

# CATHOLIC FUNERAL LITURGY



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*WE HAVE A DWELLING PROVIDED FOR US BY GOD,  
A DWELLING IN THE HEAVENS, NOT MADE WITH HANDS BUT TO LAST FOREVER. (2 COR 5:1)*



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Dear Friends,

Please be assured of the heartfelt prayers of Saint Paul the Apostle parish family during this time of loss.

It is my confident hope that your loved one, who has gone to their rest in the peace of Christ, may experience the joys of heaven and one day know the resurrection promised by our Lord Jesus.

We pray also for your own consolation and strength, which we hope will be realized, at least partially, through the sacred rites of Christian burial we will celebrate with you and your family here at Saint Paul within the next few days. The parish staff stands ready to assist you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any question regarding the details contained within this booklet.

It is our fervent desire to commend your loved one to the Lord with all the dignity and grace which the Catholic tradition affords us in these moments, and which without a doubt your loved one deserves.

May faith be your consolation, and eternal life your hope!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! Let perpetual light shine upon them! May they rest in Peace, and may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

With renewed sentiments of my sincere condolences,  
and in union of prayer, I remain

Yours faithfully in the Lord,



Fr. Krzysztof (Chris) D. Ciastoń

Pastor



## FUNERALS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholic Church sees the death of a Christian as the end of the earthly pilgrimage and the beginning of a new and eternal life with God. The rites of the Church reflect this belief. The rites of the Church aim to assist the dead with prayers of the Church for their eternal salvation in Jesus Christ and to aid the family and friends of the deceased in their time of loss and sorrow with a message of hope and consolation in Jesus Christ.

**The focus of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy is God.** The Church praises God for His goodness and for the gifts of life and love which He bestows and are experienced by the deceased. In the Funeral Liturgy, the Church turns to God in faith for the reward of eternal life for those who believe in God and lived for God in this life. The Church also prays to God for the healing and consolation of those who mourn.

**The Funeral Liturgy is an aid for both the living and dead.** As we gather to pray for our beloved dead we are strengthened and renewed in our faith so that we can recommit ourselves to loving God and living our lives in Jesus Christ.

The Funeral Liturgy is closely tied with the Rites of Baptism when the promise of eternal life in Christ is first given to those who believe. The ritual symbols of water, the paschal candle, the pall, the Word of God and the journey to the altar, all recall the journey that begins for the Catholic in baptism.

**For Catholics, the normative celebration of a funeral is the Funeral Mass.** The Funeral Mass is always celebrated in the church. A Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated at the funeral home- the rite remains the same with the exception that the Liturgy of the Eucharist is omitted.

**Funeral Masses and Cremation,** when cremation is chosen, the cremation should take place after the Funeral Mass, the Catholic Church prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral Mass. If cremation is completed beforehand, a Funeral Mass can still be arranged.

**Burial of Cremated Remains.** The Catholic Church does not allow for the scattering of the cremated remains of the faithful. Cremains are to be treated with the same respect as the body. The cremains are to be interred in the ground or placed in a columbarium.

**The Funeral Mass expresses** the faith in Jesus' victory over death and our personal share in that resurrection. It does so through prayers and blessings, through songs and readings, through ceremonies and symbols. A few words on some of these may make the liturgy in church more understandable and more consoling.

**1) The color of the priest's vestments.** We normally associate the color white with Easter, weddings, baptisms and other events of joy, happiness and victory. Since we are not merely grieving over a loved one's loss, but celebrating her or his entrance through death into life forever, the clergy generally wear white vestments. However, current church directives state that "Violet, white or black vestments may be worn at funeral services and at other offices and Masses for the dead in the dioceses of the United States of America".

**2) The Easter or paschal candle.** For 50 days after Easter the large paschal candle stands in the sanctuary. It symbolizes the risen Christ and tells us he has conquered sin and death and now lives in our midst. In the Catholic funeral service we carry this candle in procession or place it before the casket as a reminder that the deceased, through her or his death, shares in that victory of Jesus over the powers of darkness.

**3) Sprinkling of the casket.** We first share in the resurrection of the Lord through baptism. At the font, saving waters poured over our bodies made us Christians and our whole beings new creations filled with the Holy Spirit. When the priest sprinkles holy water over the casket during the service it should serve to recall that initial washing in baptism. It is this which gives us the basis for hope in the personal rising of loved ones to life forever.

**4) Placing of the Pall.** A funeral pall, reminding us of the garment given at baptism and therefore symbolizing our life in Christ, is draped over the coffin at the beginning of the liturgy. Family members or friends are encouraged to do this, although the placing of the pall may likewise be done by the priest or another minister of the service. The use of this pall also signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God (Jas 2:1-9).

**5) Presentation of Gifts.** The church encourages family members or friends at the Funeral Mass to bring to the altar the bread and wine. This action in effect says, "Lord, we give our loved one back to you. We accept your will. We know it is some event in your plan."

**6) Holy Communion.** This is the most perfect way to share in the Funeral Mass. The church encourages Catholic Christians to do so. You may also receive communion under both kinds. The words of Jesus in St. John have great meaning here. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him on the last day" (Jn 6:54).

**7) Incensing of the body.** As Christians we believe the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and one day will be resurrected by God's mighty power. During the Funeral Mass, the priest walks around the casket and incenses the body as a sign of our respect for the remains, as a symbol of the community's prayers for the deceased rising to the throne of God, and as a final farewell or commendation of this departed one to God.

**8) Planning with the parish ministers a personal funeral service.** This service contains the rich variety of prayers, readings and ceremonies included in the official Catholic ritual for Christian funerals. That rite also encourages you, working with the presiding priest of the Mass and musicians, to select those which you find most suitable for the circumstances. The meeting with parish ministers will be scheduled with you a few days before the funeral mass. I am sure the funeral director, musicians and parish priest will be most happy to help you with the practical details.

**9) Scripture Readings from the Bible.** Among the many resources open to you in the funeral liturgy is a list of scriptural readings. At funeral liturgies, there is a reading from the Old Testament followed by a reading from the New Testament as well as the Gospel. The family is invited to choose from among the designated selections of readings. The family may appoint a person to do the First and Second Reading. The Gospel is proclaimed by the priest or deacon.

**10) Liturgical Music.** The primary purpose of music in any liturgy is to help people pray and worship God. Music plays an important part in the funeral liturgy and adds great beauty and solemnity to the prayers of the Church. Music affects our feelings and the atmosphere in which we pray. It expresses well our inner thoughts. As in the case with all Catholic liturgical assemblies, music during a funeral mass can help focus peoples' attention on their Catholic faith by expressing hopes, beliefs and expressions of faith in a way that the spoken word cannot. The music chosen shall be music written for liturgy. A list of hymns and responsorial psalms is provided in this booklet.

**11) Words of Remembrance.** After the concluding prayer of the Mass but before the *Prayers of Commendation and Farewell* a family member may share words of remembrance. It is very important for the person giving the words of remembrance to be sensitive to the liturgical tone set by the ritual *Order of Christian Funerals*. A remembrance of the deceased is a way of placing the life of the deceased and the present experience of loss within the context of faith. How was the deceased's life an imitation of Christ? How was he/she a person of sharing healing, helping, feeding, building, teaching, etc.? There are definite religious/theological themes that permeate funerals. These are evident in the prayers of the Mass and in the readings from Scripture. What can be said about how God worked in the life of the deceased? How did the deceased share a unique, holy life with family, friends, church, and community? The Words of Remembrance provide an opportunity to deepen the assembly's faith. What can be said about the deceased that helps or encourages the assembly? Keep in mind that you are participating in the sacred funeral rites of the Church and the sacred funeral rites of a relative or friend. The text of the words of remembrance must be written. The length of the words of remembrance shall not exceed 5 minutes and be delivered by one person. The text of the remembrance should be reviewed by the priest or his delegate. The words of remembrance work very well and may be given at the funeral home. Your funeral director will be happy to assist you.

**12) Personalized holy cards and worship aid.** If you have the desire, you may wish to prepare more individualized holy cards to be handed out at the Mass, and the funeral director certainly can assist you here. We will prepare the worship aid for you to help your family and friends participate during the service.



**13) Funeral Visitation at Church.** A visitation may be held at the church prior to the funeral mass (usually one hour before the Mass). During the visitation in the Upper Gathering Space, the following items have been used in recent funerals to express symbolically the main interests, loves and efforts of a deceased person: photos, videos, meaningful personal and religious items of the deceased person.

**14) Funeral Luncheon.** St. Paul is able to prepare a funeral luncheon for the family of the deceased following a funeral mass and/or graveside service. The Parish has a funeral luncheon ministry and therefore all preparation, food service and cleanup are done by them. Suggested donation will be appreciated. However, you can bring your own food or be catered by an outside company.

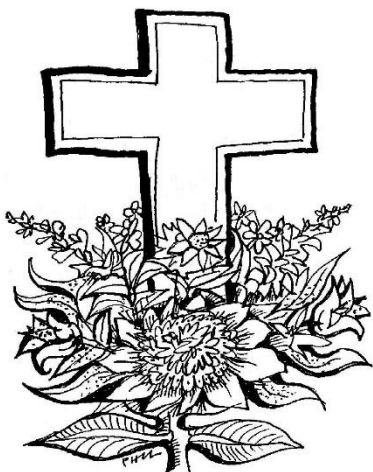
**15) Final commendation and committal.** The last ceremony after Mass and at the cemetery is called a liturgy of final farewell or commendation and committal. In some ways, this is the most difficult time, for it is a final good-bye to one we have loved through life. But again the support of friends and the comfort of faith tell us that it is, and it isn't, final. A separation yes, but only a temporary one. An end, yes, but more, a beginning. The following prayer, one of several which conclude the graveside service, summarizes these thoughts:

Our brother/sister N. has gone to his/her rest  
in the peace of Christ.

May the Lord now welcome him/her  
to the table of God's children in heaven.  
With faith and hope in eternal life,  
let us assist him/her with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves.  
May we who mourn be reunited one day  
with our brother/sister;  
together may we meet Christ Jesus  
when he who is our life appears in glory.

(Order of Christian Funerals)



## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Reception Rite of the Body – Spreading of the Funeral Pall  
Gathering Hymn  
Collect

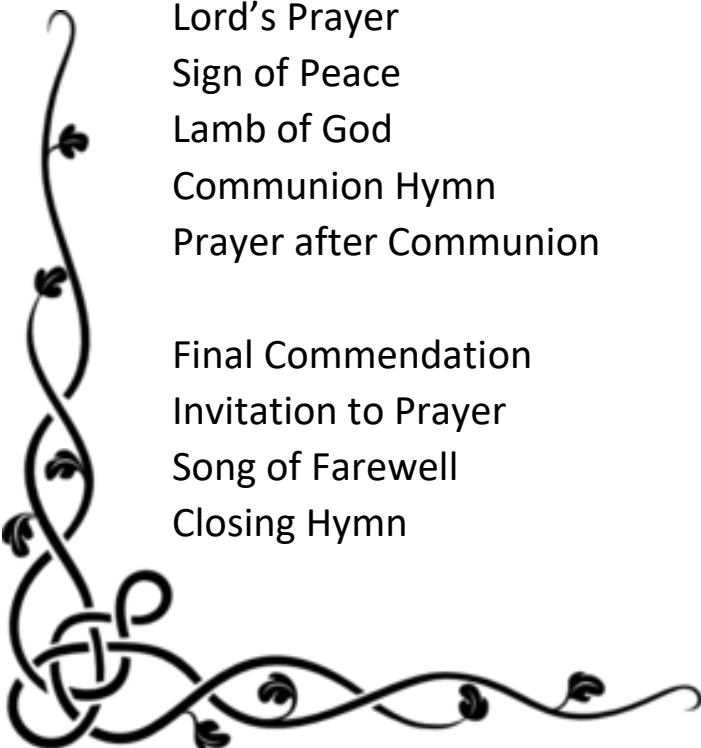
### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from the Old Testament  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading from the New Testament  
Gospel Acclamation: Sung Alleluia except during Lent  
Gospel Reading: Priest /Deacon  
Homily  
Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful/Intercessions

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory/ Preparation Hymn  
Presentation of the Gifts: Bread and Wine  
Preface Dialogue/ Preface  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Great Amen  
Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Lamb of God  
Communion Hymn  
Prayer after Communion

Final Commendation  
Invitation to Prayer  
Song of Farewell  
Closing Hymn



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

\*(Choose one Old Testament Reading for the 1st Reading)

### 1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,11, 14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,  
Everything has its time. There is an appointed  
time for everything and a time for every affair  
under the heavens.

A time to be born and a time to die,  
A time to plant and a time to uproot the plant,  
A time to kill and a time to heal,  
A time to tear down and a time to build,  
A time to weep and a time to laugh,  
A time to mourn and a time to dance,  
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
A time to embrace and a time to be far from  
embraces,  
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 to sew,  
A time to be silent and a time to speak,  
A time to love and a time to hate,  
A time of war and a time of peace,  
He has made everything suitable for its time.  
I know whatever God does endures forever;  
nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.  
The Word of the Lord



## **2. Job 19: 1, 23-26 (344-1)**

A Reading from the Book of Job.

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 rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my vindicator lives,

And that he will 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

## **3. 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 of as an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are at 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 the 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

#### **4. Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9**

A Reading from 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 people.

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 or 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: 23-26**

A reading from the Book of Lamentations,

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.

The Lord is good to those that wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

#### **6. Proverbs 31:10-31**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Who can find\* a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value.

She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life.

She reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.

She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her:

"Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all."

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;

the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Acclaim her for the work of her hands,

and let her deeds praise her at the city gates. The Word of the Lord

## NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

\*(Choose one new Testament Reading for the 2nd Reading)

### 1. Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

A Reading from a 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.

### 1. Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

A Reading from a letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 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.

### **3. 2 Corinthians 4:14- 5:1**

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter 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

### **4. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

## **5. 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10**

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

## **6. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 A**

Reading from the first letter of 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 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.



## **7. 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18**

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy,  
As for me, my life is already poured away as a  
libation, and the time has come for me to be gone.  
I have fought the good fight to the end;  
I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith;  
All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which  
the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to me on that day;  
and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.  
The Lord stood by my side and gave me strength.  
The Lord will continue to rescue me from all  
attempts to do me harm and bring me safe to his  
heavenly kingdom.  
The Word of the Lord

## **8. Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-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

## GOSPEL READINGS

\*(Gospel Reading read by priest or deacon only)

### 1. Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted,

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord.

### 2. Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus:

"I give praise to you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.  
"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy and my burden light." The Gospel of the Lord.

### **3. John 6: 37-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,  
because I came down from heaven  
not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.  
And this is the will of the one who sent me,  
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,  
but that I should raise on the last day.  
For this is the will of my Father,  
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### **4. John 6: 51-59**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."  
The Jews quarreled among themselves saying,  
"How can this man give us flesh to eat?"  
Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the  
Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up on that last day.  
For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.  
Just as the living Father has sent me and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.  
This is the bread that came down from heaven.  
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live  
forever." The Gospel of the Lord.

## 5. John 14: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If there were not,  
would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come back again and take you to myself,  
so that where I am' you may also be.  
Where I am going you know the way.  
Thomas said to him,  
"Master, we do not know where you are going;  
how can we know the way?"  
Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."  
The Gospel of the Lord.



## UNIVERSAL PRAYER/PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL/INTERCESSIONS

### Set # 1

**Priest:** *Brothers and 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 in our prayers to his:*

**Reader:** In Baptism N. \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

Our brother/sister was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: 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 peace. *Lord, in your mercy:*

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

Those who trusted in the Lord, now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

The family and friends of N. \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. \_\_\_\_\_. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy:

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

## Set # 2

**Priest:** *My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world and for ourselves.*

**Reader:** That bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given strength to express in action the Word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may deliver the soul of his servant N. \_\_\_\_\_ from punishment and from the powers of darkness. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God in His mercy may blot out all his/her offenses. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may establish him/her in light and peace. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may call him/her in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially for:  
\_\_\_\_\_ We pray to the Lord.  
*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

### Set # 3

**Priest:** *In all that Jesus said and did, He taught us what to do to find happiness in our lives. Even when his closest friends failed to understand and He found himself completely alone, Jesus carried on because he knew his Father, our Father, was with Him. Let us pray for the same comfort and strength...*

**Reader:** Our response is, "*Lord hear our prayer.*"

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s faith help us to understand that death is a doorway to new life, we pray to the Lord.. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s laughter be a comforting reminder of his/her present joy, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s smile encourage us to share our kindness and to live with joy, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s wisdom help us understand the value of our own lives, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s work encourage us always to give our best in all that we do, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s journey give us courage to meet life's challenges, we pray to the Lord.... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the memory of \_\_\_\_\_'s devotion to his/her family and all of those he/she loved teach us to care for those we are given to love, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those who have gone on before us especially \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ that they may have everlasting peace in the arms of our Lord... Lord, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the peace \_\_\_\_\_ enjoys in God's company inspire our hope in the things to come, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the prayers which we hold in the quiet of our hearts, we pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Priest:** *God of love, you hold us in your arms tenderly as a parent holds a little child. Heal our grief, dispel our regrets and inspire our forgiveness. Bring us joy in our memories of \_\_\_\_\_. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

## Set # 4

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

**Reader:** For N. \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For 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.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially for:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family and friends of our brother/sister N. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*





## COMMONLY CHOSEN SONGS

### Entrance Songs:

Amazing Grace (*John Newton - Traditional*)  
Be Not Afraid (*Bob Dufford*)  
Here I Am Lord (*Dan Schutte*)  
Surely the Presence (*Lanny Wolfe*)

### Responsorial Psalms:

Shepherd Me O God (*Marty Haugen*)  
My Soul in Stillness Waits (*Marty Haugen*)  
To You I Lift My Soul (*Marty Haugen*)  
We Long to See Your Face (*Kevin Keil*)  
My Soul Is Thirsting (*Michael Joncas*)



### Song at Presentation of the Gifts:

Ave Maria (*Franz Schubert*)  
Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (*Traditional/Chris Tomlin*)  
Here I Am Lord (*Dan Schutte*)  
In the Garden (*C. Austin Miles*)  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (*Carey Landry*)  
Serdeczna Matko (*Traditional Polish Marian Hymn*)  
Ti, o Marija (*Traditional Slovenian Marian Hymn*)

### Communion Songs:

I Am the Bread of Life (*Sr. Suzanne Toolan*)  
Panis Angelicus (*Cesar Franck - sung in Latin*)  
Nearer My God to Thee (*L. Mason & S. Adams*)  
Be with Me (*Matt Wessel*)  
The Breastplate of St. Patrick (*Sarah Hart*)  
Those Who Dwell (*Matt Wessel*)  
I Can Only Imagine (*Bart Millard*)

## Incensing Songs:

Jesus Remember Me (*Jacques Berthier*)

Go Forth (*Trevor Thomson*)

May The Angels Be Your Guide (*M. MacAller, K. McGrath*)

God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again (*W. Tomer & J. Rankin*)

Pie Jesu (*Andrew Lloyd Webber*)

Celtic Song of Farewell (*Steve Schaubel* \*tune of *Danny Boy* & text of "In Paradisum")

## Closing Songs:

On Eagle's Wings (*Michael Joncas*)

How Great Thou Art (*Stuart Hine*)

Sing with All the Saints in Glory (*William Irons / L.V. Beethoven*)

Softly & Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (*Will Thompson*)

Strength for the Journey (*Michael Poirior*)

We Walk By Faith (*Marty Haugen / Henry Alford*)



## CHURCH & MUSICIANS FEES

The offering for the funeral Mass at St. Paul's is \$600 regardless of the parishioner status.

This amount includes the fees for parish, presider, sacristan, live-streaming, and parish musician.

This fee doesn't include additional instrumentalist(s).

### **Additional Musicians (optional):**

*The average fee for each professional musician is \$200, bagpipers are slightly higher... usually \$275.*

Please check the additional instrument(s) you would like us to hire, to play at the funeral mass....

Violin     Flute     Bagpiper     Other

*\*The family must pay professional musicians separately. The funeral home will not make a check out to additional musicians other than pianist and cantor. Please contact Ruth Peck to find out who to make the check out to if you are requesting a professional musician to be hired to enhance the music at the liturgy.*

One of our parishioners: (Julie Jester) can play flute at the funeral for much less than the cost of an outside musician. Her fee is \$75. (A separate check must be made out to Julie Jester)

Yes, we would like to add flute     No flute

Would the family like a guitarist in addition to piano & organ?

Yes, we would like to add guitarist     No guitarist

Do you want our Funeral Choir (The New Life Singers) to sing at the funeral liturgy?

Yes     No

*We typically have 4-8 singers in the choir depending on their availability the day of the funeral. The choir is a volunteer ministry and the family does not have to pay for them unless they wish to make a donation to the Music Ministry to show their appreciation for their services.*

# FUNERAL PREPARATION FORM

## BASIC INFORMATION

NAME (as it will appear on booklet): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased's Residence City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY CONTACT PERSON (for further information and for the November 2nd All Souls invitation):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (best): \_\_\_\_\_

## TYPE OF FUNERAL

- casket
- urn
- commemorative mass (*no casket, no urn*)
- Funeral without Mass (*led by Deacon*)
- Visitation at St. Paul's
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## FUNERAL COMPANY

- Marsh
- Strang (Grayslake)
- Gurnee/Salata
- Warren
- McMurrough
- Burnett-Dane
- Ringa
- Laura Sambrano Funeral Services
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Visitation at funeral home  yes  no date & time \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ date & time \_\_\_\_\_ deacon/priest \_\_\_\_\_

## GATHERING SPACE SET UP

Time Period for Gathering Space visitation: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of chairs \_\_\_\_\_

Audio/Visual device?  yes  no device/number \_\_\_\_\_

Easels?  yes  no Number of Easels: \_\_\_\_\_

Can St. Paul pray and include N.'s name at the weekend Masses?  yes  no

Can St. Paul post N.'s funeral information on parish boards?  yes  no

(dates, times, wake service, funeral Mass/service)

## LITURGY INFORMATION

PRESIDER: \_\_\_\_\_ DEACON: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOIR REQUESTED?  yes  no

FLUTIST REQUESTED?  yes  no (note: \$75 surcharge)

OPENING SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERTORY SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNION SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

INCENSING SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSING SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST (OT) READING: \_\_\_\_\_ READER: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND (NT) READING: \_\_\_\_\_ READER: \_\_\_\_\_

GOSPEL: \_\_\_\_\_ READER: Deacon or Priest

INTERCESSIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ READER: \_\_\_\_\_

BREAD & WINE Presented by: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE/Eulogy?  yes  no, Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(one person, 5 minutes total time)

PALLBEARERS (list only if these names are to appear in the booklet):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOOKLETS \_\_\_\_\_

(maximum 100 booklets; additional booklets can be printed for an extra fee - \$10 for 25 booklets)

LIVE-STREAM the service?  yes  no

### LUNCHEON (NOT OFFERED AT THIS TIME)

Luncheon in the Lower Hall?  yes  no Estimated seating? \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Luncheon?  immediately following mass  after interment

## FURTHER NOTES

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*Please e-mail Julie Jester: [jjester@saintpaultheapostle.church](mailto:jjester@saintpaultheapostle.church) at least 48 hours before the funeral to let her know the names of the following participants if they change or their names are fill out in the Funeral Preparation Form:*

### **Pall Bearers:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reader #1** *(Old Testament reading)*

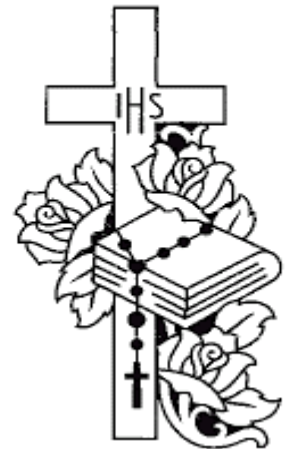
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### **Reader #2** *(New Testament reading)*

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### **Reader(s) for the Intercessions/Petitions:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_



### **Gift Bearers:**

*(to bring the bread & wine up to the priest standing at the altar steps)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **To Offer the Eulogy:** *(Optional)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Family,

Each November, during the week of "**All Souls**", our parish celebrates a very special evening mass honoring the lives of our parishioner's family members who have passed away this past year.

This mass is followed by a light reception in the Gathering Space.

We encourage families who have lost a loved one to attend this special mass.

Family members who wish to receive a personal invitation to this mass (which will be celebrated early this November) are asked to provide their mailing address below. Your address will be given to Mary Hall, who coordinates and plans this liturgy. She will mail you an invitation sometime in October indicating the exact date and time of this special remembrance mass.

Thank You,

The Bereavement Committee of St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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Your Name and Mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of deceased family member (or friend) and original date of funeral,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Original Funeral Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

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