

# WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED



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*We at St. Michael the Archangel / Mary Mother of Peace Parish offer our condolences in the loss of your loved one. We know this is a very difficult time and if there is anything we can do during this time of grieving, please do not hesitate to call on us.*

*As we prepare to celebrate the Funeral Rite of your loved one, there are some areas where you can have some input.*

## **THE WAKE SERVICE**

### *Eulogy*

Does a family member or friend of the deceased wish to say something, or offer some personal reflections? If so, the proper place for this is at the Wake Service. At the funeral liturgy, this is normally not done.

If there is a remembrance at the church, the Funeral Director or Parish Office must be notified as soon as possible, and it must take place before the funeral liturgy. Only one family member or friend is to speak. Because of the intensity of emotions at the time of a funeral, the person who will speak is to be brief, that is, no more than ten minutes. The Eulogy must begin 15 minutes before the start of the Mass. *(It is suggested that the eulogy be written to aid in the presentation.)*

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

### *Placing of the Pall*

At the beginning of the Mass, the funeral pall will be placed on the casket. This recalls the white garment put on at Baptism. If members of the family would like to place the pall, please let the Funeral Director know.

Also, if the deceased has a special Christian symbol which you would like to place on the casket - a cross, a bible, etc. - please let the Funeral Director know.

### *Scripture Readings*

Choose one (1) Old Testament and one (1) New Testament reading from the list included within this booklet (during the Easter season the readings are chosen by the Priest). The Priest or Arimathea Group is to read the selected scripture readings.

### *Offertory Procession*

It is appropriate to have two people bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. Please let the Funeral Director or Parish Office know who will do this so the Priest can invite them to do so after the Prayer of the Faithful.

### *Flowers*

It is not appropriate to bring all the flower arrangements received at the funeral home into the sanctuary. If you wish, two arrangements are permitted (one placed on each side of the casket/urn). Nothing can be placed in the sanctuary, on the altar or blocking the altar. All flower/plant arrangements must be removed after the Funeral Mass.

### *Music Selections*

Enclosed you will find a list of appropriate music for a Mass of Christian Burial. If you have a favorite hymn or know of favorite hymns of the deceased, please let us know. Please remember that this is a Liturgical celebration. Songs of a more secular nature would best be used at the wake service, rather than the Mass of Christian Burial. If you do have a favorite hymn, please let us know.

## AT THE CEMETERY

The graveside service consists of prayers for the deceased and final commendation to the Lord.

*We hope that these suggestions will give you some ideas as we mourn the death of your loved one. Again, if there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to call upon us.*

### **READINGS FOR FUNERALS** ***(Outside of Easter Season)***

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (Select One)**

##### **Wisdom 3: 1-9**

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. 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 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 the elect.

##### **Wisdom 4: 7-15**

The just man, though he 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 men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported - Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; 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, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

##### **Isaiah 25: 6-9**

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!

##### **Lamentations 3: 17-26**

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 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.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (Select One)**

### **Romans 5: 5-11**

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **Romans 6: 3-9**

Brother and Sisters: 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. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. 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.

### **1 Corinthians 15: 51-57**

Brothers and sisters: 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 this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this 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.

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

Brothers and Sisters: 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. 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.

### **Philippians 3: 20-21**

Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

## **EASTER SEASON READINGS (Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday)**

*During the Easter season, the Priests has already chosen specific liturgical funeral readings. Therefore, readings are not to be chosen by the family.*

### **Acts 10:34-43 or 10: 34-36, 42-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said, "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, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 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."

### **Revelation 14:13**

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

### **Revelation 20:11-21:1**

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then 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.

### **Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

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." 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."

## **GOSPEL READINGS (Chosen by the Priest)**

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

When he saw the crowds, he 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 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."

### **Matthew 11:25-30**

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 the 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 your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39**

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

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**Luke 7:11-17**

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

**Luke 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

**Luke 23:33, 39-43**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 23:44-46, 50, 52-53**

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, he went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

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**Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35**

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to



stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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#### **John 5:24-29**

Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

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

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 it (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."

#### **John 6:51-58**

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 (his) 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 on the 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 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."

**John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27**

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (But) even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

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Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (But) even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

**John 11:32-45**

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26**

Jesus told his disciples: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

Or

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**John 14:1-6**

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 also may 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."

**John 17:24-26**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, my disciples are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

## Funeral Music Recommendations

### St. Michael the Archangel / Mary Mother of Peace

#### Opening Hymn:

- Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise (HOLY ANTHEM) BB17-165
- Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN; Newton, John) BB17-431
- A Mighty Fortress (EIN' FESTE BURG) BB17-439
- Be Not Afraid – BB17- 430
- Crown Him with Many Crowns (Elvey, George J.; DIADEMATA) BB17-728
- For All the Saints (SINE NOMINE; Vaughan Williams, Ralph) BB17-718
- Gather Your People (Hurd, Bob) BB17-313
- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (GROSSER GOTT) BB17-190
- How Can I Keep from Singing (Lowry, Robert; ENDLESS SONG) BB17-440
- I Am the Bread of Life/Yo Soy el Pan de Vida (Toolan, RSM, Sr. Suzanne) BB17-364
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus (KINGSFOLD; Bonar, Horatius) BB17-461
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper, Scott) BB17-675
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Hatton, John; Medley, Samuel; DUKE STREET) BB17-569
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home (LAND OF REST) BB17-613
- Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) BB17-161
- Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN; Farjeon, Eleanor) BB17-634
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ST. ANNE; Watts, Isaac; Croft, William) BB17-442
- Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens (Beethoven, Ludwig van; HYMN TO JOY) BB17-531
- Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco (Temple, Sebastian) BB17-522
- Shall We Gather at the River (HANSON PLACE; Lowry, Robert) BB17-610
- Soon and Very Soon (Crouch, Andraé; SOON AND VERY SOON) BB17-574
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA; Baker, Henry W.) BB17-466
- The Strife Is O'er (da Palestrina, Giovanni Pierluigi; VICTORY) BB17-562
- You Are Mine (Haas, David) BB17-455

#### Psalm Response (*Coordinated with the Music Director*):

- Psalm 122 - Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord (Alstott, Owen)
- Psalm 42 - Like a Deer That Longs for Running Streams, My Soul Longs for You, My God (Alstott, Owen)
- Psalm 63 - My Soul Is Thirsting for You, O Lord My God (Alstott, Owen)
- Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd (Alstott, Owen)
- Psalm 25 - To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul (Alstott, Owen)

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts:**

- Amazing Grace – BB17-431
- Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más (Dufford, SJ, Bob) BB17-430
- Center of My Life (Inwood, Paul) BB17-488
- Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell, Bernadette) BB17-594
- Come to Me (Weston Priory; Norbet, Gregory) BB17-459
- Creator of the Stars of Night (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) BB17-73
- Day Is Done (AR HYD Y NOS; Quinn, SJ, James) BB17-639
- Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen, Marty) BB17-460
- Give Me Jesus (Hansen, James; Spiritual) BB17-673
- I Have Loved You – BB17 - 608
- I, the Lord (Kendzia, Tom) BB17-681
- Jesus, the Very Thought of You (ST. AGNES) BB17-411
- Keep in Mind (Deiss, CSSp, Lucien) BB17-672
- Let There Be Peace on Earth (Jackson, Jill; Miller, Sy) BB17-525
- Like a Child Rests (Walker, Christopher) BB17-453
- O God, You Search Me (Farrell, Bernadette) BB17-436
- O Loving God (McCoy, Paulette M.; LONDONDERRY AIR) BB17-678
- Parable (Ridge, M.D.) BB17-683
- Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come (Gabaráin, Cesáreo) BB17-503
- Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco (Temple, Sebastian) BB17-522
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand (PRECIOUS LORD; Dorsey, Thomas A.) BB17-685
- Restless Is the Heart (Farrell, Bernadette) BB17-680
- Song of Farewell (Sands, Ernest) BB17-679
- This Alone (Manion, Tim) BB17-401
- You Are Near (Schutte, Dan) BB17-433

**Communion Hymn:**

- All My Days (Schutte, Dan; Murray, SJ, J-Glenn) BB17-583
- Because the Lord Is My Shepherd (Walker, Christopher) BB17-464
- Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más (Dufford, SJ, Bob) BB17-430
- Blest Are They (Haas, David) BB17-627
- Center of My Life (Inwood, Paul) BB17-488
- Eat This Bread (Berthier, Jacques) BB17-336
- How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (DeBruyn, Randall) BB17-682
- How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Joncas, Michael) BB17-774
- I Am the Bread of Life/Yo Soy el Pan de Vida (Toolan, RSM, Sr. Suzanne) BB17-364
- I Am the Living Bread (Haas, David) BB17-356
- I Received the Living God (LIVING GOD) BB17-357
- Jesus, the Bread of Life (Brown, Grayson Warren) BB17-344
- Now We Remain (Haas, David) BB17-507
- On Eagle's Wings/En Sus Alas (Joncas, Michael) BB17-435
- One Love Released (Frenzel, Bob; Keil, Kevin) BB17-355
- Shelter Me, O God (Hurd, Bob) BB17-463
- Taste and See (Moore) BB17-334
- The Lord Is My Light (Walker, Christopher) BB17-677
- The Supper of the Lord (Rosania, Laurence) BB17-351
- You Are Mine (Haas, David) BB17-455
- You Are Near (Schutte, Dan) BB17-433

**Recessional:**

- Alleluia! Alleluia! (HYMN TO JOY) BB17-164
- Alleluia No. 1 (Fishel, Donald; ALLELUIA NO. 1) BB17-566
- Blest Are They (Haas, David) BB17-627
- Faith of Our Fathers (ST. CATHERINE; Hemy, Henri F.; Faber, Fredrick William) BB17-486
- Go in Peace (Hart, Sarah; Liles, Dwight) BB17-676
- How Great Thou Art (Hine, Stuart K.) BB17-423
- In Every Age (Whitaker, Janet Sullivan) BB17-465
- In the Day of the Lord (Ridge, M.D.) BB17-573
- Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) BB17-161
- May God Bless and Keep You (Walker, Christopher) BB17-388
- On Eagle's Wings/En Sus Alas (Joncas, Michael) BB17-435
- Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens (Beethoven, Ludwig van; HYMN TO JOY) BB17-531
- Resucitó/He Is Risen (Argüello, Kiko) BB17-171
- Rise Up with Him (Vogt, Janet) BB17-564
- Sing with All the Saints in Glory (Irons, William J.; HYMN TO JOY) BB17-609
- To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King (ICH GLAUB AN GOTT) BB17-729
- We Will Rise Again (Haas, David) BB17-438
- Where My Father Lives (Ridge, M.D.) BB17-611

## **Important Phone Numbers**

As you plan the services for your loved one, questions may arise. Here are some important contact numbers.

For questions about the funeral, call the Parish Office at (302) 856-6451.

For questions about the music for the funeral, contact Paul Szczerowski (Music Director) by phone at (202) 489-7073 between the hours of 5 – 9 pm, Monday thru Friday and the hours of 9 am – 9 pm Saturday and Sunday. You may also email Paul at [pzero@icloud.com](mailto:pzero@icloud.com).

For questions about how to talk about death and dying with children, call the church office (302) 856-6451.

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### FUNERAL INFORMATION FORM

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funeral Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parishioner (yes/no): \_\_\_\_\_ Church (MMOP or SMA): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Next of Kin info: How related? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY A PRIEST CAN **CONFIRM** THE BELOW INFORMATION:

1. Funeral Mass at MMOP or SMA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cremation before Service (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Viewing/Visitation (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name & Location: Funeral Home or Church: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Readings (select one from Old Testament and one from New Testament):

- Old Testament Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- New Testament Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- Easter Season Readings (***Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday***)  
*During the Easter season, the Priests has already chosen specific liturgical funeral readings. Therefore, readings are not to be chosen by the family.*

**Music:** The parish always recommends the use of both an Organist and Vocalist to support singing during the Funeral Mass.

#### Please make the following selections for:

- Opening Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm Response (*coordinated with the Music Director*): \_\_\_\_\_
- Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_
- Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_
- Closing Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would prefer the Music Director to make the selections, please let us know. In addition, if you have any questions regarding the Music, you may reach out to Paul Szczerowski (Music Director) directly at 202-489-7073 or email ([pzero@icloud.com](mailto:pzero@icloud.com)).

#### Interment/Burial or Committal Service:

Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



**Eulogy and Gift Bearers:**

1. Eulogy (*one person - 10 minutes, 15 minutes before Funeral Mass*). Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Readers:   Priest / Arimathea Group
3. Name of Gift Bearers (*adult/young adult*): \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gospel (chosen by Priest): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Any other special needs of the deceased family? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Flowers: Y/N – If yes, flowers must be delivered on the day of Funeral Mass. Time: \_\_\_\_\_