

Mass of Christian Burial

St Raphael Catholic Church
1513 Dunster Road Rockville, MD
301-762-2143

Deceased _____ Date of Birth/Death _____

Family Contact _____ Cell Number _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Date of Mass: _____ Time of Mass: _____ Cemetery _____

Casket Cremains Do you want it Live Streamed? Yes No

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@straphaelcatholicchurch/streams>

Words of Remembrance: Reader(s) _____

Write Name in Book of Remembrance: Written by _____

Mass Begins

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Opening Hymn: _____ Gather # _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ Sung by: _____

Second Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Gospel: _____ Read by: Rev. _____

Prayer of the Faithful A B (Circle One) Read by: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of gifts: (Hymn): _____ Gather # _____

Presenters: (wine & Bread) by _____

Communion Hymn: _____ Gather # _____

Communion Meditation Hymn (Optional) _____ Gather # _____

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Sending Forth Hymn: _____ Gather # _____

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Programs: Yes # _____ Celebrant Name _____ (\$100.00)

Keyboardist Name _____ (\$200.00) Cantor Name _____ (\$175.00)

St. Raphael Catholic Church (\$300.00) \$100/hour Visitation in the Church, night before Or \$50.00/hour prior to the Mass

St. Raphael Church

Clergy Record

Funeral of <i>Nombre de la persona fallecida</i>			
Residence <i>Dirección</i>			
Date of Death <i>Fecha de fallecimiento</i>			
Place of Death <i>Lugar de fallecimiento</i>			
Sex, Age, Marital Status <i>Sexo, Edad, Estado civil</i>			
Date of Birth <i>Fecha de nacimiento</i>			
Place of Birth <i>Lugar de nacimiento</i>			
Race, Religion <i>Raza, Religión</i>			
Occupation <i>Ocupación</i>			
Industry <i>Industria</i>			
Name of Father <i>Nombre del Padre</i>			
Maiden Name of Mother <i>Nombre de soltera de la Madre</i>			
Informant <i>Nombre de la persona que provee la información</i>			
Address <i>Dirección</i>			
Cell Phone <i># de teléfono móvil</i>			
Email <i>Dirección electrónica</i>			
Date of Funeral <i>Fecha funeral</i>			
Place of Funeral <i>Lugar del funeral</i>			
Place of Burial <i>Lugar del entierro</i>			
Clergy <i>Clero</i>			

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Mass of Christian Burial – Liturgical Music Selections

Please Note: Only song suggestions marked with an * may be interchanged for another place within the funeral liturgy.

Opening Hymn (Family to choose one)

1. *Sing with All the Saints in Glory - #442 - https://youtu.be/FML_usf8NR0
2. *The King of Love My Shepherd Is - #631
3. *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - #826 - <https://youtu.be/Wh61poqcnpA>
4. *Amazing Grace - #586
5. *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - #622 - <https://youtu.be/SoKDu6HbyRY>
6. *The Hand of God Shall Hold You - #862 - <https://youtu.be/q3nndYR51Y4>
7. *I Know That My Redeemer Lives - #454 - <https://youtu.be/FnaTkGDMTL4>

Responsorial Psalm (Family to choose one)

8. *The Lord Is Kind and Merciful - #58 - <https://youtu.be/855D-RkS4WQ>
9. *My Shepherd Is The Lord, Nothing Indeed Shall I Want - #24 - <https://youtu.be/me4utPKJBZA>
10. *Shepherd Me, O God - #23 - https://youtu.be/jruM_bSvJSg
11. *To You, O Lord - #26 - <https://youtu.be/xmxxm9AJjY4>
12. *The Lord Is My Light – DeBruyn - https://youtu.be/FJEO_WWi_BY
13. *The Lord Is My Shepherd – Hart - <https://youtu.be/ZNBuF-PuttE>

Preparation of the Gifts (Family to choose one)

14. *On Eagles Wings - #593
15. *Lead Me, Lord – Becker - <https://youtu.be/osbo-4SCkbg>
16. There Are Many Rooms – Lawton - <https://youtu.be/AUsWu32zhRg>
17. Eye Has Not Seen - #616 - <https://youtu.be/7jYgOQC82aU>
18. *Come to Me - #633 - <https://youtu.be/pVRFjsu-0Yk>
19. Blessed Are you - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I-BU42q7AtktQtFE7xC5hxHu64a-kBkA/view?usp=sharing>
20. I Know that My Redeemer Loves – Soper - <https://youtu.be/Bo0N73nmZTM>

Communion Hymn (Family to choose one)

21. I Am the Bread of Life - #822
 22. Behold the Lamb - #824 - <https://youtu.be/UlkgnTXwRz0>
 23. Take and Eat - #812 - <https://youtu.be/XkvOnb2fsvU>
- Any of the psalms

Communion Meditation (Optional – Family to choose)

24. *Quietly Peacefully – True - <https://youtu.be/eWNVd21tWg8>
25. *Peace Be With Those – Browning - <https://youtu.be/1DY3CyaV6M8>
26. Ave Maria - Schubert (Sung by Cantor) - <https://youtu.be/ja5hQH9USIU>
27. Ave Maria - Bach (Sung by Cantor) - <https://youtu.be/5uzZu9HZBWA>
28. Hail Mary: Gentle Women - #779
29. Ave Maria (D. Kantor) #772 - <https://youtu.be/QxL1iRLMqxE>
30. *Go, Silent Friend - #868 - <https://youtu.be/8tsOR6p-q54>

Closing Hymn (Family to choose one)

31. Song of Farewell - #867 - <https://youtu.be/manyQbZ3Vrw>
32. We Shall Rise Again - #762 - <https://youtu.be/mBOfKUSNs-k>
33. Let Us Go Rejoicing - #68 - <https://youtu.be/hAc5RdZMaEg>
34. For All the Saints - #791 - <https://youtu.be/qKbuw-urNes>
35. Go in Peace – Hart - <https://youtu.be/Hhf5nCja4p8>

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The Funeral Mass has 3 **Readings/1Psalm**
please select one # from each of the following

Old Testament Readings (#1- #6)

The Responsorial Psalm

New Testament Readings (#1- #13)

Gospel Reading Selections (#1-#16)

Please complete the first page and email it back.

Thank you

Catholic Funeral Readings

Old Testament Readings (First Reading)

1. Job 19:1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

Then 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 with 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

2. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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. 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

3. Isaiah 25: 6. 7-9

A reading from the book of 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

4. 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

5. Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

I, Daniel, mourned and I 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.

The Word of the Lord

The Responsorial Psalm is usually sung.

Ps. 23-Shepherd me. O God

These themes predominate in the Christian usage of this psalm: trust in the Lord; the recognition of the risen Christ as the good shepherd; the link of the good shepherd theme to the Eucharist.

Ps. 25-To you, O Lord

A prayer of confidence, not in one's actions, but in a God who has demonstrated his love for us.

Ps. 27-The Lord is my Light

A prayer of confidence that God will take us to himself.

Ps. 103- The Lord is Kind and Merciful

The prayer of one who recognizes the passing nature of human life, but also the certainty of God's faithfulness to his promise.

Ps. 130-With the Lord there is Mercy

The classic prayer of the sinner who trusts in the mercy and faithfulness of God.

New Testament Readings (Second Reading)

1. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 or 10:34-36. 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading

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, [what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.] 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.

2. Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of 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

3. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4. 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

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.

[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.

4. Romans 8:31b-35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say to this? 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, how 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

5. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (short form, 15:20-23)

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; [then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.]

6. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

7. 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

8. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. 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

9. Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord

10. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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

11. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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.

12. 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

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

13. Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation

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

14. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the book of Revelation

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

Gospel Reading Selections

1. 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. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

2. Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply, "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

3. Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The gospel of the Lord.

4. 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.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you

gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.

5. Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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 bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. 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."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

6. 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.

7. Luke 12:35-40

Jesus told his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The gospel of the Lord.

8. Luke 23:33, 39-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

9. Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus. After he had taken the Body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

[At daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

10. 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." The gospel of the Lord.

11. John 6:51-58

Jesus told the crowd: "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.

12. John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27

Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

[When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.] 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.

13. John 11:32-45

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 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." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. The gospel of the Lord.

14. John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26

(Long Form)

Jesus told 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 loses 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. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." The Gospel of the Lord.

OR(Short Form)

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15. John 14:1-6

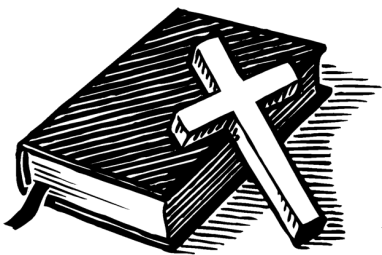
Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come 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.

Prayers of the Faithful

The Prayers of the Faithful express the parish community's concern for others. The natural progression of these petitions includes the deceased and bereaved first, and then extends to the larger Church community and often, to nations or others around the world.

You may select from the prepared selections on the following pages. Please choose either A, or B.

A family member, friend, or a parish designee may read the Prayers of the Faithful.



When working with a St. Raphael parish representative, the prayers will be prepared; blanks filled in and placed in the readers' binder on the pulpit prior to the Mass.

A

General Intercessions for the Funeral Liturgy of _____ Reader -

Priest

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader says:

Please respond --- Hear our prayer ---after each petition

In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Our sister/brother, _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.

Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister _____.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Priest

Lord God, Giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord: Amen

B

General Intercessions for the Funeral Mass of _____

Reader – _____

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader says:

Please respond --- Hear our prayer ---after each petition

Reader

For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

For _____ who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

For the family and friends of _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. *Lord, in your mercy----Hear our prayer*

Priest

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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Words of Remembrance at a Catholic Funeral Mass

In our culture today, many people have become familiar with the practice, in the funeral rites of some non-Catholic traditions, of giving a central place to eulogies, that is, speeches that praise the deceased. But eulogies have never been part of our Catholic liturgical tradition.

In a Catholic Funeral Mass, we turn our hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection opened the way for us to be united with Him in our death and to rise with Him on the last day. The Funeral Mass proclaims this truth of eternal life to all who are present. It unites our prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and for the consolation of the bereaved, in the Church's most powerful act of prayer and worship.

It is within this purpose of the Catholic Funeral Mass that family members have asked you to speak briefly in remembrance of the deceased.

Your remarks should:

- Be simple and brief, 3-5 minutes long (about 500 words/ 2 handwritten pages, or less)
- Be written in advance
- Speak about the life of the deceased in relation to his/her Catholic faith

Your remarks should *not*:

- Be devoted solely to praising the deceased
- Suggest that the deceased is certainly in heaven and not in need of our prayers
- Include anything contrary to the Catholic faith
- Include anything scandalous, offensive, off-color, or inappropriate for a celebration of Christian faith and hope

Please contact Fr. Mike, who will celebrate the Funeral Mass, as soon as possible to discuss the words of remembrance that you will prepare.



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Funeral Procedures

- Complete and Send planning documents
 - must have them two days prior to the funeral or by Thursday if it is a Saturday or Monday.
- Ask for Clergy Record to be sent to the church or complete the form at end of this file
- 4 checks for the church \$300, Priest \$100, Organist \$200/Pianist, Vocalist \$175
- Word of Remembrance/Eulogy – one reader **before** the Funeral Mass begins for about 3-5 minutes.
- Brief History for the priest emailed to vnatali@straphaels.org

Age, Life of faith and any other important details that you would like to share:

Family and other close relationships

Places lived

Education / work / career

Hobbies or special interests

Special accomplishments

- Programs – yes? How many? We offer a simple program that will help you and your guests to follow the liturgy and it can be a keepsake. We can place a high-quality B/W photo on the front, and we can make announcements for you guests on the back cover.