

Music Selections

Music selections are not limited to those listed on our parish website; however, all choices must be sacred music appropriate for the liturgy. To assist you, we have included links to the suggested pieces so you may listen to them as you prayerfully consider the music for your loved one's Funeral Mass.

A full list of music is available at www.stmarysparish.org/music.

Entrance Hymn: _____

Responsorial Psalm _____

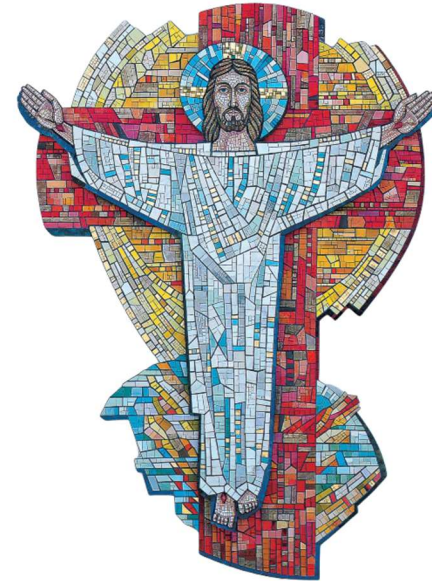
Preparation Hymn _____

Communion Hymn _____

Song of Farewell _____

Recessional Hymn _____

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St. Mary's Parish Funeral Mass Planning Booklet

The St. Mary's Parish faith community extends its condolences on the loss of your loved one. We pray for God's consolation to ease your sorrow. Take comfort in knowing you will not make this journey alone.

This planning booklet has been prepared to guide you and your family in arranging the Funeral Mass of your loved one. A member of our Pastoral Staff will contact you when the church is notified from the funeral home of a death. We are available to help in whatever way is best for you, and we assure you of our continued prayers and support in the months ahead.

Funeral Pall and Pallbearers

Members of the family or friends may place the pall on the casket. The white funeral pall reminds us that the deceased was given the promise of eternal life at baptism.

Will family members place the pall: ___Yes ___No.

If you plan to have pallbearers, list them:

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The Liturgy of the Word

If they are able, family members or friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings. The Word of God offers hope and consolation, especially in times of sorrow. At the Funeral Mass, there are two readings from Scripture: the first from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament.

A complete list of readings to choose from is available at www.stmarysparish.org/funeralreadings

First Reading:_____

Read by:_____

Second Reading:_____

Read by:_____

Prayer of the Faithful

During the prayers of the faithful, we lift our hearts in prayer for the deceased, for your family, for all who mourn, and for all gathered at this Mass. One or two readers can be selected.

Reader: _____

Reader:_____

Offertory Gift Bearers

Family members or friends are welcome to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. This meaningful act serves as a beautiful expression of love and remembrance for the deceased within the liturgy.

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Words of Remembrance

One family member or friend may offer a brief remembrance of the deceased. This marks the end of an earthly journey that began in faith at Baptism and now continues in new life with God. In preparing your remarks, we encourage you to reflect on how your loved one lived out their Baptismal call by loving God and neighbor. Consider sharing a memory that highlights their faith and character, helping us all to see how their gifts were God-given and shared with others.

Shared by_____