

Funeral Liturgy Guide

The funeral of _____

Ceremony Type: Mass of Christian Burial

Funeral Service

Graveside

What name should be used in the prayers of the liturgy? _____

Date and place of birth: _____

Date and place of death: _____

Age: _____

Here is a brief summary of the life of this person: *(education, work, family, church involvement, interests...)*

We could bear in mind the following special circumstances: *(there could be particular events or people you would like mentioned during the liturgy...)*

Number of booklets required: *(booklets prepared by the parish are \$2.00 each)* _____

Contact information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Funeral Liturgy: The introductory rites:

Entrance Hymn: _____

After the hymn and greeting the Paschal Candle is lit, and Christian symbols are placed on the coffin by family members.

Who will light the paschal candle? _____ (1 or 2)

The Coffin is then sprinkled with Holy Water by the priest or deacon.

Who will place the pall? _____ (2-4)

Who will place the book of the Gospels? _____ (1)

Who will place the Cross? _____ (1)

Who will place other Christian symbols? (if any) _____

The Eulogy: *A friend or family member now speaks about the deceased.* **Who will do this?**

Liturgy of the Word

In all Christian funerals readings from scriptures are used. There is at least one reading followed by a psalm before the gospel, but you may have two readings if you wish.

Liturgy of the Word:	
First Reading:	
Read by:	
Psalm:	
Will it be read or sung?	
Second Reading (if needed)	
Read by:	

The priest or deacon will read a Gospel. Which one? _____

The priest or deacon will then give a homily.

The Prayer of the Faithful follows. Who will read it? _____

Special Intentions: _____

If you have Mass the liturgy of the Eucharist will follow:

Ways in which people can assist:

Altar Servers: _____

Present the gifts: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Special Minister(s) of communion. Whom? _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Reflection Hymn: _____

If you don't have Mass we continue as below.

Final Commendation:

After this a prayer is said, those who placed the symbols remove them. The pall bearers come forward for the final procession.

Who will be the pall bearers? _____

Final Hymn: _____

Other Arrangements:

The funeral will take place at which Church? _____

Date & Time _____

Celebrant: _____

Committal will be at which cemetery or crematorium? _____

Refreshments _____

