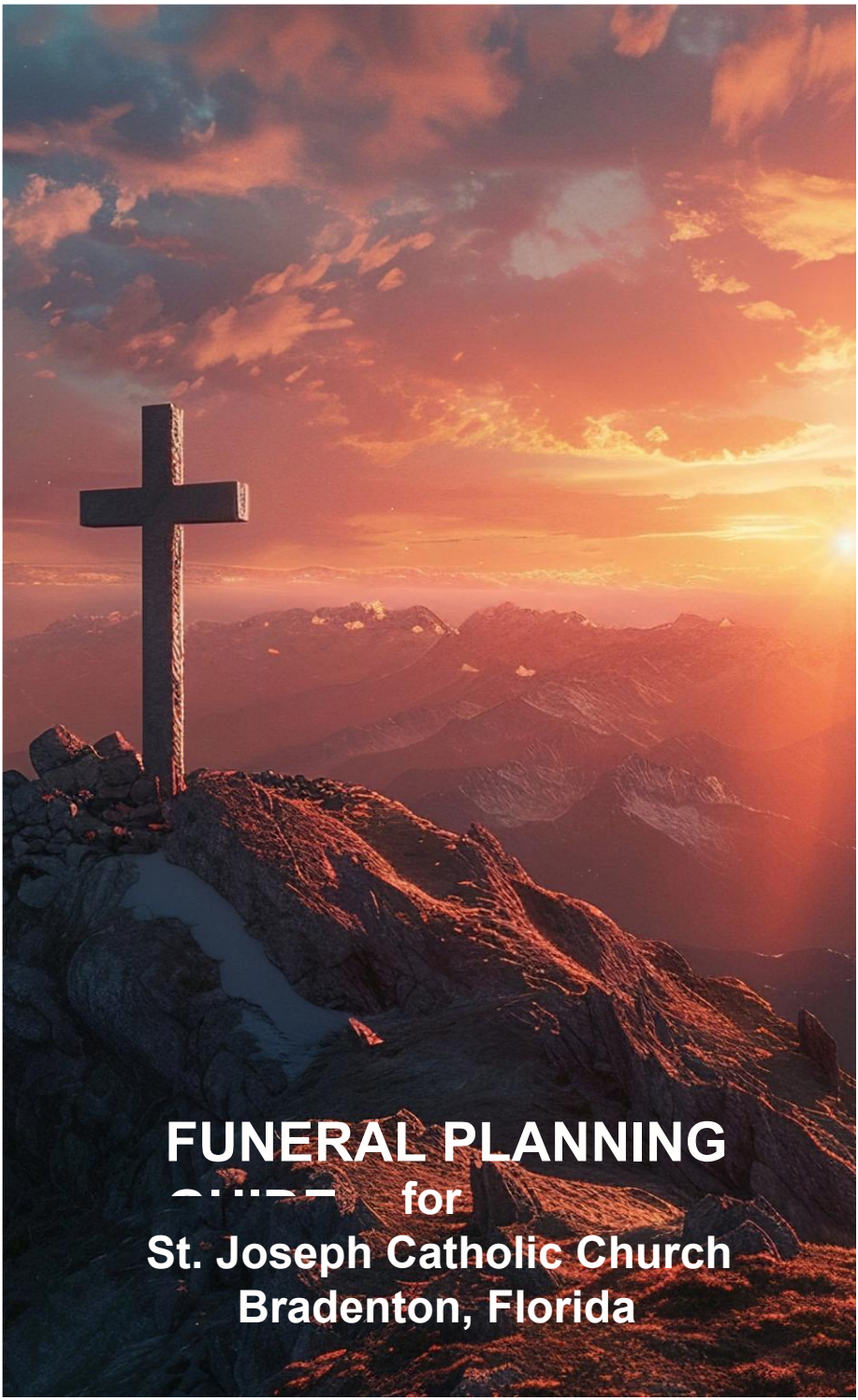


FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

for

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Bradenton, Florida

Name of Deceased:

Date of Birth: **Date of Death:**

Contact Person Name:

Phone: **Email:**

SELECTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament reading: **New Testament reading:**

Gospel:

HYMNS

Prelude:

Entrance:

Presentation of Gifts:

Communion:

Closing:

Responsorial:

Communion Meditation:

Final Commendation

FUNERAL MASS PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant:

Organist/Pianist

Lector First reading

Lector Second reading

Prayers of the Faithful

Gift Bearers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Eulogy/reflection

Book of Remembrance:

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS FOR A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Reading No. 1 from The Book of Wisdom: 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom...

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 judgment they shall shine and 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.

The Word of The Lord

Reading No. 2 from The Book of Job: 19:1, 23-27

A reading from the Book of Job...

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that My Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing **The Word of The Lord**

Reading No. 3 from The Book of The Prophet Isaiah: 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah...

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!"

The Word of The Lord

Reading No. 4 from The Book of Lamentations: 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations...

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 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.

The Word of The Lord



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS FOR A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Reading No. 5 from The Letter of St. Paul to The Romans: 5:5-11

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans...

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.

The Word of The Lord

Reading No. 6 from The Letter of St. Paul to The Romans: 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans...

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.

The Word of The Lord

Reading No. 7 from The Second Letter of St. Paul to The Corinthians: 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians...
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.

So 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. **The Word of The Lord**

Reading No. 8 from
The Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy:
2:8-13

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy..

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him, we shall also live with

him; If we persevere, we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him, he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot Deny himself.

The Word of The Lord



HYMNS

Music during the Gathering *(Prelude)*

Request: _____

OPENING HYMN

___ 1. Alleluia! Alleluia! (Ode to Joy)

___ 2. (Alleluia!) The Strife is O'er #325

___ 3. Amazing Grace #645
___ 4. Be Not Afraid #683
___ 5. Be Thou My Vision # **XXXX**
___ 6. For All The Saints #884
___ 7. Gather Us In #848
___ 8. Here I Am Lord #777
___ 9. I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say #724
___ 10. Lord Of All Hopefullness ##663
___ 11. O God Beyond All Praising #598

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

___ 12. Ps 23: Shepherd Me, O God #35 Hymnal
___ 13. Ps 27: The Lord is My Light D-3 #41
___ 14. Ps 42: Like A Deer # **XXXX**
___ 15. Ps 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful D-6 #75

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

___ 16. All Is Well With My Soul # XXXX
___ 17. Come To Me #731
___ 18. Eye Has Not Seen #728
___ 19. Hail Woman, Gentle Woman #889
___ 20. Hosea (Come Back To Me) #484
___ 21. I Know That My Redeemer LIves #527
___ 22. Life Has Changed, Not Ended # **XXXX**
___ 23. On Eagles Wings #691
___ 24. Prayer of St. Francis #828
___ 25. Precious Lord, Take My Hand #955
___ 26. Softly and Tenderly #963
___ 27. Where Charity and Love Prevail #706
___ 28. Worthy is The Lamb # **XXXX**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

___ 29. Ave Maria #887
___ 30. Bread of Angels
___ 31. Eat This Bread #941
___ 32. Gift of Finest Wheat #940
___ 33. I Am The Bread of Life #945

___ 34. I Have Loved You ##588
___ 35. Miracle of Grace # **XXXX**
___ 36. One Bread, One Body #932
___ 37. Panis Angelicus # **XXXX**
___ 38. Soul of My Savior
___ 39. Taste and See #930
___ 40. We Remember #681
___ 41. You Are Near #695

SENDING HYMN

___ 42. Christ Be Our Light #590
___ 43. City of God #766
___ 44. Holy God We Praise Thy Name #615
___ 45. How Great Thou Art #578
___ 46. I Am The Bread of LIfe #945
___ 47. Jesus, Remember Me #510
___ 48. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #614
___ 49. Let There Be Peace On Earth #829
___ 50. Lord Of All Hopefullness ##663
___ 52. Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory #985
___ 52. O God, Beyond All Praising #598
___ 53. Sing A New Song #607
___ 54. Sing With All The Saints in Glory #539
___ 55. We Walk By Faith #680

Heavenly Father, grief can be heavy and overwhelming. I lift this precious soul to You—grant them strength in their sorrow. Let your power be made perfect in their weakness. Give them the courage to face each day, and remind them they are not alone in their pain. Uphold them with Your righteous right hand, and let Your strength sustain them when their own seems gone.

Isaiah 41:10
“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”