

FOLLOW UP SUPPORT

Grief is a journey in and of itself. We know it doesn't magically disappear after the funeral. Your parish family wants you to know we continue to pray for you, your loved one, and all those who cared for that special person, even after the memorial services have concluded. Volunteer members of our bereavement ministry may send a greeting card or place a phone call, just to remind you that the community of St. Teresa of Calcutta supports you on your journey.

In the fall, prior to the Feast of All Souls on November 2, we will contact and invite you to honor your loved one once more by lighting a candle and including their photo in our "Beautiful Souls" display, placed in front of the sanctuary altar at North Lake. The display will remain in place for a few weeks, until Advent begins. It has become a cherished tradition for the parish and a lovely way to remember our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward.

Through it all, we will honor and respect your privacy. Should you prefer not to receive this outreach, simply alert the Parish Office.

Our prayers for you will continue in the quiet of our hearts.

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when your
loved one passes*

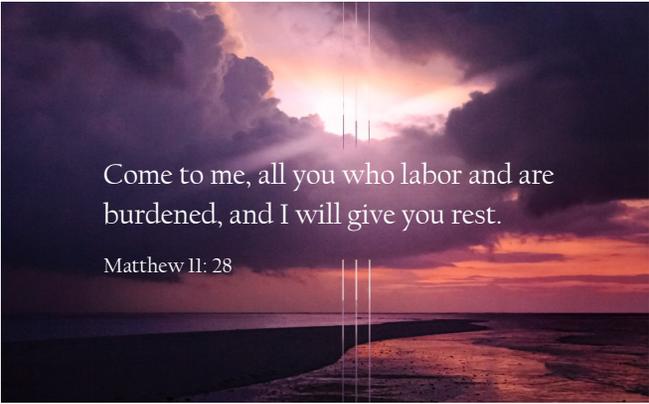


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Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11: 28

Saying goodbye to a relative or friend is a struggle. We have faith that God is forgiving and merciful, which gives us some peace of mind, but we may also be overwhelmed by the reality of death. We can also be overwhelmed by the decisions that need to be made to appropriately honor and pray for the beloved soul, including the details of the funeral Mass or service, identifying who will do the readings, or scheduling a time when the Mass or service will take place. Should we offer a reception after the Mass? What will happen when everyone leaves, and my support system diminishes? Many of these questions will be answered when you meet with the Deacon and Liturgy and Music Director.

St. Teresa of Calcutta has several services in place to help you answer many of these concerns, provided through the work of staff and a core group of gifted volunteers.

LITURGY PLANNING

In the days following your loss, we will invite you to meet with our pastoral and liturgical staff to begin planning a Mass or memorial service. They will help you select comforting readings and music which capture and reflect the essence of your loved one. The staff will also explain the various rituals of the Mass or service, and help you select individuals to participate in this celebration as greeters, ushers, readers, and musicians.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of this parish oversees funeral luncheons for about 100 people. Due to space restraints, we are not able to provide this service for larger groups.

We can offer refreshments, cookies, crackers and sausage and cheese and drinks (water, coffee, lemonade, soda) after funerals in Clare Hall, located in our Parish Center. Our building is accessible and air conditioned.

With required guidelines in place, all refreshments will be individually wrapped so that guests may retrieve their items safely. Hand sanitizers will be available along with napkins.

The amount of food purchased is based on the number of guests your family anticipates will attend. This can vary greatly so we will do our best to make sure everyone has something to eat and drink. All leftover food and drink will be boxed and given to you at the end of your gathering.

Items included in the luncheon:

- Cookies
- Crackers, cheese, sausage
- Small paper plates
- Plastic wrap
- Napkins
- Small cans/beverages
- Small bottled waters

You will not be charged for:

- Centerpieces
- Coffee
- Servers/staff

For more information or to make arrangements, please call the Parish Office.