


A CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH PRINCETON

“By means of the funeral rites it has been the practice of the Church, as a tender mother, not simply to commend the dead to God but to raise high the hope of its children and to give witness to its own faith in the future resurrection of the baptized with Christ.”

-1969 Decree promulgating the Order of Christian Funerals-OCF



Coping with death and grief over the loss of a loved one is very painful. During such an emotional time, it may be difficult to make decisions, and yet, there are necessary arrangements that must be made. It is for this purpose that Christ Our Light presents this informational booklet to you.

This booklet, in conjunction with support from our parish staff, is designed to aid you in planning these two rites that we celebrate for the deceased: 1. **Parish Prayer Service** (The Vigil), 2. **Funeral Liturgy**. Also included is information regarding a luncheon if you desire. All pages with an asterisk require a response

As a Eucharistic Community, we believe that each funeral service should reflect our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and the life of the deceased, while meeting the needs of the family and the assembled community. May your experience be filled with hope, support and faith!

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Parish Prayer Service (The Vigil)

It is suggested to offer a time when people can join you in keeping watch (or vigil) for the deceased. Often friends and family wish to express their wishes to you during this reviewal time. The reviewal typically takes place before the funeral and/or on the night before the funeral. During this reviewal a Parish Prayer Service can take place.

Parish Prayer Service is the preferred title to what is commonly referred to as the Wake Service. The reviewal and Parish Prayer Service can take place either at the funeral home or at the church, depending on availability.

Either the Deacon or a Lay Minister will preside the Parish Prayer Service.

There are a number of optional prayers that the Church provides.

Please check all preferences:

Visitation at Funeral Home (evening prior)

Visitation at Church (day of funeral)

Prayer Service the night before

Tribute/Sharing of Memories during the Parish Prayer Service

Memory Table (photos, mementos that reflect and honor a person's life)

(Items) _____

FUNERAL MASS
or
MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE WORD

The rituals and prayer surrounding death are a witness to the faith of the one who has died. They give comfort to the community of family, friends, and associates who have surrounded the deceased during life. These rituals affirm and express solidarity between the living and the dead in the communion of saints. The Mass or Memorial Service can take place during the day or evening. Funerals at Christ Our Light are commonly held at 11am.

FUNERAL MASS with Eucharist is conducted by a priest and is customarily held in the parish church of the deceased or his/her family. It is appropriate for the Funeral Mass to reflect the parish worship style which would include the use of the screen for prayers and music.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE WORD without Eucharist is conducted by a deacon or a priest and it may be conducted either at the funeral home or at the church.

Either service is an appropriate prayer to shift the focus from the ending of a life to its new beginning in eternity. However, for someone who has been away from the church for a length of time or a faith-filled spouse or relative who was not Catholic, a Memorial Service in the church or funeral home may be the preferred prayer. The pastor can help in advising on these matters.

Check One Preference:

Funeral Mass

Memorial Service of the Word at the Church

Memorial Service of the Word at the Funeral Home

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Gospel

Do Lord
 Glory, Glory Hallelujah
 Go Rest High on the Mountain
 How Great Thou Art
 In the Garden
 I'll Fly Away
 Just A Closer Walk With Thee
 Old Rugged Cross
 Precious Lord Take My Hand
 Shall We Gather at the River
 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Traditional

Amazing Grace
 Be Not Afraid
 Blest Are They
 Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
 Eternal Father Strong to Save
 Far Away arr. Aaron J. Carpenter
 God's Holy Mystery
 How Can I Keep from Singing
 How Great Thou Art
 I Am the Bread of Life
 I Heard the Voices of Jesus Say
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
 Lord of the Dance
 On Eagle's Wings
 Quietly Peacefully

Soon and Very Soon
 Sing to the Mountains
 Sing With All the Saints in Glory
 Take Me Home
 The Trumpet in the Morning
 We Shall Rise
 We Shall Rise Again
 When Peace Like a River
 You Are Mine

Irish

Brother James Air (Psalm 23)
 Holy Is His Name
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 I Am Going to a Garden
 In Christ Alone
 O Christ the Same
 Onward to the Kingdom
 Word of Life
 (When Irish Eyes are Smiling)

Contemporary Christian

Angel Song
 Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
 Awake
 Because He lives
 Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (Irish)
 Cry Out to Jesus (Third Day)
 Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep -
 Connolly
 Even So Come

Fly
For Eternity
Friends
Go in Peace
Gone Too Soon (Michael Jackson)
Grace Like Rain
How to Say Goodbye
I Can Only Imagine
If You Could See Me Now
I Know that My Redeemer Lives -Scott Soper
I Have This Hope (James Ingram)
I Hope You Dance
In Christ Alone
I Will Rise (Chris Tomlin)
Jealous of the Angels
Lead Me Home Craig Monday and Randy Houser
My Chains Are Gone
Reckless Love
There is a Redeemer
Untitled Hymn
Welcome Home Michael Smith
Who Am I
Who You Say I Am
Wind Beneath My Wings
You'll Never Walk Alone
You Raise Me Up

Psalms

23 Shepherd Me, O God
27 The Lord is My Light
33 Let Your mercy Be On Us
91 On Eagle's Wings
100 We are His People
116 Our Blessing Cup

Classical Solos

Ave Maria
Panis Angelicus
Pie Jesu
Jesu of Joy
The Morning Trumpet

Others that were for unique circumstances:

Angel
Daddy's Hands
Grandpa
Happy Trails
Heaven's Now My Home
I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You
Like My Mother Does
My Way
One Day at a Time
Over the Rainbow
Thank You
Three Little Birds
We'll Meet Again

Musical Selections Planning Template

	Mass	Memorial Service of the Word
Prelude (A vocal solo or An instrumental)		
Entrance Hymn		
Psalm		
(If a Mass) A Song for the Preparation of Gifts. This can be a Hymn or Solo (If a Memorial Service) a Song for Reflection. This can be a Hymn or Solo		
Communion Hymn		(None)
(Optional) A Meditation Song		(None)
Song of Farewell	(May Choirs of Angels)	(None)
Closing Hymn		

MUSICIANS

	Name	Name (if additional)
Accompanist	Usually Parish Music Director Maureen Putnam	
Cantor / Soloist		
Instrumentalist (Optional)		

Note: Christ Our Light is blessed with very good soloists. However, if you have a request for a specific vocalist or vocal type, along with any other musical instrumentalist requests, all efforts to accommodate will be made. As previously stated, there is no recorded music permitted during our liturgies.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LECTOR(S) / READER(S)

- The readings will already be in place on the podium.
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to the funeral to receive a brief training
- Prepare your reading.
- Read SLOWLY pausing at each comma and period.
- Look up as much as you can. (Many readers find it helpful to place one hand on the text to aid “finding your place” as you make eye contact with the congregation.)
- Proclaim the ending: “The word of the Lord,” and wait for the congregation to respond: “Thanks be to God” before returning to the pew.
- **The 1st Reader** comes forward after the congregation has been asked to be seated for the first reading.
- **The 2nd Reader** comes forward after the Cantor and the congregation sing the Psalm. Wait until the song is completely finished, then move to the podium to proclaim your reading.
- **The Petition Reader(s)** comes forward shortly after the homily is finished. The Presider will invite the congregation to stand. As all are standing move to the podium to proclaim the petitions.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**#1***Exodus 33: 17-24***God said to Moses:**

"This request, which you have just made, I will carry out, because you have found favor with me and you are my intimate friend."

Then Moses said: "Do let me see your glory!"**God answered:**

"I will make all my beauty pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce my name, 'Lord.'

I who show favors to whom I will, I who grant mercy to whom I will. But my face you cannot see, for no one sees me and still lives."

"Here," continued the Lord, "is a place near me where you shall station yourself on the rock.

When my glory passes I will set you in the hollow of the rock and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back side; but my face is not to be seen."

#2*Numbers 6: 22-27***The Lord said to Moses:**

"Speak to Aaron and his children and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites.

Say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you!
 May the Lord's face shine upon you,
 and be gracious to you!
 May the Lord look upon you kindly
 and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

#3*Deuteronomy 30: 11-12; 15-16; 19-20*

For this command which I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you.

It is not up in the sky that you should say:

"Who will go up into the sky to get it for us and tell us of it that we may carry it out?"

No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.

Here, then, I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of your God, which I enjoin on you today, walking in God's ways, and keeping God's commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grow numerous, and God will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy.

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.

Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live by loving the Lord your God, heeding God's voice, and holding fast to the Lord.

For that will mean life for you -- a long life for you to live on the land which the Lord promised to your ancestors.

#4

1 Kings 19:11-13

Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.

Then God said:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain
I will be passing by."

A strong and heavy wind was rending the
mountains and crushing the rocks --
but God was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake --
but God was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake there was fire --
but God was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

When he heard this,
Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went
and stood at the entrance of the cave.

#5

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A capable wife, who can find?
her value is far beyond jewels.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing friend.

She brings him good, not harm
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth with skillful hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears God is to be
praised.

Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city
gates.

#6

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

To every thing there is a season
and a time for every purpose under heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is
planted;

A time to kill; and a time to heal;
A time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, 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 keep silence, and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

#7
Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God,
 and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the review 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 others, 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.

As gold in the furnace, God proved them,
 and as sacrificial offerings God took
 them.

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 God shall understand truth,
 and the faithful shall abide with the holy
 ones, and God's care is with the elect.

#8
Wisdom 4:7-15

Those who are just, though they 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 all
 people, and an unsullied life, the
 attainment of old age.

Those one who pleased God were loved;
 Those who lived among sinners were
 transported- snatched away, lest
 wickedness pervert their minds
 or deceit beguiles their souls;

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,
 they reached the fullness of a long career;
 for their souls were pleasing to the Lord.
 Therefore God sped them out of the midst of
 wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
 nor did they take this into account.
 Because grace and mercy are with God's holy
 ones, and God's care is with the elect.

#9

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain, God will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations;
God will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all
faces;
The reproach of the people God will remove
from the whole earth; for God 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 God has saved us!"

#10

Lamentations 3:17-18; 21-26

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 God.

But I will call this to mind as my reason to hope:
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
God's mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is God's faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in God.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for God,
to the soul that seeks God.
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.

#11

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says God:

O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am God,
when I open your graves
and have you rise from them,

O my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am God.

I have promised, and I will do it.

#12

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;

It shall be a time un-surpassed 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

#13

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Now, since we have been right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand,

And we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended for us.

This hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people.

It is not easy to die, even for a good person – though, of course, for someone really worthy there might be someone prepared to die --but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us, even while we were still sinners.

#14

Romans 6: 3-11

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God we too might live a new life.

If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection.

This we know: our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer.

A person who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Christ.

We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. His death was death to sin, once for all; his life for God.

In the same way, you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus

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If God is for us, who can be against us?
 Is it possible that God, who did not spare Jesus,
 but gave him up for us, will likewise give
 us all things, through him?

Who can possibly bring charges against those
 chosen of God?
 It is God who justifies . . . Who then shall
 condemn?

For it is Jesus Christ who intercedes for us.
 Jesus is the one who died,
 the one who was raised from the dead
 and who now sits at God's right hand.
 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
 Shall trial, or distress,
 or persecution, or famine,
 or nakedness, or peril or the sword?
 No, in all these things we have been gifted
 by the One who loves us.

For I am sure that neither death, nor life,
 nor angels, nor principalities,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers,
 nor height, nor depth,
 nor any thing else in all creation,
 will ever be able to separate us
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
 Lord.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way . . .

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do
 not have love, I am a resounding gong or
 a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and
 comprehend all mysteries and all
 knowledge; if I have all faith so as to
 move mountains, but do not have love, I
 am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my
 body over so that I may boast, but do not
 have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.
 It is not jealous, nor conceited, nor proud.

Love is not rude,
 it does not seek its own interests,
 it is not quick-tempered,
 it does not brood over injury
 or rejoice over wrongdoing,
 but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things,
 believes all things,
 hopes all things,
 endures all things.

Love never fails.

**Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Love never fails. If there are prophecies,
they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to
nothing.**

**For we know partially and we prophesy
partially, but when the perfect comes,
the imperfect will pass away.**

**At present, we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then we shall see face to face.**

**At present, I know partially; then I shall know
fully, as I am fully known.**

**There are in the end three things that last:
faith, hope and love, and the greatest of
these is love.**

**We know that when this earthly tent
that we live in is taken down,
when we die and leave these bodies,
we will have a home in heaven,
an eternal body made for us by God
and not by human hands.**

**We grow weary in our present bodies, and we
long for the day when we will put on our
heavenly bodies like new clothing.**

**For we will not be spirits without bodies,
but we will put on new heavenly bodies.**

**Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh,
but it's not that we want to die and have
no bodies at all.**

**We want to slip into our new bodies so that these
dying bodies will be swallowed up by
everlasting life.**

**God has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee
God has given us the Holy Spirit.**

**So we are always confident, even though we
know that as long as we live in these
bodies we are not at home with the Lord.
That is why we live by believing and not by
seeing.**

**Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather
be away from these bodies, for then we
will be at home with the Lord.**

**So our aim is to please God always, whether we
are here in this body or away from this
body.**

Put on then,
 as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
 heartfelt compassion, kindness,
 humility, gentleness, and patience,
 bearing with one another
 and forgiving one another
 if one has a grievance against another.
 As the Lord has forgiven you,
 so must you also do.

And over all of these, put on love –
 that is, the bond of perfection.
 And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
 the peace into which you were also called
 in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
 as in all wisdom you teach and admonish
 one another, singing psalms, hymns, and
 spiritual songs with gratitude in your
 hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
 do everything in the name of the Lord
 Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

We would have you be clear, sisters and
 brothers, about those who have fallen
 asleep in death.
 Otherwise you might yield to grief like those who
 have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God
 will bring forth with him from the dead
 those also who have fallen asleep
 believing in him.

We say to you, as if the Christ the Lord himself
 had said it, that we who live,
 who survive until his coming,
 will in no way have an advantage
 over those who have fallen asleep.

No, the Lord will come down from heaven at the
 word of command, at the sound of the
 archangel's voice and God's
 trumpet; and those who have died in
 Christ will rise first.

And we will all be with the Lord forever.
 Therefore, console one another with these words.

#21

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day; and not only me, but to all who have longed for God's appearance.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me to the heavenly kingdom.

To God be glory forever and ever. Amen.

#22

James 2:14-17; 3: 13,18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

Can faith save you?

If a sister or brother is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

#23

1 John 3:1-2

See what love God has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God. Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.

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 God, for we shall see God as God is.

#24

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent Jesus into the world, God's own son, so that we might have life through him.

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus, as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us.

Summary of the Scripture Options and Preferences

SUGGESTED OLD TESTAMENT - FIRST READING

1. **Exodus 33:17-24** *You are my intimate friend*
2. **Number 6:22-27** *May God bless and keep you*
3. **Deuteronomy 30:11-12, 15-16, 19-20** *I have set before you life and prosperity*
4. **1 King 19:11-13** *God is in the tiny whispering sound*
5. **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31** *A capable wife*
6. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** *To everything there is a season*
7. **Wisdom 3:1-9** *Death is not the end, but the hope of immortality*
8. **Wisdom 4:7-15** *The one who dies young has lived a full life*
9. **Isaiah 25:6-9** *The Lord God will destroy death forever*
10. **Lamentations 3:17-18, 21-26** *Grief gives way to hope*
11. **Ezekiel 37:12-14** *I will open your graves, my people*
12. **Daniel 12:1-3** *At the second coming, the faithful will arise*

SUGGESTED NEW TESTAMENT - SECOND READING

13. **Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** *Jesus' death is a testimony of God's love*
14. **Romans 6:3-11** *Through baptism, we are united with Christ*
15. **Romans 8:31-35, 37-39** *Nothing can come between us and the love of God*
16. **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a** *Love is patient, kind not jealous*
17. **1 Corinthians 13:7-10, 12-13** *Love bears all things, believes all things*
18. **2 Corinthians 5:1-10** *We have an everlasting home with Christ*
19. **Colossians 3:12-17** *Put on then, as God's chosen ones: kindness*
20. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** *The glory of the resurrection*
21. **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18** *I have finished the race and kept the faith*
22. **James 2:14-17; 3:13, 18** *Faith by itself is dead; good works*
23. **1 John 3:1-2** *We are God's children*
24. **1 John 4:7-12** *Let us love one another*

Please indicate your choices below. If you do not have a reader then our parish will provide one.

	Scripture Selection	Reader
First Reading <i>Old Testament or New Testament</i>		
Second Reading <i>Only New Testament</i>		(This could be the same as above or a second reader can be selected.)

The Gospel Reading is chosen by the Presider

PETITIONS / INTERCESSIONS

- Usually 5 Petitions are selected
- Usually the first 2.
- Then select three more from the list below, or others can be written if there is subject that would be a better fit.

1. For (name), child of God; that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray to the Lord.
2. For (name)'s family; that in the midst of the darkness of their pain, sadness and grief they might be touched and consoled by the healing love of friends and the healing power of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
3. For all of us here gathered as family and friends; that you might deepen our faith and our trust, O God, and sustain us in this time of sorrow, we pray to the Lord.
4. For all who grieve and all who mourn; for all who have known emptiness and loss and search the face of mystery for understanding and peace, we pray to the Lord.
5. For the people of the world experiencing prejudice, discrimination and violence, we pray to the Lord.
6. For all scorned because of racial, religious, sexual and generational differences; that we will find strength in these differences and love in our hearts to strive for tolerance among all of God's people, we pray to the Lord.
7. For all health care providers, especially those at _____ who so generously cared for _____ may they be blessed with the strength to continue their nurturing ministry.
8. For justice and lasting peace in our world for all who are oppressed, we pray to the Lord.
9. For the people of _____, and for people of all nations suffering from violence and division; that hostilities will soon end and wounds will heal, we pray to the Lord.

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10. For all of us; that we may become the instruments of peace, we pray to the Lord.
 11. For veterans of all wars, living and dead; that they may one day find comfort in knowing that justice and peace have come to reign in our world, we pray to the Lord.
 12. For those men and women who serve in the military; that they will be kept safe from harm and strengthened by the loving arms of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
 13. For all who mourn, and for all who bear the cross of pain in mind or body; that they may be touched and consoled by God's loving presence, we pray to the Lord.
 14. For all others who have gone before us in death, especially (names); that we will one day be united with them again, in the joyous fullness of God's Kingdom, we pray to the Lord.
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Especially for the death of a child:

15. For (name)'s parents, (names); that in the midst of the darkness of their pain, confusion, and grief they might be touched and consoled by the healing love of friends and the healing power of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
16. For children throughout the world who have died as a result of hunger, violence or disease, we pray to the Lord.

List the numbers of the Petitions you have selected

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CATHOLIC TEACHINGS ON CREMATION

In May, 1963, the Vatican lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the Order of Christian Funerals. It then became standard practice to celebrate the funeral liturgies with the body and then take the body to the crematorium.

The Church *strongly* prefers that cremation take place after the full funeral liturgy with the body. The presence of the body most clearly brings to mind the life and death of the person and better expresses the values that the Church affirms in its rites. However, when this is not possible, some of the usual rites which are celebrated with a body present may also be celebrated in the presence of cremated remains.

During the liturgies, the cremated remains are treated with the same dignity and respect as the body.

The paschal candle and sprinkling with holy water are primary symbols of baptism, and should be used during the Mass. However, the pall is not used. (The pall is the large, white piece of cloth that is draped over the coffin.)

Appropriate, worthy containers, such as classic urn are proper for the cremated remains.

The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

OTHER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

GIFT BEARERS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SCREEN ATTENDANT _____

LUNCHEON

Luncheons can be provided through our parish, or a catering service may also be employed. Note that there is limiting seating in our gathering area so all luncheons and gatherings that exceed 100 people will incur additional costs for set-up and take-down. Also prices will vary due to member or non-member status.

The parish Provides 3 types of lunch / social options following our funeral liturgies.

See costs for these options on the separate financial informational form

1. A Complete Lunch Menu Choose from these two options

Option A	Option B
Ham and Turkey Sandwiches	Sloppy Joes
Baked beans	
coleslaw	Lettuce salad
Carrots, celery, pickles	Carrots, celery, pickles
Water, Lemonade and Coffee	Water, Lemonade and Coffee
Desserts	Desserts

2. Dessert and Beverage Only

3. Beverages Only

Select Your Preference

Option 1A _____

Option 1B _____

Option 2 _____

Option 3 _____

How many guests will be attending? _____

Funeral Fees for Members

PART 1 EXPENSES FOR LITURGY

Indicate Preferences	DESCRIPTION	FEES If using a Funeral Home (presence) these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home	If NOT using a Funeral Home Please make payments for the following fees prior to the services	TOTAL To PARISH
	VISITATION Use of church space the night before	\$100	\$100 Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish	
	PRESIDER FEE FOR PARISH PRAYER SERVICE	\$50	\$50 Individual Check to	
	FUNERAL MASS or MEMORIAL SERVICE Use of church space The day of	\$250	\$250 Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish	
	PRESIDER FEE FOR FUNERAL	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	GUEST PRIEST WITH DEACON PREACHING	\$50	\$50 Individual Check to	
	SOLOIST	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	ACCOMPANIST	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	INSTRUMENTALIST	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	VIDEOGRAPHER	\$125	\$125 Individual Check to	
	If there is No Funeral Home, then there is an Additional Fee for HOST		\$50 Individual Check to	

PART 1 Total to Parish _____

PART 2 EXPENSES FOR LUNCHEON OPTIONS (Member)

Luncheon Coordinator (Coordinates food purchase, prep, service and clean up)	Fee If using a Funeral Home (presence) these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home \$100 \$50 (If Meal is Catered)	If NO FUNERAL HOME \$100 \$50 (If Meal is Catered) Make Check Payable to:
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Indicate Preference CHOOSE 1	MENU OPTIONS	FEE If using a Funeral Home these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home	Number of Guests	TOTAL If NO FUNERAL HOME Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish
	Ham and Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Carrots, Celery & Pickles Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee	\$4.50 per person		
	Sloppy Joes Salad (Lettuce) Carrots Carrots, Celery & Pickles Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee	\$4.50 per person		
	Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee	\$1.50 per person		
	Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee	\$1.00 per person		
	Catered Meal			<i>Does Not Apply</i>

Part 1 Total _____
 + Part 2 Total _____

Total Payable to Parish _____

Funeral Fees for Nonmembers

Nonmembers are those not formally connected to our parish but live within our Parish Boundary. Note that we adhere to Diocesan Policy and provide the same level of pastoral care, hospitality and liturgical preparation that we give to "members." However, higher fees apply.

PART 1 EXPENSES FOR LITURGY

Indicate Preferences	DESCRIPTION	FEEES If using a Funeral Home (presence) these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home	If NOT using a Funeral Home Please make payments for the following fees prior to the services	TOTAL To PARISH
	VISITATION Use of church space the night before	\$300	\$300 Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish	
	PRESIDER FEE FOR PARISH PRAYER SERVICE	\$100	\$100 Individual Check to	
	FUNERAL MASS or MEMORIAL SERVICE Use of church space the day of	\$450	\$450 Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish	
	PRESIDER FEE FOR FUNERAL	\$300	\$300 Individual Check to	
	GUEST PRIEST WITH DEACON PREACHING	\$100	\$100 Individual Check to	
	SOLOIST	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	ACCOMPANIST	\$200	\$200 Individual Check to	
	INSTRUMENTALIST	\$150	\$150 Individual Check to	
	VIDEOGRAPHER	\$125	\$125 Individual Check to	
	Additional Fee for HOST If there is NO FUNERAL HOME		\$100 Individual Check to	

PART 1 Total to Parish _____

PART 2 EXPENSES FOR LUNCHEON OPTIONS (Nonmember)

<p>Luncheon Coordinator (Coordinates food purchase, prep, service and clean up)</p>	<p>Fee If using a Funeral Home (presence) these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home \$100 \$50 (If Meal is Catered)</p>	<p>If NO FUNERAL HOME \$100 \$50 (If Meal is Catered) Make Check Payable to:</p>
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<p>Indicate Preference CHOOSE 1</p>	<p>MENU OPTIONS</p>	<p>FEE If using a Funeral Home these fees are paid on the family's behalf through the Funeral Home</p>	<p>Number of Guests</p>	<p>TOTAL If NO FUNERAL HOME Make Check Payable to Christ Our Light Parish</p>
	<p>Ham and Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Carrots, Celery & Pickles Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee</p>	<p>\$8.00 per person</p>		
	<p>Sloppy Joes Salad (Lettuce) Carrots Carrots, Celery & Pickles Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee</p>	<p>\$8.00 per person</p>		
	<p>Desserts Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee</p>	<p>\$3.00 per person</p>		
	<p>Beverages: Lemonade & Coffee</p>	<p>\$2.00 per person</p>		
	<p>Catered Meal</p>			<p><i>Does Not Apply</i></p>

Part 1 Total _____
+ Part 2 Total _____

Total Payable to Parish _____