



Death to Life: Funeral Liturgy Preparation Sheet

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

Parish (circle): St. Patrick's, St. John the Baptist, Nativity of the BVM, Immaculate Conception

Name of Departed Loved One: _____

Living Spouse (if applicable): _____

Main Contact for the Family: _____

Contact's Number & Email: _____

Date of the Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Pallbearers _____

The Christian Wake Service

Following the model of Christ in the Garden before journeying to the Cross, the Christian Wake 'watches and prays (Mt. 26:36-41),' in preparation for the Funeral Mass; that is the offering of the One and Eternal Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary for the beloved dead.

The Wake will be held in the Church the evening prior to the Funeral Mass.

Although this is a noble Catholic Tradition, it is not a requirement.

Are we having a Wake Service: Yes / No

If yes, please select which one:

☐ **The Simple Christian Wake Service:**

This prayer opens with a Scripture reading, followed by a very brief reflection from the presiding Priest. Then the Rosary is prayed. The sharing of memories or stories can be facilitated after the Rosary or after the Service during a reception.

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

(Speeches are not delivered in the Funeral Mass)

What time is the Wake Service: _____

☐ **The Christian Wake Service with Exposition of Jesus in the Eucharist:**

This prayer opens with the Exposition of Jesus on the Altar, followed by some quiet time in personal prayer. The Rosary is prayed just before the Rite of Benediction. This beautiful form of the Wake does not permit for the sharing of stories during the service. It is possible to host this sharing at the reception.

What time is the Wake Service: _____

The Mass of Christian Burial

Graveside services are prayed only after the Sacrifice of Jesus (The Mass) has been prayed in the Church. Following the command of Jesus, Christians are to be buried or interred as a whole, meaning parts of the beloved dead are not to be divided among relatives.

Please record the following information for the Mass of Christian Burial, the Funeral Mass. If you would prefer not to make reading or hymn selections, the Presiding Priest can make those determinations. Please just let him know if needed.

Are you inviting Altar Servers: yes / no **If so, whom:** _____

Organist: _____ **Cantor:** _____

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

Or other Scripture passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

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

Or other Psalm/Canticle Passage: _____

Proclaimed by (if not sung): _____

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

Or other Scripture passage: _____

Proclaimed by: _____

Gospel Reading: (G1-G19) No. _____

Or other Gospel passage: _____

Proclaimed by: *the Presiding Priest or deacon*

There will be no General Intercessions per the 2009 options

Would you like family/friends to present the gifts (bread, wine, & water): yes / no

If so, by whom: _____

Burial Location:

Christians are to be properly interred in a grave, mausoleum, or columbarium. The Presiding Priest or Deacon will bless the place of burial within the post Funeral graveside. Christians are typically laid to rest in Parochial Cemeteries or Graveyards, but this is not required.

Other cemeteries or final resting places may be used.

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| ☐ Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Chadron | ☐ Chadron City Cemetery |
| ☐ St. John's Cemetery, Crawford | ☐ Crawford City Cemetery |
| ☐ St. Mary's Cemetery, Harrison | ☐ Harrison City Cemetery |
| ☐ Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montrose | ☐ Other: _____ |

The selection of Liturgical Hymns :

Concerning Sacred Music, Saint Augustine wrote: "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 be safe-guarded to ensure that it helps people encounter the Divine, while enhancing the Theology of the Liturgy. When we attend Holy Mass, we step outside the self and the world, into the Divine. **"Sacred music is for the *glory of God* and the sanctification and edification of the Faithful (SC 26)."**

As such the Catholic Church has some guidelines on Sacred Music:

- **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. Please do not ask for an exception to this rule (MS43).**
- Hymns that oppose Catholic Tradition cannot be allowed, even if the song/hymn claims to be Christian.
- Classical Catholic compositions are normally appropriate in addition to what is found in the hymnal.
- Instruments are also important. In our High Plains Catholic Family, 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.

Processional Hymn: _____ Number _____

Offertory Hymn: _____ Number _____

Communion Hymn: _____ Number _____

Optional Meditation Hymn: _____ Number _____

The Song of Farwell is sung

Recessional Hymn: _____ Number _____

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

Some hymn suggestions can be found on the next page

*Just some possibilities for the Funeral's hymns; feel free to look through the hymnal as well!
Please note the 'Song of Farwell' is always song as a part of the Commendation Rite.*

Processional:

- 403 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- 534 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 506 Christ be Our Light (Easter Verses)
- 440 Merciful Savior Hear Our Humble Prayer
- 743 The Setting Sun / Abide With Us
- 744 Day is Done
- 135 Jesus, Come to Us
- 138 Like a Shepherd
- 181 O Sacred Head Surrounded
- 212 Jesus, Remember Me
- 323 Come Home
- 438 The Lord is My Light
- 447 Shepherd Me, O God

Offertory:

- 796 At the Cross Her Station Keeping
- 364 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- 556 Lord of All Hopefulness
- 191 Lamb of God
- 212 Jesus, Remember Me
- 755 Be Still, My Soul
- 740 Glory to Thee, My God, This Night
- 742 Abide with Me
- 743 The Setting Sun / Abide With Us
- 618 Amazing Grace
- 440 Merciful Hear Our Humble Prayer

Communion:

- 526 Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
- 344 This is Jesus
- 390 O Sacrament Most Holy
- 200 Praise We Christ's Immortal Body
- 346 Humbly We Adore Thee
- 191 Lamb of God
- 771 Soul of My Savior
- 345 Soul of Christ
- 400 O Lord, I am Not Worthy

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Communion Cont....

- 780 Abide, O Lord
- 371 See Us Lord About Thine Altar
- 793 O Heart of Jesus
- 770 O God of Loveliness
- 339 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist
- 370 Receive Your Savior
- 374 Pierce O God, My Inmost Soul
- 395 Shepherd of Souls

Meditation: (can be used at the offertory)

- 325 Loving and Forgiving
- 676 The Cry of the Poor
- 740 Glory to Thee, My God, This Night
- 742 Abide with Me
- 744 Day is Done
- 444 Remember Those, O Lord

Song of Farwell:

- 445 Song of Farewell (Old Hundredth) Default
- 440 Merciful Hear Our Humble Prayer
- 439 May the Angels Lead You
- 443 May the Angels

Recessional:

- 757 Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- 440 Merciful Savior Hear Our Humble Prayer
- 226 I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- 739 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
- 534 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 447 Shepherd Me, O God
- 419 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 618 Amazing Grace
- 297 Glory in the Cross
- 298 Lift High the Cross
- 299 Take Up your Cross
- 323 Come Home
- 438 The Lord is My Light