

Sacred Heart Funeral Ritual Booklet



***Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
Bridgeport, PA***

Funeral Planning Guide

The parish community at Sacred Heart Church extends prayers and sympathy to you in this time of loss and grief. Since the earliest days of the church, bereaved families, close friends, and parts of the larger community have gathered together to support each other, share grief and express hope in the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We do this in a special way by celebrating the Funeral Liturgy. At Mass we offer praise and thanks to our heavenly Father as we recall the great mystery of Christ's death and resurrection which has won for us the great promise of salvation. At the same time, we join with all the saints and angels in praying for the soul of our beloved dead.

This funeral guide is here to assist you as you participate in planning the Funeral Mass for your loved one. We invite you to choose the sacred music and the readings for the Liturgy from the choices which are offered in this packet. If we may assist you in any other way, please contact the parish office at 610-275-1750.

May God bless you with peace and consolation.

*Father DiMaria
Pastor*

***I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.***

John 14:3

Guide to the Catholic Funeral Mass

Introductory Rites

As the Funeral Mass begins, the casket is covered with a white cloth called a pall as a reminder of the deceased person's baptismal garment. With the assistance of the funeral director, family members or friends may participate in placing the pall over the casket.

Liturgy of the Word

The Church attaches great importance to the reading of the Word of God. The readings proclaimed to the assembly convey the hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom and encourage the witness of Christian life. Above all, the readings tell of God's design for a world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold in all whom God has called his own. (*The Order of Christian Funerals* 22).

Readings from Scripture may not be replaced by non-biblical readings. The family is invited to choose two readings from the *Lectionary* for Mass, one reading from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. A copy of the Scripture readings is provided for you in this packet beginning on page 6. Please read them over and indicate your choices on page 26.

*Only a baptized practicing Catholic may proclaim the first and second reading while the priest (or deacon) proclaims the Gospel (USCCB: Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism), 1993, ¶133. Because the purpose of reading from scripture is to provide comfort to mourners as well as speak of Christ's own life and death, it is important that the persons who proclaim the scriptures be comfortable speaking in public at a microphone and be able to maintain their composure. **When selecting readers, please choose a practicing Catholic whose personal life choices are in harmony with the moral teachings of the church.***

Universal Intercessions (Petitions)

The Universal Prayer is a series of intercessions taken from the Order of Christian Funerals calling on God's help and assistance for all people. Sample prayers are provided and you may wish to include specific family members who have died and have them included in the intercessions. The intercessions at Mass are proclaimed by a Catholic as noted in the Introduction to *the Lectionary for Mass*, n. 30. However, you may request that the priest proclaim them.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

When a Funeral Mass is celebrated, Catholic family members or friends are welcome to bring the gifts of bread and wine forward during the Offertory. This occurs after the Universal Intercessions at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Others may accompany the gift bearers even though they do not actually carry the bread and wine. The bread, wine and perhaps an offering for the poor are the only gifts to be brought forward during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently.

In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour.

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. (Canon 916).

For our Fellow Christians

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion.

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to the Funeral Mass those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

Words of Remembrance (euology)

Regrettably experience has shown that many people have abused the privilege of addressing the congregation during a funeral Mass. Many inappropriate things have been said and done which has caused us to revisit the value of having a family member or friend speak during the funeral Mass. These incidents have caused us to **no longer permit** such addresses. We suggest that the funeral luncheon or cemetery may be the more appropriate place for such remarks.

Additional Information

Selection of Musicians and Music

The selection of music for the Funeral Mass is very important. A copy of the music repertoire used for the Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church is included for your perusal. You are welcome to choose any hymn from our approved list.

The organist and cantor are provided by Sacred Heart parish. Because of our contract with our musicians, we do not permit visiting organists or soloists.

Guest Presiders, Concelebrants or Deacons

Priests and deacons who are family members or friends are welcomed to preside, concelebrate, or serve at the Funeral Mass. Please have the priest or deacon contact the parish directly to make arrangements.

Funeral Booklets

Although not required, some families wish to prepare a worship aid for Mass. We ask that you be sensitive to all copyright laws when preparing such booklets and that you request assistance from our parish music director.

“Life Celebrations”

With the eclipse of Christian culture in the West and, with it, the understanding of death as a sacred moment whereby the soul of the baptized leaves this temporal world to face the Judgment of God, the understanding of the Church’s Funeral liturgy as a means by which we petition God to grant eternal rest, light, and peace to the departed seems to have been lost on contemporary people. In its place secularized “Life Celebrations” have come about. While we rightfully recall the happy memories of our beloved dead and all that they meant to us in life, the principal objective of Catholic Funeral Rites is to adore God, to give Him thanks for the life of the deceased, and to pray for that person’s salvation. The Church building is a sacred edifice reserved exclusively for the celebration of the mysteries of salvation.

You may have certain rituals, recorded music, skits, processions, etc. which you consider important to your grieving process. Of course, you are free to do whatever you wish either at the funeral parlor, the cemetery, or the luncheon. The Church building itself is always and only for the Liturgy. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

LITURGY OF THE WORD [Scripture readings] (Instructions for the Readers are found at the end of this guide.)

Please select one reading from each category, and, where applicable, indicate whether you would like the shorter form of the reading.

READINGS

Please make 2 selections – one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament.

Please note: *During the Easter Season, in place of the Old Testament reading, please choose one from selections on pages 9-10.*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS [Please choose one]

1. 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! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord

2. WISDOM 3:1-9 OR 3:1-6. 9

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

[LONG FORM]

But the souls of the just 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 before men, indeed, they be 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 visitation they shall shine, and shall 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

OR [SHORT FORM]

But the souls of the just 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 before men, indeed, they be 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. 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

3. WISDOM 4:7-14

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

But the just man, though he 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 for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported--snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his 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, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him 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

4. ISAIAH 25: 6. 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

5. LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

The word of the Lord

6. DANIEL 12:1-3

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET DANIEL

[I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:] "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord

7. 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 of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. 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 freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord

OR

During the Easter Season, please choose one from this group in place of an Old Testament Reading

1. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

[LONG FORM]

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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

OR

[SHORT FORM]

2. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36. 42-43

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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, 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
3. Revelation 14:13

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord

4. Revelation 20:11-21:1

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

The word of the Lord

5. Revelation 21:1-5. 6-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving

water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."
The word of the Lord

SECOND READING CHOICES:

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS [Please choose one]

1. Romans 5:1-11

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord

2. Romans 5:17-21

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord

3. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4. 8-9

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his

death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord

OR

[SHORT FORM]

4. A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord

5. Romans 8:14-23

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord

6. Romans 8:31-35. 37-39

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

7. Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

The word of the Lord

8. 1 Corinthians 15:20-24. 25-28

A READING FROM THE FIRST 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, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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

9. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

10. 2 Corinthians 5:1. 6-10

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

11. Philippians 3:20-21

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and sisters: our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord

12. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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

13. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord

14. 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 that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord

15. 1 John 3:14-16

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT JOHN

**We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
The word of the Lord**

UNIVERSAL INTERCESSIONS CHOICES:

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL [Please choose one]

SET "A"

After the homily, Father will return to his seat and ask, "Please stand for our Prayer of the Faithful".
Step out of your pew and approach the altar.
Step to the lower platform and BOW
in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;
Turn to YOUR LEFT and approach the pulpit:

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(Father will introduce the Prayer of the Faithful with an opening prayer. After the opening prayer, the reader continues:)

READER:

Our response to each petition is:

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

-For, _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that **he/she** may now be admitted to the company of Your saints. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-For our **brother/sister**, _____, who ate the body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that You may raise **him/her** up on the last day. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-For all our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have helped us in this life, that You may grant to them the reward of their goodness in eternal life. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that, in Your mercy, they may behold the light of Your face. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-For the family and friends of our **brother/sister** _____, that You might give to them the gift of Your consolation and peace. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together for eternity in Your heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

(Father will conclude with a closing prayer. REMAIN at the pulpit until the closing prayer is over.)

After the closing prayer,
Return to the center of the lower platform and BOW
in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;
return to your seat as Father invites all to,
“Please be seated as we offer our gifts.”

SET "B"

After the homily, Father will return to his seat and ask, "Please stand for our Prayer of the Faithful".
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Step to the lower platform and BOW
in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(Father will introduce the Prayer of the Faithful with an opening prayer. After the opening prayer, the reader continues:)

READER:

Our response to each petition is: **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

-In baptism, _____ received the light of Your Son. In Your mercy, dispel the darkness of sin and lead **him/her** over the waters of death. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-Our **brother/sister** _____ was nourished with the Bread of Life at the altar of Your Son. In Your kindness, welcome **him/her** into the halls of Your heavenly banquet. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the fullness of Your kingdom. Graciously grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show Your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against Your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of Your peace. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-Those who trusted in Your hope, now sleep in Your peace. Grant eternal rest to all whose faith is known to You alone. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. We beg You to heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that proceeds from our human weakness. We pray to the Lord...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

-We are gathered here in faith and confidence to pray for our **brother/sister** _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of Your Son's coming. We pray...

(ALL RESPOND: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER)

(Father will conclude with a closing prayer. REMAIN at the pulpit until the closing prayer is over.)

**After the closing prayer,
Return to the center of the lower platform and BOW
in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;
return to your seat as Father invites all to,
"Please be seated as we offer our gifts."**



Music for the Funeral Mass

Whenever music is used in the Liturgy, it is integral to the celebration. Music during the Funeral Mass is meant to encourage the participation of family and friends, inspire their prayer, and allow Christ to unite them more perfectly with our heavenly Father. Texts should express authentic Catholic understanding of Our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection and, at the same time, encourage the full and active participation of all present. That being said, music of a secular nature is not permitted at Sacred Heart Church. So-called "religious" music is often better suited for the graveside service or during a time of remembrance, such as at a luncheon following the burial.

The list of music repertoire used by this parish begins on page 22. You are asked to select your musical choices from this list and indicate them on page 26 (Funeral Mass Planning Guide). You may wish to consult *you tube* for texts and to listen to the music.

It is the policy of Sacred Heart Church that the parish musicians alone play and sing for Funeral Liturgies.

Entrance Hymn Selections:

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Ordinary Time	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You [Beethoven] Yes, I Shall Arise [Deiss] Sing With All the Saints in Glory My Soul is Longing for Your Peace [Deiss] For All the Saints [Vaughan Williams] Keep in Mind [Deiss] Tis Good Lord to be Here Be Thou My Vision Lord of All Hopefulness
Easter Season	Jesus Christ is Risen Today [<i>Lyra Davidica</i>] Alleluia No. 1 Sing With All the Saints in Glory
Advent	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus [<i>Psalmodia Sacra</i>] O Come, O Come Emmanuel [Chant, Mode I] The Coming of Our God Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Christmas Season	various carols
Lent	Keep in Mind [Deiss] Yes, I Shall Arise [Deiss] My Soul is Longing for Your Peace [Deiss] Grant to Us, O Lord [Deiss]

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalms

The Psalm is sung by the cantor with all singing the antiphon. Please choose one of the following and indicate your choice on page 22.

1. Psalm 23

Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;

For you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

*You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.*

2. Psalm 27

Antiphon: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD, and contemplate his temple.*

*I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the LORD.*

3. Psalm 89

Antiphon: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

*I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant;
Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for a generations.*

*Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
In the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day and through your justice they are exalted.*

*He shall say of me, "You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward hi, and my covenant with him stands firm.*

4. Psalm 103

Antiphon: *The Lord is Kind and Merciful.*

*Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.*

*As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust.*

*Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone and his place knows him no more.*

*But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

During the Offertory, as the gifts are presented and prepared, a hymn may be sung by the cantor or by all.

Hymn choices include:

Shepherd Me O God	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Abide With Me	Let All Mortal Flesh
Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs [<i>O Waly, Waly</i>]	Keep In Mind [Deiss]
I Heard the Voice of Jesus	<i>Pie Jesu</i> [Webber]
Be Thou My Vision [Irish Folk Song]	Seek Ye First [Lafferty]
O Lord With Wondrous Mystery [Andriessen]	Lord of All Hopefulness [Irish Folk Tune]
The King of Love [Irish Melody]	We Walk By Faith [Haugen]

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Communion Rite

Communion Chant/Hymn

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Gift of Finest Wheat [Kreutz]	I Received the Living God [Traditional]
Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist [Monk]	O Jesus, We Adore Thee [<i>Gesangbuch</i>]
See Us, Lord, About Your Altar [Broughton]	Shepherd of Souls [Dykes]
Taste and See [Moore]	Panis Angelicus [Franck]
Soul of My Savior [Montani]	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Let All Mortal Flesh	I Am the Bread of Life

A Marian hymn may be selected as a hymn of praise following the reception of Holy Communion. Examples include:

Ave Maria [Schubert]	Sing of Mary [Leavitt's <i>Christian Lyre</i>]
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman [Landry]	Lady of Knock [Irish]
	Serdeczna Matko

Concluding Rite

Rite of Commendation (sung by the cantor during the incensation)

Recessional Hymn

Mindful of the liturgical calendar, a hymn that reflects the specific season (Easter, Lent, Advent, etc.) is highly recommended. Or, one of the following may be chosen:

Sing With All the Saints in Glory	O God, Beyond All Praising [Holst]
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You [Beethoven]	Christ Be Our Light [Farrell]
Now Thank We All Our God [Cruger]	I Know That My Redeemer Lives [Soper]
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say [English Folk Song]	
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King [<i>Mainzer Gesangbuch</i>]	
For All the Saints	
Be Thou My Vision	
Lord of All Hopefulness	

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FUNERAL MASS PLANNING GUIDE

Name of the Deceased: _____

Date _____ Time _____

Introductory Rites

Placing of the Pall: _____

Entrance hymn _____

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading _____ Lector _____

Responsorial Psalm (led by cantor) _____

New Testament Reading _____ Lector _____

Universal Intercessions (petitions) read by _____

Option A _____ or B _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Gift Bearers: _____

Offertory hymn _____

Communion Rite

Communion hymn _____

Hymn to the Blessed Mother after Communion Yes _____ No _____

Selection _____

Concluding Rite

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn _____

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR READERS IF THERE ARE TWO READERS
GIVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO EACH OF THEM**

- The family members should have given you a copy of the readings they have chosen in sufficient time before the Funeral Mass for you to prepare.
- That copy is yours to keep and to practice from.
- Please do not bring up pieces of paper. The family will inform the Priest of the readings they have chosen and those two readings will be placed, in plastic covers, in a special Binder, which will be ready for you at the Pulpit.
- The binder will be open to the first reading, and you just need to turn one page for the second reading. There will be nothing else in the Binder.
- Readers should sit towards the front of the Church and near the end of the pew so that they are not climbing over people when they get up to read.
- Shortly after Mass begins, the Priest will say: “Please be seated for the Readings.”
- Both readers (or one Reader, if that is all there is) get up, come up into the Sanctuary together **AND BOW IN THE CENTER TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**
- Go to **YOUR LEFT.**
- The first Reader goes directly to the Pulpit to read the First Reading.
- The second Reader sits on the chair right behind the pulpit.
- After the First Reading, the First Reader goes and sits next to the Second Reader.
- They sit together for a few minutes while the Psalm is sung between the Readings by the Cantor.
- When the Psalm is finished being sung, the second Reader gets up and goes to the Pulpit and reads the second reading, turning the page if necessary.

- When the second reader has finished reading, the first reader gets up and joins him/her and they return to the center, BOW AGAIN, and return to their places.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE READER OF THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Immediately after the homily is finished, the priest will return to his chair and be seated for a few moments.

When he stands and invites all to stand for the Universal Prayer, the reader is to enter the sanctuary, bow to the Blessed Sacrament, turn left and go to pulpit. He/She begins the intercessions at the conclusion of the opening prayer.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE
THIS SHEET SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EACH OF THOSE WHO MAY BE BRINGING
UP THE GIFTS.**

Normally, two people bring up the Gifts, because there are two Gifts.

**THOSE BRINGING UP THE GIFTS SHOULD SIT NEAR THE
FRONT AND NEAR THE END OF THE PEW. THEY SHOULD NOT
BE CLIMBING OVER PEOPLE AT THE LAST MINUTE IN ORDER
TO LEAVE THE PEW.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GIFTS WILL BE ON A SMALL TABLE
JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASKET FROM WHERE THE
FAMILY IS SEATED.**

After the Universal Prayer is finished, the priest will be seated as the altar is prepared after which the Priest will come to the opening at the altar rail and wait for the gifts to be brought to him.

- Those bringing up the Gifts leave their pews and go to the little table in the front where the Ciborium and Wine will be.
- They take one item each.
- The Priest will take the items from you.
- Turn and return to your places



“Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again, never to be broken off.” ***- St. Francis de Sales***