



Death to Life: Funeral Liturgy Preparation Sheet

Please fill in the following information & return this sheet to the Parish Priest.

Name of Departed Loved One: _____

Living Spouse (if applicable): _____

Main Contact for the Family: _____

Contact's Number & Email: _____

Date of the Funeral: _____ Time: _____ Parish: _____

Pallbearers _____

Are you wanting Altar Boys yes / no If so, are you inviting the Altar Boys yes / no

Organist: _____ Cantor: _____

Old Testament Reading: (C1-C11) No. _____

Scripture Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

Responsorial: (D1-D10) No. _____ sung: yes / no

Psalm/Canticle Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

New Testament Reading: (E1-E15) No. _____

Scripture Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

Gospel Reading: (G1-G19) No. _____

Scripture Passage: _____

Proclaimed by: *The Priest or a Deacon*

The General Intercessions come from the Funeral Rite Book (as of the 2009 corrections)

Gifts Brought forward by _____

Burial Location: _____

Christian Wake Service:

Are we having a Wake Service yes / no

Will there be a Rosary Prayed yes / no

Do you want family/friends to speak at the wake yes / no

Where is the location of the Wake: _____

(Using the Church is beautiful and an option)

What time is the Wake Service: _____

The selection of Music:

Saint Augustine has accurately written concerning Sacred Music: "Music, that is the science or the sense of proper modulation, is likewise given by God's generosity to mortals having rational souls in order to lead them to higher things." Sacred Scripture calls for us to have music. From Exodus to the Psalms to Ephesians we hear that music is made for the Lord, and people sing to God. Sacred Music must thus be safe guarded to ensure that it helps people encounter the Divine, while enhancing the Theology in the Liturgy. When we attend Holy Mass, we step outside the self, and the world, into the Divine.

As such the Holy Catholic Church has some guidelines on Sacred Music for any Liturgical Function:

- **All Music Selections must be of Liturgical Origin. NO secular music such as country songs, pop songs, rock songs, etc.. may be used, even if it was a song about the Lord.**
- Hymns that oppose Catholic Tradition are not allowed, even if they claim to be Christian.
- Classical songs are normally appropriate in addition to what is found in the hymnal.
- Instruments are also important. In the SHC Parishes we adhere to the teaching of Jesus in His Church. Thus, the organ takes precedence. The piano is allowed and is used often. You will need to talk to the Parish Priest about any other instruments.
 - Small quartets or ensembles of classical instruments may be used.
 - Outside of this, other instruments should not be used.

Just some possibilities for the funeral's hymns; feel free to look through the hymnal as well! All SHC Parishes use the ILP *St. Augustine Hymnal*. Please note the 'Song of Farwell' is always song as a part of the Commendation Rite.

▪ **General:**

- 343 I am the Bread of Life
- 364 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- 403 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- 419 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 325 Loving and Forgiving
- 506 Christ be Our Light
- 534 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 556 Lord of All Hopefulness
- 588 On Eagles Wings
- 594 We Will Rise Again
- 618 Amazing Grace
- 676 The Cry of the Poor
- 742 Abide with Me
- 755 Be Still, My Soul
- 590 O God Our Help in Ages Past
- 603 What Wondrous Love is This
- 620 The Church's One Foundation

- 239 Follow Me
- 492 How Great Thou Art
- 270 To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
- 575 Faith of Our Fathers
- **Communion:**
- 526 Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
- 341 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 343 I am the Bread of Life
- 344 This is Jesus
- 354 How Beautiful
- 364 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- 365 Seed Scattered and Sown
- 690 One Bread, one Body
- 198 Pange Lingua
- 453 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- 454 O God Beyond All Praising
- 789 O Salutaris Hostia
- 214 At the Lamb's High Feast

Processional Hymn: _____ Hymn Number _____

Offertory Hymn: _____ Hymn Number _____

Communion Hymn: _____ Hymn Number _____

Optional Meditation Hymn: _____ Hymn Number _____

The Song of Farwell is typically sung

Recessional Hymn: _____ Hymn Number _____

Know of our prayers for you and for your loved one's soul. Eternal Rest grant unto them!