



HOLY FAMILY
PARISH

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING FORM

A FINAL WITNESS OF FAITH

The Church reminds us that our call to witness to Christ does not end until our final breath. As Christians, our lives are meant to proclaim the hope of the Gospel, even in death. While planning one's funeral can be a difficult and unfamiliar task, it can also be a meaningful act of faith and love—an opportunity to reflect prayerfully on how you wish to be remembered and how your final witness to Christ may be expressed.

This guide has been prepared to assist you in that process. It offers a simple way to record your wishes and helps you consider the important elements of a Funeral Mass, including readings, hymns, and those you may wish to participate in the liturgy. Your choices will assist the priest and parish staff in preparing a celebration that honors your life, comforts your loved ones, and proclaims our shared hope in the Resurrection.

The Catholic Church teaches that the bodies of the faithful are to be treated with great reverence because they are temples of the Holy Spirit and destined for resurrection. For this reason, burial of the body is the Church's preferred practice, though cremation is permitted when not chosen for reasons contrary to Christian belief. If cremation is chosen, the cremated remains are to be buried or entombed in a cemetery or columbarium. They are not to be kept in a private home, divided among family members, or scattered. These practices reflect our faith in the dignity of the human body and our hope in the resurrection of the dead.

Once completed, please keep this form with your important papers so your family can easily access it when the time comes. It is also important to discuss your wishes with your loved ones so they clearly understand your intentions. In particular, we encourage you to express your desire for a Funeral Mass, where the Church will pray for the repose of your soul and commend you to God through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please note that in order to have a Funeral Mass, the presence of the body or cremated remains is required; without them, the Church is only able to celebrate a Memorial Mass.

In completing this guide, you offer both a gift of clarity to your family and a final testimony of faith in the promises of Christ. May God bless you in this life and lead you to the fullness of life in the next.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (First, Middle, Last):

Preferred Name for Funeral (e.g., Bill Smith if preferred over William):

Phonetic spelling of your full name

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

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Preferred Funeral Home

Preferred Church for Funeral

Would you like to name someone to give a eulogy?



MUSIC SELECTIONS

Gathering Hymn (Select one or specify other):

- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- Here I Am Lord
- How Great Thou Art
- I Know That My Redeemer Livest
- On Eagle's Wings
- Other:

Responsorial Psalm (Select one):

- Psalm 16: The Path of Life
- Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd (Sarah Hart)
- Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God
- Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light
- Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting
- Psalm 90: In Every Age
- Psalm 91: Be With Me
- Any of the above

Presentation of the Gifts Hymn (Select one):

- Amazing Grace
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Here I Am Lord
- How Can I Keep From Singing
- The Summons
- These Alone Are Enough
- Other:

Communion Hymn (Select one):

- Gift of Finest Wheat
- One Bread One Body
- Shepherd Me, O God
- Taste and See
- These Alone Are Enough
- We Remember
- Other:

Recessional Hymn (Select one):

- Amazing Grace
- Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- How Great Thou Art
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- On Eagle's Wings
- Sing With All the Saints in Glory
- Other:



Gathering Hymns



Presentation of the Gifts



Communion Hymn



Recessional Hymn



READINGS

Old Testament Reading (Select one or specify other):

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12 - There is a time for everything under heaven

Wisdom 3:1-6,9 - The souls of the just are in the hand of God

Isaiah 25:6a,7-9 - The Lord will destroy death forever

Sirach 3:1-7 - Children pay heed to a father's right

Proverbs 31:10-29 - When one finds a worthy wife

Other:

Reader of Old Testament Reading: _____

New Testament Reading (Select one or specify other):

1 John 3:1-2 - We are God's children now

Romans 6:3-9 - Let us walk in newness of life

Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 - If God is for us, who can be against us

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 - Death is swallowed up in victory

Philippians 3:20-21 - Our citizenship is in heaven

Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7 - There is no more death

Romans 14:7-9,10,12 - We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves

Other:

Reader of New Testament Reading: _____

PARTICIPATION

Family member or friend bringing up the gifts: _____

Family member or friend reading the petitions: _____



REMEMBRANCES & REFLECTIONS

The information below will help the priest who presides at your Funeral gain a fuller picture of your life, faith, and legacy. These reflections will assist him in preparing a homily that honors your story and highlights God’s work throughout your life.

Please highlight the major features of your life (place of birth, marriage, family, career, hobbies, interests, meaningful accomplishments, etc.):

Please describe the most notable features of your faith life and relationship with the Church:



Please print and keep this in a visible location so your loved ones know to contact a priest to anoint you in your final hours.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the sacraments given to the faithful to bring Christ's strength, healing, and peace. Through this sacrament, God's grace is offered to those who are seriously ill, elderly, or preparing for major surgery, providing comfort and encouragement in times of physical and spiritual need.

It is also a special responsibility of our priests to administer this sacrament to those who are in danger of death (see James 5:14–15; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1520–1523).

Through the Anointing of the Sick, the recipient experiences Christ's compassion and care, receives the forgiveness of sins, and is more closely united to Him—especially in moments of suffering and in sharing in His Passion.

If you or a loved one are in need of the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Our staff will assist you, and an emergency line is available after office hours to reach a priest for those in their final hours. A priest will return your call as promptly as possible.

Additionally, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, our parish offers homebound visitation. Members of the parish, along with our priests, are available to visit, bringing prayer, Holy Communion, and the Anointing of the Sick when needed.

Contact us

Please contact the parish office so we may bring Christ's presence to those in need!

Holy Family Parish - 330-688-6411

May our Lord keep you always in His care, strengthen you with His grace, and lead you to everlasting life.