

FUNERAL MASS PLANNING SHEET

A Guide for Family Participation

Saint Victor Church

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We have provided this "Funeral Planning Sheet - A Guide for Family Participation" in order to assist bereaved family members in the preparation of the funeral mass. There are some simple selections to be made. When completed, this sheet is either given to the priest or deacon at the funeral home following the vigil service, or can be faxed (both sides) to the rectory office on the morning of the funeral.

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Name of Deceased: _____ Phonetic Spelling of Last Name: _____

Arrival at the Church: As the funeral begins, (1) the funeral pall is placed upon the casket as a reminder of the baptismal garment, and (2) a cross or bible is placed upon the casket.

Placing of the Funeral Pall: By family members By funeral director

Placing of Cross or Bible: By family members By funeral director Omit

Scripture Readings: Family members may select (check off) the scripture readings below, and also come forward to proclaim (read) them during the funeral mass. Please use the other sheet in selecting the readings, and bring it to church with you to use for the readings during mass.

Old Testament Reading: Read by: _____ or by church minister

- Wisdom 3:1-6,9 "The souls of the just are in the hands of God and no torment shall touch them."
- Isaiah 25:6a,7-9 "The Lord will destroy death forever, let us rejoice in that he has saved us."
- Lamentations 3:17-26 "It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save."
- Other (If you wish to bring another Old Testament scripture selection, you may do so.)

Responsorial Psalm: *Pause for the psalm before going on to the New Testament Reading.*

New Testament Reading: Read by: _____ or by church minister

- Acts 10:34-36,42-43 "God has appointed Jesus as the judge of all people, living or dead."
- Romans 6:3-4,8-9 "Let us walk in newness of life."
- I Corinthians 15:51-57 "Death is swallowed up in victory."
- Philippians 3:20-21 "Our citizenship is in heaven."
- Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7 "There will be no more death."
- Other (If you wish to bring another New Testament scripture selection, you may do so.)

Offertory Gifts: Two family members may come forward with the gifts of bread and wine. The gifts are on a table by the first pew. Bring gifts forward when the book is placed on the altar. **Write names below:**

Bread: _____ Wine: _____ Omit

Requests for Special Liturgical Music: _____

Notes on the Life of the Deceased: On the other side of this sheet, please include any notes about the deceased that would be helpful to the presider in preparing the homily. **Be sure to fax both sides of this sheet!**

SOME SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS

Select ONE Old Testament Reading: This reading occurs right after everyone sits down after the opening prayer of the mass.

Wisdom 3:1-6,9 A reading from the book of Wisdom. 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 his elect. The Word of the Lord.

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.

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 hope 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.

Select ONE New Testament Reading: PLEASE WAIT until the organist has led the Responsorial Psalm before continuing with the reading.

Acts 10:34-36,42-43 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "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.

Romans 6:3-4,8-9 A reading from the letter of 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.

I Corinthians 15:51-57 A reading from the first letter of 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 that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that 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.

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Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7 A reading from the book of Revelation. 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. 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 (A) and the Omega (Ω), 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.

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