

We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one. If you need help during this very sad and stressful time, please call our office and we can help you with planning a Catholic funeral at St Monica.

As you plan the funeral of your loved one, we hope that your experience will be filled with much support and care. Your participation in the planning process will allow St Monica to personalize the Liturgy. A Catholic funeral is structured in such a way as to invite participation by those closest to the deceased. In this way, memories are created as we fulfill the corporal work of mercy by burying the dead and the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the dead.



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St Monica Funeral Mass Planning Form

| Name of Deceased: | |
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| Address of Residence: | |
| Date of Birth: | Date of Death: |
| Funeral Date: | Funeral Time: |
| Place of Funeral: Church Funera | I Home Cemetery |
| Family Contact : | |
| Relationship: | _ |
| Contact Phone: | _ Contact Email: |
| Funeral Home: | |
| | Date of Burial: |
| Type of Funeral: Funeral with Casket | Funeral with Cremains |
| <u>Intr</u> | roductory Rites |
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| Who will process forward with the urn? | |
| Please List Names: | |
| Opening/Processional Hymn: | |
| Eulogy will be offered: | Yes No |
| If yes list name: | - |

Mass Details

We encourage family members and friends to take part in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the First Reading and Second Reading and the General Intercessions.

Suggested readings are included in this booklet.

| First Reading (Old Testament): | | | |
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| Reader (Please list name of reader) | : | | |
| Responsorial Psalm (Sung by Canto | r): | | |
| Second Reading (New Testament): | | | _ |
| Reader (Please list name of reader) | : <u></u> | | |
| Gospel Reading: | Chosen by Pr | est | |
| General Intercessions: | Selection 1 | Selection 2 | _ |
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| Ministers of Holy Communion: | Yes | No | |
| If yes list names: | _ | | |
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| Closing/Recessional Hymn: | | | |

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| Would you like | e Ushers? | Yes | No | |
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| Reception: | Yes | No | If yes number of guests | _ |
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Most funeral directors itemize all costs within their billings.

Fees for music are as follows:

Cantor: \$100.00

Pianist: \$75.00

St Monica does not charge a fee for funerals; however, donations are greatly appreciated.

Suggested First Readings -Old Testament

Reading #1: Ecclesiastes 3,1-8

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted: a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time tosow; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. God has made everything beautiful in its time. The Word of the Lord.

Reading #2: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" The word of the Lord.

Reading #3: 2 Maccabees 12: 43-46

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

Judas [the ruler of Israel then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin. The Word of the Lord

Suggested First Readings -Old Testament

Reading #4: Job 19: 1, 23-27

A Reading from the Book of Job

Then Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever. As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's, will behold him: my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord

Reading #5: Wisdom 3:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if to others, indeed, they seem punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their judgment they shall shine and dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord

Reading #6: Wisdom 4:7-15

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just, though they die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. Those who pleased God were loved; they who lived among sinners were transported—Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their mind or deceit beguile their soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, they reached the fullness of a long career; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped them out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The word of the Lord

Suggested Responsorial Psalms

Psalm #1 : Psalm 23- The Lord is My Shepherd/I Shall Live In The House of The Lord

Refrain: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; there is nothing I shall want. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Psalm #2 : Psalm 25-To You, O Lord

Refrain: To You, O Lord, to you, O Lord, I lift you up, I lift up my soul

Psalm #3: Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light

Refrain: The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm #4: Psalm 42/43: Like a Deer That Longs/ My Soul Is Thirsting For You

Refrain: Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God My soul is thirsting for you, thirsting for you, my God

Psalm #5: Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting/ As Morning Breaks

Refrain: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. As morning breaks I look to you, O God

Psalm #6: Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Refrain: The Lord is kind, the Lord is kind and merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful, merciful merciful is the Lord.

Psalm #7: Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing

Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm #8: Psalm 130: Out Of The Depths

Refrain: Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Suggested Second Readings -New Testament

Reading #1: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been

subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Reading #2: 1 John 3:1-2

A Reading from the first letter of Saint John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us That we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us. Is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; What we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know when it is revealed we shall be like him.

The word of the Lord

Reading #3: Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Suggested Second Readings –New Testament

Reading #4: 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. The Word of the Lord.

Reading #5: Revelation 21:1a, 3-5a

A reading from the book of Revelation

There will be no more death I saw a new heaven and a new earth. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying," Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." The Word of the Lord.

Reading #6: Acts 10: 34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

General Intercessions

Choice # 1:

Celebrant:

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

The response is . . . Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Reader:

| Fo | r, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be |
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| | admitted to the company of the saints. |
| | We pray to the Lord |
| Fo | r our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that they may be raised up on the last day. |
| | We pray to the Lord |
| Fo | r our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. |
| | We pray to the Lord |
| Fo | r those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face |
| | We pray to the Lord |
| Fo | r the family and friends of our sister,, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. |
| | We pray to the Lord |

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's

Celebrant:

kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. . .

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Intercessions

Choice # 2:

Celebrant:

Brothers & Sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

The response is . . . Lord, hear our prayer . . .

| For | _, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted |
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| to the co | npany of the saints. |
| We pray | o the Lord |

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

We pray to the Lord . . .

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

We pray to the Lord . . .

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed life.

We pray to the Lord . . .

Celebrant:

Lord God,

Giver of peace and healer of souls,

Hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,

And the voices of your people,

Whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ

And grant them a place in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Whether planning the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one or pre-planning your own, the music you select can say a lot about what you and loved ones believe. The music you select can even inspire new faith or renewed faith in the lives of your family and friends. We hope the musical choices below will help you to select music that is both comforting and uplifting.

In the funeral liturgy there several opportunities for hymns:

- 1) The Gathering Hymn [when we enter the church]
- 2) The Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts
- 3) The Hymn at Communion
- 4) The Closing Hymn

The selections and placement of music are at the discretion and experience of the Director of Music. We offer the following suggestions for your consideration:

Most Commonly Selected Hymns for Funeral Masses

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Here I Am, Lord
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
On Eagle's Wings
Prayer of St. Francis

Other Frequently Selected Hymns

Blest Are They
Behold the Lamb
City of God
Eye Has Not Seen
Gift of Finest Wheat
Hosea
I Have Loved You
I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Joyful, Joyful
Like a Shepherd
Lord, You Have Come (to the Se

Lord, You Have Come (to the Seashore) / Pescador des hombres One Bread, One Body Panis Angelicus (there are two versions of this) Precious Lord

We Remember Where My Father Lives



Marian Hymns (if desired, one of the following should be chosen for Presentation of Gifts)

Ave Maria (there are several versions to choose from) Hail Mary, Gentle Woman Other Marian hymns may be found in the Hymnal

Program Choices

Please provide picture and obituary for the program as soon as possible. Also favorite poems, Psalms or quotes can be used for the back cover.

PSALM 23

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He leads me bende still water;
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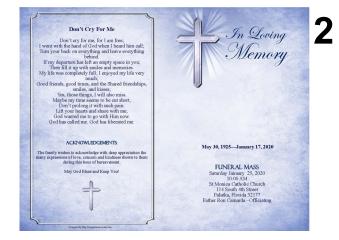
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