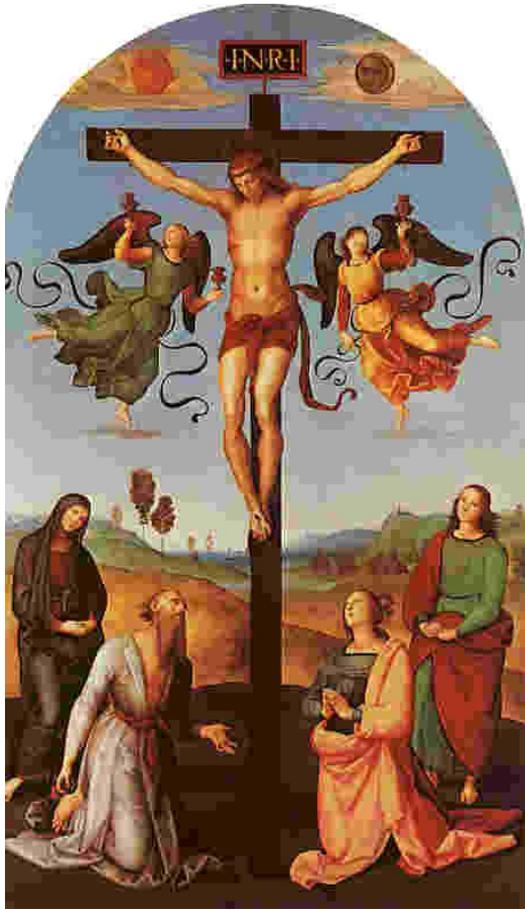


# St. Mary Parish

Woodstock, IL

*Guide to your loved one's funeral Mass*



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## *A note from the pastor...*

Dear friend in Christ,

Peace of the Risen Lord!

Let me offer you first of all the sincerest condolences of St Mary Parish family at the passing of your loved one. The death of a dear one, whether timely or not, is a trying time for anyone who knows that the world will not be the same without their presence. Our heart goes out to you and your family during this time of great loss.

I want to assure you that we, at St. Mary's, would like to do all we can to assist you through this difficult time. Please be assured of my personal prayers and the prayers of our Parish. Please know at the same time that we are here to walk you through the many details you will face as you prepare for your loved ones funeral.

In this book, you will find a checklist to help you plan out the funeral Mass as well as possible readings, intercessions and music choices. The funeral home will help you contact us for a personal meeting with the priest and a member of St. Mary's staff.

Please know that this book is made available to you only as an aid to the planning of your loved ones funeral. Some prefer to plan the funeral in detail and some prefer to have our assistance in the planning. Whatever is easiest for you, at this time, we can be of help in any way.

We look forward to meeting with you to help make this time of mourning a time of celebration also. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead you through this time and may His Blessed Mother keep you in her prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Reverend Burt H. Absalon  
Pastor

## Checklist for planning your loved one's funeral Mass

Please fill out the following two pages. Please know that if it is easier for you, the priest and parish staff can take care of picking some or all of the following for you.

### Step # 1:

The family is invited to place the pall over the casket at the beginning of the mass before the procession into the church. The funeral home directors will be there to assist the family.

Who will place the pall? \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

### Step # 2:

Please pick one reading from pages 5-9 and one family member or friend to read it. Please let the reader see the selection and let him/her know we will have a large print version on the ambo at the funeral. (If you prefer, you may exclude this reading and pick only one in step #3). *We can provide a reader if needed for all the readings and intercessions.*

First Reading: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Step # 3:

Please pick a second reading from pages 10-15 and one family member or friend to read it at the funeral. The reader can be the same person picked in step #2 or someone new. Please let the reader see the selection and let him/her know we will have a large print version on the ambo at the funeral.

New Testament reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Step # 4:

Please pick out a Gospel reading. The various options are found on pages 16-21. After you pick out the Gospel, please write it down below. The priest will read this reading at Mass.

Gospel reading: \_\_\_\_\_

### Step # 5:

Pick someone to read the intercessions or have one of the people who do the readings to do the intercessions also. We will have a large print version of this on the ambo for the funeral. Sample intercessions are on pg. 22.

Reader for intercessions: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Step # 6:**

You may pick 2 or 3 people to bring up the gifts of bread, wine and water to the altar at Mass.

People chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step # 7:**

Would you like a close family member or friend to offer a prayerful recollection highlighting your loved ones life of faith, hope and charity? One person may offer this short reflection in the Church at the end of the funeral. If more than one person would like to speak or give a “eulogy,” this can be done before the funeral in the visitation.

Prayerful recollection given by: \_\_\_\_\_

No recollection \_\_\_\_\_

**Step # 8:**

You will need a server for the mass. If you have servers in mind please list them. Otherwise the parish can assign them. (No more than 3)

Server’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Step # 9:**

Please consider the music selections you would prefer. You can find selections on pgs. 21-22.

Opening song: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preparation of the Gifts: *Instrumental*

Communion #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion #2: (used only if there is time) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Step # 10:**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you think there will be more than 75 people receiving Holy Communion it is helpful to have a deacon or lay extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. This person must be commissioned to give Communion at St. Mary Church. If you don’t have someone we can assign someone for you.

Extraordinary Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

***First Reading – Outside the Easter Season***  
***Please choose one***

**A-1 *A reading from the second Book of Maccabees 12:43-46***

Judas, the ruler of Israel,  
took up a collection among all his soldiers,  
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.  
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,  
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;  
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.  
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.  
Thus he made atonement for the dead  
that they might be freed from this sin.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**A-2 *A reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 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 in the eyes of 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.  
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 his elect.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**A-3 A reading from the Book of Wisdom 4:7-15**

The just, though they 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,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

Those who pleased God were loved;  
they who lived among sinners were transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their mind  
or deceit beguile their 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,  
they reached the fullness of a long career;  
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he sped them out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

*The word of the Lord.*

**A-4 A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9**

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!”

*The word of the Lord.*

**A-5 A reading from the Book of 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.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**A-6 A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
*The word of the Lord.*

## ***First Reading – During the Easter Season*** ***Please choose one***

### **AA-1 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43**

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“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 children of Israel  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

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.”

*The word of the Lord.*

### **AA-2 A reading from the Book of Revelation 14:13**

I, John, 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.”

*The word of the Lord.*

### **AA-3 A reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

I, John, 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.”

I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.

To 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.”  
*The word of the Lord.*

## ***Second Reading - please choose one***

### **B-1 *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the 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 who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

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.*

### **B-2 *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9***

Brothers 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.

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.*

**B-3 A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:14-23**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, *Abba*, "Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs,  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility,  
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption  
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies

*The word of the Lord.*

**B-4 A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

**B-5 A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the 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. *The word of the Lord.*

**B-6 A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12**

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,  
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee*

*shall bend before me,*

*and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

*The word of the Lord.*

**B-7 A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 4:6-8**

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

*The word of the Lord.*

**B-8 A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:14--5:1**

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For 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.

*The word of the Lord.*

**B-9 A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the 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 may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**B-10 A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**B-11 A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:8-13**

Beloved:  
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, like a criminal.  
But the word of God is not chained.  
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.*

**B-12 A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 3:1-2**

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

*The word of the Lord*

***Gospel Readings - please choose one***

**C-1 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a**

When Jesus 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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-2 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus answered:

“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 yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-3 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-4 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-5 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-16, 28-35**

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of the disciples of Jesus were going  
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,  
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.

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.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-6 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:37-40**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-7 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-59**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-8 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:21-27**

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 Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-9 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:23-26**

Jesus said to 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 will lose 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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C-10 + A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## **Intercessions:**

1.               For N, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.  
  
Lord hear our prayer.
  
2.               For our brother/sister, N, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.  
  
Lord hear our prayer.
  
3.               For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.  
  
Lord hear our prayer.
  
4.               For the family and friends of our brother/sister, N, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of His friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.  
  
Lord hear our prayer.
  
5.               For all of us gathered here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord.  
  
Lord hear our prayer.

# **Funeral Music Suggestions**

## **Entrance Hymns** (pick one)

All the Earth  
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Christ Be beside Me  
Christ The Lord is Risen Today  
Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Faith of Our Fathers  
For All the Saints  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Glory and Praise to Our God  
God, We Praise You  
Here I am Lord  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Hosea  
How Great Thou Art  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
I Know that my Redeemer Lives  
Jesus, Remember Me  
Like a Shepherd  
Lord of All Hopefulness  
Morning Has Broken  
On Eagles Wings  
Sanctuary  
The King of Glory  
Tis the Gift to be simple  
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King  
We Walk By Faith

## **Responsorial Psalms**

Psalms 23-Shepherd Me, O God  
Psalm 23-The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
Psalm 25-To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.  
Psalm 27-The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
Psalm 63-My Soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God  
Psalm 103-The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Communion Rite** (pick one or two)

Abba, Father  
Alleluia, the Strife is O're  
Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Center of My Life  
Christ Be Our Light  
City of God  
Come to the Water  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
Glory and Praise to our God  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
Holy is His Name  
How Can I Keep From Singing  
How Great Thou Art  
I Have Loved You  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You  
Lead Me, Lord  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Like a Shepherd  
Lord of all Hopefulness  
Make Me a Channel of your Peace  
Oh Lord, I Am Not Worthy  
On Eagles Wings  
Open My Eyes, Lord  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Seek Ye First  
The Cup of Life Outpoured  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
The Lord is My Light  
We Walk By Faith  
We Will Rise Again  
Where Charity and Love Prevail  
You Are Near

**Recessional**

Recommended : “May the Angels Lead You into Paradise”  
or, any of the above hymns may be chosen

## Fees/Suggested Offerings

### Fees

#### Music

Cantor	\$ 100
Pianist/Organist	\$ 100
3 Altar Servers	\$ 10 each

#### Luncheon

After the funeral and committal at the cemetery, the parish can provide a luncheon downstairs in the St. Joseph Basement. There is easy access with an elevator to this lower level. The cost will be \$12.00 per person which includes choices of sandwich food such as cold meats, cheeses, breads and salads; or a hot buffet which includes a choice of chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, garden or fruit salad; or a hot buffet with Italian beef, mostaccioli, bread and garden salad. Also, drinks and desserts are provided. Volunteers from our parish will organize, serve and clean up after this luncheon.

*Payment:* After the luncheon you will be billed by St. Mary Parish for the number of meals you requested ahead of time.

### Traditional Offerings

General funeral offering to the church	\$ 200.00
Optional using of St. Joseph Center for a visitation (typically 1-2 hours before the funeral)	\$ 75/hour
Offering for priest	\$ 100
Offering for deacon at visitation	\$ 30
Offering for deacon for funeral service or prayers at grave	\$ 50

#### Calvary Cemetery

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Regular Plot	\$1,300
Angel Land Plot (for babies)	\$ 300
Cremation Plot	\$ 550
Columbarium Niche (one or two cremains)	\$1,500
Engraved Plaque for Niche with Name(s)/Dates	\$ 500
Interment or Inurnment Expenses	
Regular Interment	\$1,000
Angel Land Interment	\$ 200
In Ground Inurnment Expense	\$ 650
Columbarium Inurnment Expense	\$ 100