

PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE FUNERAL MASS



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MINNESOTA

A Note from the Saint Rose of Lima Staff

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11: 25-26

Whether you are pre-planning for a funeral or planning because a loved one has recently died, we hope this guide offers assistance in what can be an overwhelming and emotional experience. Know that our parish staff is here to support and accompany you in the process.

Beginning on page 5, this guide walks you through the various parts of a Funeral Mass. Please use it alongside the planning worksheet given to you and note your choices and preferences on the planning worksheet. Opportunities for family participation are noted; however, if you do not have someone in mind for any given piece, our volunteers are happy to assist.

If you would like information on funeral services outside of a full Mass, please contact the Pastoral Associate at the number below.

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Common Questions

How do we choose a time and date for the funeral?

Generally, Saint Rose holds funerals at 10:00AM Tuesday-Friday. The date and time will be set to accommodate the needs of the family, the funeral home, and the parish. Most visitations are held in the church beginning one hour prior to the Mass.

Can we display photos during the service?

You are welcome to bring photos and memorabilia to display during the visitation. We also have easels for your use if you'd like to display poster boards with photos. The funeral home may also have easels if you need more. If you'd like to display a slide show during the visitation, you are welcome to do so using our projection system. The family is responsible for compiling the slide show on a flash drive (USB drive) and sending it to the Pastoral Associate to test with our system no later than 24 hours prior to the funeral.

How does the funeral luncheon work?

Saint Rose is happy to provide hospitality for you and your guests following the funeral. Luncheons are held in the Lower Level of the Parish Center, which can accommodate up to 100 guests. See the Funeral Luncheon Handout for catering options.

An Overview of the Funeral Mass

GREETING AND SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

At the beginning of Mass, the priest offers words of greeting, then sprinkles the casket or urn with holy water as a reminder of your loved one's baptism in Christ Jesus. If there is a casket, the pall will be placed over it at this point. Family members may help place the pall.

GATHERING HYMN

See music selections on page 23 for a list of options.

REMEMBRANCE (OPTIONAL)

If your family chooses, one person may give a remembrance in honor of your loved one. The purpose of the remembrance is to offer a brief reflection (3-5 minutes) on your loved one's life and to serve as a way for those gathered who may not have known your loved one well to hear about him or her.

FIRST READING (SELECT ONE)

One person reads the first reading. Below are passages that resonate with many people, followed by a list of additional selections.

Proverbs 31: 10-12, 15, 20, 25-26, 28-31

When one finds a worthy woman, her value is far beyond jewels. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack. She brings him good, not evil, all the days of her life. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household; she reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; and kindly instruction is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim her for her works of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11

There is a season for everything: A time for every occupation 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 refrain from embracing; 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. God has made everything appropriate to its time and has put the timeless into our hearts, without our ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

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 before 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.

Lamentations 3: 17-18, 20-26

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. 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, God's mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is God's 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.

FIRST READING (CONTINUED)

Song of Songs 2: 10-13

My lover speaks; he says to me, “Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!”

Sirach 44: 10-15

But here is a list of illustrious men whose good works have not been forgotten. In their descendants they find a rich inheritance, their posterity. Their descendants stand by the commandments and, thanks to them, so do their children’s children. Their offspring will last forever, their glory will not fade. Their bodies have been buried in peace, and their name lives on for all generations. The peoples will proclaim their wisdom, the assembly will celebrate their praises.

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines. Juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. 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!”

Isaiah 43: 1-5

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the

Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior. You are precious in my eyes and glorious, and I love you. Fear not, for I am with you.

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so I will tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures they shall be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

Daniel 12: 1-3

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS OF FIRST READINGS

If the above selections do not speak to you, look up the following passages.

2 Maccabees 12: 43-46

“It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.”

Job 19: 1, 23-27a

“I know that my Redeemer lives.”

Wisdom 4: 7-15

“A blameless life is a ripe old age.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The responsorial psalm is always sung. Please see the music selections on page 23.

SECOND READING (SELECT ONE)

One person reads the second reading. Below are passages that resonate with many people, followed by a list of additional selections.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

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.

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.

Romans 8: 14-23

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children 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 first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who 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.

1 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.

SECOND READING (CONTINUED)

1 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.

Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-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. 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 our self to God.

1 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.

2 Corinthians 4: 14 - 5: 1

Brothers and sisters: We know 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.

Ephesians 2: 4-10

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. By grace you have been saved. God raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of

SECOND READING (CONTINUED)

praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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."

ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS OF SECOND READINGS

If the previous selections do not speak to you, consider looking up the following passages.

Acts 10: 34-43

"God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead."

Romans 5: 5-11

"Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved through him."

Romans 5: 17-21

"Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more."

2 Corinthians 15: 20-23

"All people will be brought to life in Christ."

1 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

"We have an everlasting home in heaven."

Philippians 3: 20-21

‘Jesus will transfigure these lowly bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.’

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

“If we have died with him, we shall live with him.”

1 John 3: 14-16

“We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.”

Revelation 14: 13

“Happy are those who die in the Lord.”

Revelation 20: 11 - 21: 1

“The dead have been judged according to their works.”

GOSPEL AND HOMILY (GOSPEL CHOSEN BY PRIEST)

At Saint Rose of Lima, the priest typically chooses the Gospel, but if you have a strong preference, please note it. The homily is given by the priest and proclaims Christ’s resurrection, shows how God was at work in the life of the deceased, and strengthens our hope in God’s Kingdom as we continue our earthly pilgrimage.

Matthew 5: 1-12a

When he saw the crowds, Jesus 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.

GOSPEL READING (CONTINUED)

Matthew 11: 25-30

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "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."

Mark 15: 33-39; 16: 1-6

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. Very early when the sun had risen on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the

crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.”

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.

John 6: 37-40

Jesus said to the crowd: “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.

John 11: 32-44

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the

GOSPEL READING (CONTINUED)

blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

John 10: 14-15, 27-30

Jesus said to those gathered: “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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.”

ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS OF GOSPEL READINGS

Matthew 25: 1-13

“Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.”

Matthew 25: 31-40 [long form includes vv. 31-46]

“Come, you whom my Father has blessed.”

Luke 12: 35-40

“Be prepared, for you do not know when the Son of Man will come.”

Luke 23: 33, 39-43

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53 [long form includes 24: 1-6a]

“Father, I put my life in your hands.”

Luke 24: 13-35

“Their eyes were opened and they recognized Christ with them.”

John 5: 24-29

“Whoever hears my word and believes, has passed from death to life.”

John 6: 51-58

“All who eat this bread will live forever; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

John 11: 21-27 [long form includes vv. 17-20]

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

John 12: 23-26 [long form includes vv. 27-28]

“If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.”

John 17: 24-26

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.”

John 19: 17-18, 25-30

“Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

One or more family members or friends may read the prayers of the faithful. Please choose one set from the selections on the following pages and note on your planning sheet if you would like to include any deceased family members, any caregivers, and/or any medical staff in these prayers. If you'd like to write your own prayers of the faithful or adapt the following ones, the pastoral associate will help you do so.

The letter "N." designates where your loved one's name appears.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (SELECT ONE SET) SET A

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...
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...
3. For our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have helped us, that they may have their reward for their goodness. We pray to the Lord...
4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord...
5. For our families and friends, 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...
6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord...

SET B

1. In Baptism, N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord...

2. Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the Table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord...

3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray to the Lord...

4. Our family and friends seek comfort and consolation. Heal our pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord...

5. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord...

SET C

1. That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of N. We pray to the Lord...

2. That God will welcome N. with open arms into the kingdom of heaven. We pray to the Lord...

3. That all of us, N.'s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief. We pray to the Lord...

4. That God will grant release to those who suffer. We pray to the Lord...

5. That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ. We pray to the Lord...

6. That we may live in the hope of the resurrection and God's promise that we will see N. again at the eternal banquet. We pray to the Lord...

SET D

1. That the leaders of the Church and all who preach the Gospel may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (CONTINUED)

2. That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.
3. That Jesus, our gentle shepherd who brings rest to our souls, will give peace to N. forever. We pray to the Lord.
4. That God may welcome N. and all our deceased family and friends to the heavenly banquet.
5. That those who bear the cross of pain in body, mind, or spirit may receive comfort and care from our loving God and from their friends and family. We pray to the Lord.
6. That God will bring comfort and consolation to N. 's family and friends in their grief. We pray to the Lord.

SET E

1. We pray for N's family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in our hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. We pray to the Lord...
2. For all those people who ministered to N. during his/her illness, that they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them. We pray to the Lord...
3. For each of us with whom N. so generously shared his/her many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burden of others. We pray to the Lord...
4. For all those who loved and were loved by N., that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise to us of eternal life. We pray to the Lord...
5. For each of us here, that God will bless us richly with the gifts we need to fully celebrate life and recognize the new beginning of each day. We pray to the Lord...

SET F (FOR A CHILD)

1. For N., a child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord...
2. For N.'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [siblings], that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the Lord...
3. For N.'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. We pray to the Lord...
4. For all parents who grieve the death of a child, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God. We pray to the Lord...

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Please see the music selections on page 24 for a list of songs to choose from while the gifts are brought up and the altar is prepared. You may also select two or more people to bring up the gifts.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Depending on the size of the funeral, generally we need up to three Eucharistic Ministers. You may select family or friends who have been trained in their parish; they do not have to have been trained at Saint Rose.

COMMUNION SONG

Please see the music selections on page 24 for a list of songs to choose from as people receive Communion. Soloists welcomed for a second Communion selection.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND SONG OF FAREWELL

At this time, the priest says prayers thanking God for the gift of your loved one's life and asking that God receive him or her into Paradise. As the priest incenses your loved one's remains, we sing the Song of Farewell. Please see the music selections on page 25 to choose the Song of Farewell.

SENDING FORTH SONG

Please see the music selections on page 25 to choose a Sending Forth Song that will be sung as we process out of church.

AFTER THE MASS

When Mass concludes, the family will follow the priest and funeral director to lead the procession out of church. If there is a luncheon in the Parish Center, the priest will have made an announcement for where to go, and there will be signs to lead you and your guests.

Depending on arrangements made in conjunction with the funeral home and parish, the burial will generally follow the luncheon.

Music Selections

Music suggestions are based on the resources available at Saint Rose. We provide a Funeral Schola (choir), Cantor, and Accompanist for both piano and organ. Family members who are church musicians are welcome to be part of the funeral music ministry. Additional soloists or ensembles can provide a Prelude and/or second Communion song.

Any of the choral or solo pieces (page 26) can replace a hymn selection.

GATHERING HYMN

This should be something easily sung by all those gathered. A familiar song works best here.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Amazing Grace	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
Be Not Afraid	Lord of All Hopefulness
Canticle of the Sun	On Eagle's Wings
Here I Am, Lord	Sing with All the Saints in Glory
How Great Thou Art	The Summons

*Due to liturgical season requirements, the songs indicated with an asterisks are not usable during Lent.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The psalm is one of the four scriptures that we hear at Mass. The people sing a short refrain and the Cantor or Choir sings the verses.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God	Psalm 91: On Eagle's Wings
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul	Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful
Psalm 91: Be with Me, Lord	Psalm 116: I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord

MUSIC SELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND ALTAR

We sing a song, or listen to instrumental music, solo, or choir piece as the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and altar prepared.

Amazing Grace	I Want to Walk as a Child of the
Be Not Afraid	Light
Center of My Life	Lord of All Hopefulness
Eye Has Not Seen	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Here I Am, Lord	Shall We Gather at the River
How Can I Keep from Singing	The Summons
How Great Thou Art	We Are Many Parts
I Am the Bread of Life	We Walk by Faith
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	

COMMUNION HYMN

We sing a song or psalm with a memorable refrain during Communion.

Be Not Afraid	I Am the Bread of Life
Center of My Life	On Eagle's Wings
Eat This Bread	One Bread, One Body
Eye Has Not Seen	Take and Eat
Gift of Finest Wheat	Taste and See
Here I Am, Lord	We Are Many Parts
How Great Thou Art	We Remember

SONG OF FAREWELL

Because each of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit in life, we honor the body or ashes and pray together with incense and song. This is a short piece that is usually only a repeated refrain or short verse and refrain.

Jesus, Remember Me	Saints of God
May the Angels Lead You	The Hand of God Shall Hold You
Into Paradise	

SENDING FORTH SONG

As we process out of church, we sing a song of faith and hope.

Amazing Grace	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*	Lord of All Hopefulness
Be Not Afraid	On Eagle's Wings
Canticle of the Sun	Sing with All the Saints in Glory
For All the Saints	Soon and Very Soon*
How Great Thou Art	We Are Marching
I Know that My Redeemer	We Walk by Faith
Lives	
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	

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Please see the following page for a note about solo pieces.

MUSIC SELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

CHORAL & SOLO MUSIC SELECTIONS

Many of the music selections listed above may be sung as solos. Vocal or instrumental solos work well as Prelude or Postlude selections, Preparation of the Gifts selections, or as Communion Meditations.

In addition, please note the following as possible music selections that are sung as solos or by the Funeral Schola:

Ave Maria, *Schubert*

Let There be Peace on Earth

Ave Maria, *Bach*

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Make Me a Channel of Your
Peace

Panis Angelicus, *Franck*

The Prayer, *Lovland*

Note: We are always happy to discuss the possibility of including musical selections not found in this booklet.

God of Consolation,

Our loved one is gone now from this earthly dwelling
and has left behind those who mourn their absence.

Grant that we may hold their memory dear, never
bitter for what we have lost

nor in regret for the past,

but always in hope of the eternal Kingdom where you
will bring us together again.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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