

Funeral Mass: Planning with the Priest

For the Funeral of _____

1. Readings

- a. Readings and psalm may be chosen from the booklet *Through Death to Life* (third edition); the page numbers below refer to this book.
- The first reading is chosen from the Old Testament (pp. 26-30). (During Easter Time, please use a reading from pp. 31-34 in place of the Old Testament selections.)
 - *If the responsorial psalm is sung*, our music minister will help you select one. If it is read, you may choose it from the selections on pp. 35-44.
 - The second reading is from the New Testament (pp. 45-55).
 - The gospel may be chosen from pp. 59-78.
 - *If you are not sure what readings to use*, the priest will be happy to select readings for you.
- b. The priest always reads the gospel; the other readings may be read by the priest, by a lector, or by a relative or friend. Please fill in the appropriate information below:

First Reading: page _____, number _____.

Read by _____ Relationship to the deceased: _____

Responsorial Psalm (if not sung): page _____, number _____.

Read by _____ Relationship to the deceased: _____

Second Reading: page _____, number _____.

Read by _____ Relationship to the deceased: _____

Gospel: page _____, number _____. Read by the priest.

After the gospel, the priest will preach. If there is anything about the deceased person or the family that would help him prepare his comments, please let him know.

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2. General Intercessions

If you like, you may choose a set of General Intercessions from pp. 79-89; otherwise the priest will be happy to choose some for you. They may be led by the priest, by a lector, or by a relative or friend. Please fill in the appropriate information below:

General Intercessions: page _____, number _____.

Read by _____ Relationship to the deceased: _____

3. Offering of the Gifts

If you would like family members and/or friends to bring up the gifts for the offertory, please fill in the appropriate information about them:

Name(s): _____

Relationship to the deceased: _____

4. Speaking in remembrance of the deceased

Although it is not required, you may have a relative or family member speak in remembrance of the deceased, keeping in mind some practical considerations:

a. Please select ONE person to represent you.

If more than one person really wants to speak, you may have the others speak at the Vigil Service or Rosary.

b. The person who speaks should have their words written down beforehand.

This is much more comfortable for everyone concerned.

c. The remarks should be reasonably brief (five minutes or less).

This helps us keep our attention on the purpose of the Funeral Mass, which is a prayer for the deceased and for one another, and an act of faith in future resurrection, more than a simple remembrance of the past.

If someone is going to speak in remembrance of the deceased, that person will be called to the sanctuary after Communion time. Please fill in the appropriate information below:

Name: _____ Relationship to the deceased: _____

Please return this sheet to Fr. Philip by _____

If you like, you may put it in an envelope marked "Fr. Philip Smith" and put it through the mail slot by the rectory door.