

AN OUTLINE OF A FUNERAL MASS

Introductory Rites*

At the entrance to the church the body is sprinkled with holy water and covered with a pall, a reminder of baptism. When the procession reaches the front of the church an open bible and a crucifix, symbols of Christian faith, are placed on the casket.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm (usually sung)

Second Reading (optional)

Gospel Reading

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory* (*Bread and wine are brought to the altar*)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer and The Peace

Communion*

Final Commendation and Farewell

The body is sprinkled with holy water and honored with incense and the pall is removed.

**Hymns and solos may be inserted at these points.*

You may wish to think of people from your family and friends who can:

- Read the 1st reading
- Read the 2nd reading (optional)
- Read the prayers of the Faithful
- Bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.

Readings at Mass

We encourage family and friends to take part in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the First Reading and Second Reading (optional) and the Prayers of the Faithful. Copies of the authorized readings are obtainable from the church. Other readings may be included in a vigil service.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

COPY FOR YOU TO KEEP

Type of Vigil	Vigil Prayer Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vigil with Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of Vigil Service	Home	<input type="checkbox"/> (Address)
	Funeral Home	<input type="checkbox"/> (Address)
	Main Church	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lady Chapel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mass	Funeral	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of Mass	Main Church	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lady Chapel	<input type="checkbox"/>

Graveside Service Cemetery Address:

SELECTIONS FOR THE MASS

Will there be viewing of the body before the Mass? Yes No

Opening Song

1st reading

reader's name

Responsorial psalm

2nd reading (optional)

reader's name

Gospel Reading (*read by priest*)

Eulogy (optional)

Prayers of the Faithful *leader's name*

Music at the offertory

Music at communion

Music at the end of Mass