



## **FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Please accept our sympathies for the loss of your loved one. In an effort to answer any questions you might have about planning a funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, please see the information below.

The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the celebration of the funeral liturgy at a Mass. At the funeral liturgy, the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery. Therefore, the funeral liturgy is an act of worship, not merely an expression of grief. *From Order of Christian Funerals, No. 129*

### **Choosing a Funeral Day/Time**

If the family will be using the services of a funeral home, they should contact the funeral home to set a time to meet and make the arrangements for a funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist. The funeral home will contact the parish office to arrange the date/time of the funeral Mass, subject to availability of the Church/Chapel and the priest. Our parish office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9am-3pm, and we are closed on Fridays. Funerals are generally held **Monday – Saturday, at 10:30 a.m.** Subject to facility and priest availability. Due to a variety of church activities, availability of Saturday funerals is limited.

### **Planning the Funeral Mass**

St. John's arranges for a bereavement minister to contact the family to help choose the readings (Old Testament, New Testament, Gospel, the Psalm, music, as well as asking the family to complete "Notes on the Decedent" to assist the Priest with notes for the Homily).

### **Music**

The parish organist and cantor will help you with your liturgical music selections for the funeral service.

### **Flowers**

Flowers are acceptable in our Chapel/Church. However, keeping with the Church's tradition of "noble simplicity" is requested and they must not be in the way of the aisle or altar.

### **Eulogy**

Due to the nature of the sacred liturgy and the purpose of celebrating a funeral Mass for one who has died, the most appropriate place for a eulogy is either at a wake/visitation at a funeral home or at a social gathering in memory of the deceased.

### **Photos/Collages**

No photo collages or portraits are allowed in the worship space.

### **Fees/Donations**

\$150 donation to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.	\$200 to the organist.
\$200 to the cantor.	\$150 priest stipend

### **Visitation at Funeral Home:**

The priest will attend, if possible.

### **Cemetery**

The funeral home or family arranges for burial at a cemetery. The priest will attend, if possible.

If there will be a procession to a cemetery from St. John's, please use the parking lot between the Chapel and the School for parking during the Funeral Mass.



## Funeral Mass Music Selections

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_

*All music must be liturgically appropriate; secular music is not permitted during the Mass.*

Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone

Be Not Afraid

Here I Am, Lord

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper)

Lord of All Hopefulness

We Walk By Faith

Responsorial Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord (Gelineau setting)

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (Haugen)

Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting (Joncas)

Psalm 91: Be With Me, Lord (Haugen)

Psalm 103: The Lord is King and Merciful (Haugen)

Gospel Acclamation *(selected by the Music Ministry)*

Preparation of the Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Abide with Me

Ave Maria (traditional settings or by Kantor)

Center of My Life

Eye Has Not Seen

I Have Loved You

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Seek Ye First

Shelter Me, O God

There is a Balm in Gilead

What Wondrous Love is This

You Are Near

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Be Still My Soul

Eat This Bread

Gift of Finest Wheat (You Satisfy the Hungry Heart)

I Am the Bread of Life

I Received the Living God

O God, You Search Me

One Bread, One Body

We Remember

Song of Farewell *(selected by the Music Ministry)*

Closing Song: \_\_\_\_\_

For All the Saints

How Great Thou Art

Let There Be Peace on Earth

The Lord is My Light (C. Walker)

On Eagle's Wings

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

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*Saint John the Baptist will provide a professional keyboardist/organist and a professional cantor.  
Fees are typically paid through the funeral home.*

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