>

Selection #: _____ or other Old Testament Scripture: _____

New Testament		
1.	Acts 10:34-43	<i>God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone</i>
2.	Romans 5:5-11	<i>Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved</i>
3.	Romans 5:17-21	<i>Where sin increased, grace abounded more</i>
4.	Romans 6:3-9	<i>Let us walk in newness of life</i>
5.	Romans 8:14-23	<i>We groan while we wait for the redemption of bodies</i>
6.	Romans 8:31b-39	<i>Who can ever come between us and Christ's love</i>
7.	Romans 14:7-12	<i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord</i>
8.	I Corinthians 15:20-28	<i>All people will be brought to life in Christ</i>
9.	I Corinthians 15:51-57	<i>Death is swallowed up in victory</i>
10.	II Corinthians 4:14-5:1	<i>What is unseen is eternal</i>
11.	II Corinthians 5:1,6:10	<i>We have an everlasting home in heaven</i>
12.	Philippians 3:20-21	<i>Jesus will transfigure to be like his glorious body</i>
13.	Thessalonians 4:13-18	<i>We shall stay with the Lord for ever</i>
14.	II Timothy 2:8-13	<i>If we have died with him, we shall live with him</i>
15.	I John 3:1-2	<i>We shall see God as he really is</i>
16.	I John 3:14-16	<i>We have passed from death to life because we are love</i>
17.	Revelation 14:13	<i>Happy are those who die in the Lord</i>
18.	Revelation 20:11-21:1	<i>The dead have been judged according to works</i>
19.	Revelation 21:1-7	<i>There will be no more death</i>

Selection #: _____ or Other New Testament Scripture: _____

Old Testament		
1.	Matthew 5:1-12	<i>Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great</i>
2.	Matthew 11:25-30	<i>Come to me and I will give you rest</i>
3.	Matthew 25:1-13	<i>Look the bridegroom comes, go out to meet him</i>
4.	Matthew 25:31-46	<i>Come, you whom my Father has blessed</i>
5.	Mark 15:33-39	<i>Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last</i>
6.	Luke 7:11-17	<i>Young man, I say to you, rise</i>
7.	Luke 12:35-40	<i>Be prepared</i>
8.	Luke 23:33-43	<i>Today you will be with me in paradise</i>
9.	Luke 23:44-52	<i>Father, I put my life in your hands</i>
10.	Luke 24:13-35	<i>Christ should suffer so enter into his glory</i>
11.	John 5:24-29	<i>Hears my word and believes has passed from death to life</i>
12.	John 6:37-40	<i>I will raise them to life again on the last day</i>
13.	John 6:51-58	<i>I will raise them up on the last day</i>
14.	John 11:17-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
15.	John 11:32-45	<i>Lazarus, come out</i>
16.	John 12:23-38	<i>If the grain falls and dies, it yields a rich harvest</i>
17.	John 14:1-6	<i>There are many rooms in my Father's house</i>

Selection #: _____ or Another Gospel: _____

III. Selection of Liturgical Music

For the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy in Church, only sacred music is permissible during the Liturgy. Songs that are secular and related to the dead are strongly suggested to be utilized at the vigil, the cemetery or at the reception.

Funeral Liturgy - Entrance Hymn, Psalm, Preparation of Gifts Hymn, Communion Hymn, Recessional Hymn

Funeral Service - Entrance Hymn, Psalm, Meditative Hymn, Recessional Hymn

Liturgical Music

Parts of the Mass	Songs
Prelude	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ave Maria - Schubert 2. Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled – GC3-869 3. You Are Mine – GC3-721 4. How Great Thou Art – GC3-578
	Your Choice is #
Entrance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Not Afraid – GC3-683 2. We Walk By Faith – GC3-680 3. Seek Ye First – GC3-658 4. Hosea – GC3-484
	Your Choice is #
Psalm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psalm 23 – Shepherd Me, O God – GC3-35 2. Psalm 25 – To You, O Lord, I Life My Soul – GC3-39 3. Psalm 27 – The Lord is My Light and Salvation – GC3-41 4. Psalm 103 – The Lord is Kind and Merciful – GC3-75
	Your Choice is #
Preparation of Gifts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayer of St. Francis “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – GC3-828 2. Mercy, O God – GC3-480 3. I Have Loved You – GC3-588 4. Because the Lord is My Shepherd – Walker (Sheet Music)
	Your Choice is #
Communion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I Am the Bread of Life – GC3-945 2. On Eagle’s Wings – GC3-691 3. Jesus, Remember Me – GC3-510 4. We Have Been Told – GC3-784 5. One Bread, One Body – GC3-932 6. Taste and See – GC3-930 7. Precious Lord, Take My Hand – GC3-955 8. Panis Angelicus – Sheet Music
	Your Choice are ##
Commendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Song of Farewell – GC3-163
	Your Choice is #
Recessional	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Eagle’s Wings – GC3-691 2. Take Me Home – GC3-866 3. Amazing Grace – GC3-645 4. There is a Place – GC3-979 5. The Hand of God Shall Hold You – GC3-981 6. The King of Love My Shepherd Is – GC3-712
	Your Choice is #