



St. Joseph's Church

Funeral Liturgy Preparation

We are here to assist you in any way. You are in our prayers.

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Funeral Liturgy

Words of Remembrance If you wish to have someone offer personal remarks, you may wish to think about doing this at the end of the Calling Hours at the Funeral Home. If you decide to share a few words at Church, one person may speak briefly [up to 3 minutes] after the Gathering Song at the beginning of the Mass. Please see guidelines for preparing Words of Remembrance.

Scripture Readings & Readers Please select Readings for the liturgy from "Through Death To Life" booklet provided to you, or directly from the Bible. Please also select any family members and/or friends who may wish to read them at the funeral. The Old and New Testament Readings and the Prayer of the Faithful will be placed in a book on the lectern for their convenience. We will provide copies of the readings to you in advance of the Mass via email.

Music Please use the GATHER COMPREHENSIVE Hymnal to choose appropriate liturgical hymns for the funeral Mass. There is a page of suggestions in this packet, if you need it. Occasionally, there may be a song that is not known to our music ministers and we may need to substitute a song, but we will notify you if this happens.

Musicians St. Joseph's provides you with a parish organist/pianist and a cantor/song leader. Their stipends are paid to the church through the funeral home (if applicable) and we will take care of payment of these stipends to the musicians. They will lead you in song through the funeral liturgy. If you wish to have someone sing a special song or solo, please let us know well ahead of time so that they may join our ministers of music.

Returning the Funeral Planning Sheet

You can return your sheet to the Pastoral Offices, 43 Gebhardt Road, weekdays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.-after hours in the large brown mailbox outside of the building. You may email the worksheets or make arrangements for us to pick up the finalized worksheets in a visit to your home or to the funeral home.

May you know the presence of God in this time of need and always-St. Joseph's Pastoral Staff