

# St. Anthony on the Lake

## Funeral Planning Guide

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.*  
*Matthew 5:4*



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"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27



*“We commend you, our dear one, to almighty God,  
and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to Him  
who formed you from the dust of the earth. May Holy Mary,  
the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life.  
May Christ, who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace.  
May Christ who died for you, admit you into his garden of paradise.  
May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of His flock.  
May He forgive all your sins, and set you among those He has chosen.  
May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God forever.”  
~Prayer of Commendation*

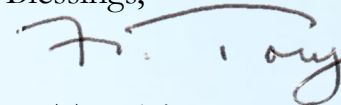
Dear friends in Christ,

As you embark on this new and uncertain journey of grief... as you begin this process of preparation and planning... as you commend the soul of your loved one, know that we as a faith community of St. Anthony on the Lake walk with you. It is our hope and prayer that this Planning Resource will serve as a guide to help you remember the life of your loved one, to honor their legacy, and to celebrate the hope of the resurrection. Within these pages you will find suggested Scripture passages, prayers, and sacred music that will help you to celebrate the gift of life that was, is, and will be for your loved one.

In addition, we encourage you to check out the many resources that are available to you and your family, as you go forth to embrace your new beginning. Support groups, grief counseling, and “Care Notes” are just a few of the many resources available that can help you in your journey of grief.

On behalf of our entire Pastoral Staff, I pray that your memories bring you joy, your friends and family offer you comfort, and your faith in the resurrection give you courage and strength to go on.

Blessings,



Fr. Tony Zimmer  
Pastor

## Planning Guide

- ☞ Step 1: Contact the funeral home of your choice. Recommendations are available upon request.
- ☞ Step 2: Contact the Parish: (262) 691-1173  
**Do not finalize any plans until you have spoken with the priest.**
- ☞ Step 3: A parish representative will be in contact with you to offer prayerful support and help plan the liturgy.
- ☞ Step 4: The parish provides a funeral luncheon upon request. If desired, please notify the parish office at the above number and see page 4 for more information.
- ☞ Step 5: Begin to prepare for your meeting with the pastor or parish representative by reviewing pages 6 - 10.
- ☞ Step 6: Meet with the pastor or parish representative and director of music to share memories of your loved one, plan the funeral liturgy and pray.
- ☞ Step 7: If you plan on having the visitation at the church, please see page 3.

## Aftercare

St. Anthony on the Lake offers a traditional Memorial Mass in early November to honor loved ones deceased in the past year. Family and friends are invited to join in prayer and remembrance. Please consider attending this special evening as part of your healing process.

We periodically hold “Living with Loss” evenings; a time for prayer, shared remembrance and processing grief. Please watch the bulletin for quarterly events.

Grief does not come and go for convenience, nor does it take the same amount of time for everyone. If you would like to meet with a minister for support, or need the opportunity to share your feelings, please call the parish office at (262) 691-1173.

Parishioners from our Funeral Ministry will contact you throughout the year with prayers and cards of support.

Located in the gathering space are “CareNotes” which offer guidance, support and prayers. Feel free to take them as needed.

Know that you are being held in prayer by your parish family.

May God’s loving peace be with you.

*- St. Anthony Staff and Grief Ministry*

# Liturgical Considerations

During your meeting with the pastor and/or parish representative you will be asked to choose readers & participants for selected Mass parts. The following list will help prepare you for that meeting.

*Feel free to write in this book, or wait until your meeting.*

- ☞ Eulogy: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Placing of the Pall: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Placing of the Christian Symbol:  
Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ First reading (Old Testament): \_\_\_\_\_  
☩ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_  
And/or
- ☞ Second reading (New Testament): \_\_\_\_\_  
☩ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Petitions: \_\_\_\_\_  
☩ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Gift Bearers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Communion Ministers (must be Catholic):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Signing the Book of Life: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Luncheon/Dinner following:      \_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No
- ☞ Number of reserved pews: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☞ Military Honors:                      \_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

# Visitation

Visitations are held in the Gathering Space and may begin up to 2 hours prior to Mass/the eulogy.

Light refreshments will be provided for the immediate family in the hospitality room. Alcoholic beverages are *not* permitted on the premises.

If you wish, an AV presentation may be shown on the TV in the Gathering Space.

- ☞ Presentation should be created in advance and brought on a DVD or removable drive
- ☞ Appropriate music may be included in the presentation
- ☞ Presentation should be set to loop/continuous play

The church can provide three easels to be used for displaying memory boards. If more are needed, contact the funeral home. The church does not have plant stands.

To respect the integrity of the Mass of Christian Burial, all eulogies will be offered *before* Mass begins. Please consider this when publishing the obituary. For example; visitation from 8:00-9:45am with Mass beginning at 10:00am.

## Luncheon

There is a basic fee of \$120 for the use of Fellowship Hall. In addition, the family can select from a menu of catered hot and cold options, or dessert only. Lemonade, coffee and desserts will be provided at no extra cost. Alcoholic beverages are *not* permitted.

The parish prefers the luncheon immediately after the Mass, with the burial after.

Parishioners donate a variety of desserts at no charge to you. It is important to contact one of the parish office administrative assistants (262-691-1173) as soon as arrangements are finalized, so the caterer can begin preparations and dessert donors can be contacted. You will be billed on a per person basis, and payment is requested prior to the day of the funeral.

After the luncheon, all leftovers will be boxed up for you to take home, or if you wish, donated to a local meal program. The parish asks that you take all memorabilia and flowers with you when you leave.

### Songs:

Amazing Grace  
As Grains of Wheat  
Be Not Afraid  
Blest Are They  
Bread of Life  
Canticle of the Turning  
Eat This Bread  
Eye Has Not Seen  
For All the Saints  
Gather Us In  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Hosea  
How Can I Keep From Singing  
How Great Thou Art  
I Am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You  
Jesus, Remember Me  
Lead Me Lord  
Lord of the Dance  
On Eagle's Wings  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Shepherd Me O God  
Sing With All the Saints in Glory  
Song of the Body of Christ  
Soon and Very Soon  
The Lord is My Light  
We Have Been Told  
We Remember  
We Will Rise Again  
You Are Mine  
(other-you are welcome to choose from our hymnal)

Please choose a responsorial psalm and hymns for each of the following: entrance procession, offertory, communion, and recessional processions.

Please inform us of any additional singers or instrumentalists who will be participating in the Mass.

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

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

Offertory Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional Song: \_\_\_\_\_

The Song of Farewell will be sung as the name of the deceased is entered into the Book of Life.

For further musical assistance, please call our musical director, Laurie Polkus.

262-691-2774 Office

262-646-4328 Home

## Music

The following are commonly used songs.  
Your options are not limited to these.

### **Psalms:**

Be With Me Lord  
Holy is Your Name  
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  
The Lord is My Light  
To You O God  
To You O Lord  
The Lord is my shepherd

### **Entrance Procession**

Be Not Afraid  
For All the Saints  
Gather Us In  
Hosea  
How Great Thou Art  
Sing With All the Saints in Glory

### **Offertory**

Amazing Grace  
As Grains of Wheat  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Hail Mary Gentle Woman  
How Can I Keep From Singing  
I Have Loved You  
Prayer of St. Francis  
(Make me a channel of your peace)  
You Are Mine

### **Communion**

As Grains of Wheat  
Bread of Life  
Eat This Bread  
I am the Bread of Life  
On Eagle's Wings  
Song of the Body of Christ  
We Have Been Told  
We Remember

### **Recessional**

Canticle of the Turning  
How Great Thou Art  
For All the Saints  
Lead Me Lord  
Lord of the Dance  
Soon and Very Soon  
We Will Rise Again  
We Shall Rise Again

## Fees & Policies

- ☞ A funeral director is highly recommended and should be engaged.
- ☞ If a funeral director is not present an additional fee of \$500 will be charged to cover the cost of the preparation and staff needed to assist in the Visitation.
- ☞ The parish recommends that fees be paid through the funeral home. If not, please pay fees in advance. The visitation and luncheon fees may be combined on one check and must be paid in advance. Checks should be made out to "St. Anthony on the Lake."
- ☞ Separate checks should be made out for the pastor/presider and musicians.
- ☞ Suggested Fee Amounts:
  - Priest/Presider:** \$250
  - Musician:** \$200
  - Cantor\*\*:** \$150
  - Luncheon\*\*:** \$150 plus food catered
  - Church Visitation\*\*:** \$150
  - No Funeral Home Present:** \$500
  - Vigil only\*\*:** \$50
  - Committal only\*\*:** \$50
  - Concelebrant\*\*:** \$100

(\*\* optional items)

# Reading Selections

*The following are among commonly-used texts. Your options are **not** limited to these.*

## Options for Scripture Readings:

### From Hebrew Scripture:

**2 Maccabees 12:43-46** "...if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout..."

**Job 19:1, 23-27** "I know that I have a living Defender and that he will rise up last, on the dust of the earth..."

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** "There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven...we can grasp neither the beginning nor the end of what God does..."

**Wisdom 3:1-6, 9** "But the souls of the upright are in the hands of God, and no torment can touch them."

**Wisdom 4:7-15** "The upright, though he die before his time, will find rest..."

**Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** Yahweh Sabaoth is preparing a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines..."

**Lamentations 3:17-26** "Surely Yahweh's mercies are not over, his deeds of faithful love not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; and so I shall put my hope in him."

**Daniel 12:1-3** "Those who are wise will shine as brightly as the expanse of the heavens, and those who have instructed many in uprightness, as bright as stars for all eternity..."

### From Christian Scripture:

**Romans 5:5-11** "...how much more can we be sure that, being now reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

**Romans 6:3-9** "But we believe that, if we died with Christ, then we shall live with him too."

**Romans 8:14-23** "In my estimation, all that we suffer in the present time is nothing in comparison with the glory which is destined to be disclosed for us, for the whole creation is waiting with eagerness for the children of God to be revealed."

**Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39** "For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God..."

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13** "As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love."

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23** "In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead..."

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57** "And after this perishable nature has put on imperishability and this mortal nature has put on immortality, then will the words of scripture come true: *Death, is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?*"

**2 Corinthians 4: 14-5:1** "For we know our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, eternal in heaven."

## Options for Scripture Readings (*continued*):

**Philippians 3:20-21** "But our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transfigure the wretched body of ours into the mould of his glorious body..."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** "We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that in the same way God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus."

**1 John 3:1-2** "You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children - which is what we are!"

**Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7** "Then the One sitting on the throne spoke, 'Look, I am making the whole of creation new.'"

## Options for the GOSPEL Reading:

**Matthew 5:1-12a** the Beatitudes

**Matthew 11: 25-30** "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

**Matthew 25: 31-46** "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

**Mark 4: 1-9** "...some seeds fell into rich soil, grew tall and strong, and produced a good crop; the yield was thirty, sixty, even a hundredfold..."

**Mark 10:13-16** "People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples scolded them, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'"

**Luke 7: 11-17** "Then he went up and touched the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you: get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother."

**Luke 24:13-16, 28-35** "Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus...they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread."

**John 5:24-29** "In all truth I tell you, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life..."

**John 6:37-40** "whoever sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and that I should raise that person up on the last day."

**John 6:51-58** "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever..."

**John 11: 21-27** "I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

**John 14:1-6** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you..."