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Dear friends:

May I offer to you my sincere and deep sympathies on the death of your loved one. I and the entire parish staff will do all that we can to make this difficult time a little easier.

Your loved one has been and continues to be precious to you and to us. For your convenience we have compiled this Funeral Preparation Guide. We hope that this will enable you to make selections and plans which will give you and your family some deep comfort. This is not something that you have to do, but it is something you may choose to do. If you do not feel able to enter into this process, the Ministry team will make the necessary selections. We will do all in our power to support you through these difficult days.

You and your family members will continue to remain in our prayers. The services of our Parish Staff are offered to you at the present time, as well as in the future.

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Richard", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Msgr. Richard Guastella
Pastor

PREPARING THE FUNERAL MASS

We would like to help you make the funeral Mass for your family member as personal as we can. This letter describes several options you can choose from. Of course, if you prefer, the priest and musician will make beautiful, meaningful choices for you.

The basic format of the Mass is the same as our regular Sunday worship, so you will be familiar with what is going on. Where there are differences, they are described below.

Reception at the Church

The priest will receive the body into the church by meeting the coffin and family members at the main entrance. He will sprinkle the coffin with holy water in remembrance of the deceased person's baptism.

Placing of the Pall

The funeral pall, a white cloth which is a reminder of the white garment given at baptism, is placed over the coffin. If you like, you can arrange for family members or friends to spread cloth. Otherwise, the funeral director will arrange for this to be done.

Entrance Procession

The priest will lead the coffin and family members to the front of the church. The music ministers will lead the congregation in a song.

Placing of a Christian Symbol (Optional)

One or (more) family member or friend may bring a symbol of Christian life to place on the coffin at the beginning of Mass. This sign may be a bible or other sacred book used by the family, a cross or crucifix from the family's home, or another sacred item that is meaningful to the family. After the Pall is placed on the coffin, the priest will invite you to come forward and place the symbol. Then the entrance procession begins.

Remarks of Remembrance (Optional)

Before the opening prayers, one family member or friend may speak in remembrance. These remarks are not to be a eulogy, but, rather, a brief word of thanksgiving for the life of the deceased. This is an occasion to share some of the ways in which the deceased person has inspired us and deepened our faith through his/her life on earth. Remarks should be concise and written out beforehand.

Eulogies, which offer friends and family a chance to praise the deceased, recall special times, and share memories, are appropriate when spoken at the funeral home during the visitation or Vigil (wake service) or at a family gathering after the burial (Rite of Committal).

Scripture readings

You may choose bible passages that are read at Mass and the Responsorial Psalm which is sung after the first reading. Please select one Old Testament reading, and one New Testament reading *from the options included in this package*, which are determined by the liturgy of the Church. We have also given you the words to the psalms that we most often use in funerals in the section called *Responsorial Psalms*. As in all the choices, if you prefer the priest can make these choices for you. ***Please note: The Gospel will always be selected by the priest.***

General Intercessions

A simple set of intercessions used at funerals is included. You may add names, if you desire, to the final intercession, where a blank line has been left for you to fill in. You may choose a friend or family member to read the intercessions, or the priest can do it if you would prefer.

Presentation of the Gifts (*Optional*)

Two family members or friends may bring the gifts of bread and wine forward. This will take place after the General Intercessions. You will know it is time to go to the rear of the church to bring the gifts forward when the priest and servers move in front of the altar. The music ministers will lead a congregational song, or a solo may be sung.

Communion Song

An appropriate song will be sung as the congregation receives Holy Communion.

Prayers and Blessings

At the end of Mass, the priest will lead a prayer of commendation, a final farewell by the members of the community. Part of the commendation is a Song of Farewell sung by the cantor. The Mass will end as the coffin is carried from the church.

Going Forth

A hymn will be sung as the procession forms to leave the church. The priest will lead you through the main church entrance, and remain there to greet you and your family and friends as you leave.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

OT2. He accepted them as a holocaust (Wisdom 3:1-3, 6, 8-9)

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.
As gold in the furnace, God proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

The word of the Lord.

OT3. A blameless life is a ripe old age (Wisdom 4:7-15) (read preferably for a younger person)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The just man, though he 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 for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his 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,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

OT4. The Lord God will destroy death forever (Isaiah 25: 6a, 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.

OT-EC. There is an appointed time for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

OT-JOB. I know that my Redeemer lives (Job 19: 1, 23-27)

A reading from the book of Job

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

OT-PROV Long. The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10, 25-31)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her;
her husband, too, extols 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.

Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

OT-PROV Short. A worthy wife of great value (Proverbs 31:10, 30-31)

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

A reading from the book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

OT-SIR. Before all things else wisdom was created (Sirach 1:1-11)

A reading from the book of Sirach.

All wisdom comes from the LORD and with him it remains forever.
The sand of the seashore, the drops of rain, the days of eternity:
who can number these?
Heaven's height, earth's breadth, the depths of the abyss:
who can explore these?
Before all things else wisdom was created;
and prudent understanding, from eternity.

To whom has wisdom's root been revealed?
Who knows her subtleties?
There is but one, wise and truly awe-inspiring,
seated upon his throne:
It is the LORD;
he created her, has seen her and taken note of her.
He has poured her forth upon all his works,
upon every living thing according to his bounty;
he has lavished her upon his friends.

Fear of the LORD is glory and splendor,
gladness and a festive crown.
Fear of the LORD warms the heart,
giving gladness and joy and length of days.
He who fears the LORD will have a happy end;
even on the day of his death he will be blessed.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Psalm 23: Setting A

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **OR**

Setting B

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul. You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth. My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil for you are at my side. Your rod and your staff my comfort and my hope. **OR**

Setting C: Italian

Il Signore è il mio Pastor

Signor, sei tu il mio Pastor, nulla mi può mancar nei tuoi Li. Tra l'erbe verdeggianti mi guida riposar; all'acque tue tranquille mi fai tu dissetar .

Per me hai preparato il pane tuo immortal;
il calice mi hai colmo di vino celestial.

La luce e la tua grazia mi guideranno ognor: da Te mi introdurranno per sempre, o mio Signor.

Psalm 25:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

Lord, let me know your ways. Teach me your paths and lead me in the way of your truth, for you are God my Savior.

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who seek him, gently leading the poor and the lowly.

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to his word, who live his love, God will always be there and will show them mercy.

Psalm 116:

I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name all my life.

How can I make a return for the goodness of God? This saving cup I will bless and sing, and call the name of God!

The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God. I am your servant called from your hands, you have set me free!

To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name. You are my promise for all to see. I love your name, O God!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

NT3. We too might live in newness of life (Romans 6:3-9)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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.

NT5. What will separate us from the love of Christ? (Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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,
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.

NT6. Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-9)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us 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.

The word of the Lord.

NT7. So too in Christ shall all be brought to life. (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,

the resurrection of the dead came also through a 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 first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord.

NT8. Death is swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15: 51-57)

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

NT10. We have a building from God, eternal in heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

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.

NT11. He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory (Philippians 3:20-21)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

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.

NT12. Thus we shall always be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

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.

NT13. If we have died with him, we shall also live with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

A reading from the second letter of St. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

NT14. I have finished the race; I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

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.

NT15. We shall see him as he is (1 John 3:1-2)

A reading from the first letter of John

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.

NT-R1. Happy are those who die in the Lord (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.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

Hymns and Songs

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Not to be used during Lent*)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

Celtic Song of Farewell (Irish)

May choirs of angels lead you into paradise, and may the martyrs come to welcome you to bring you home into the holy city, so you may dwell in new Jerusalem. May holy angels be there at your welcoming, with all the saints who go before you there that you may know the peace and joy of paradise that you may enter into everlasting rest.

Christ Be Beside Me (Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate (Irish))

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

Fly Like a Bird

Fly like a bird to the lord, my soul. I want to soar like an eagle
Though I may journey far away from home, I know I'll never be alone

Here I Am, Lord

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art

I Am the Bread of Life

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like no cares can destroy
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

Lord, You Have Come (Pescador Des Hombres) (Can be sung in Spanish or Italian)

Lord, you have come to the seashore; neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I may follow.

Senor, me has mirado a los ojos, son riendo has dicho mi nombre en la a renna he deja de mi barca, junto a ti buscare otro mar.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic) (Patriotic/Veteran)

Glory, glory! Hallelujah. Glory, glory! Hallelujah. Glory, glory! Hallelujah.

His truth is marching on.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,

Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.

On Eagle's Wings

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Pan De Vida (Spanish)

Pan di Vida, cuerpo del Senor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this table the last shall be first.

Poder es server, porque Dios es amor..

Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love,

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Resta Con Noi, Signore, La Sera (Italian)

Resta con noi, Signore, la sera, resta con noi e avremo la pace. Resta con noi, non ci lasciar, la notte mai più scenderà. Resta con noi, non ci lasciar, per le vie del mondo, Signor.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;

There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Ubi Caritas

Where there is charity and love, there is God.

You Are Mine

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

You Are Near

O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.

You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

T'Adoriam Ostia Divina (Italian)

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

T'adoriam, Ostia divina, T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor. Tu dell'Angelo il sospiro, Tu dell'uomo sei l'onor.
T'adoriam,, Ostia divina, T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives, the One who calls me home. I long to see God face-to-face, to see with my own eyes. I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.

Panis Angelicus – (Latin)

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis

Solo Selections

(May be used only at the Preparation of Gifts. At most, one of these may be selected.)

Ave Maria

The traditional prayer “Hail Mary” in Latin.

Song of Farewell

Celtic Song of Farewell (Londonderry Air or the optional choice **in the tune of *Danny Boy*** may be especially meaningful)

May choirs of angels lead you into paradise, and may the martyrs come to welcome you to bring you home into the holy city, so you may dwell in new Jerusalem. May holy angels be there at your welcoming, with all the saints who go before you there, that you may know the peace and joy of paradise that you may enter into everlasting rest.

In Paradisum – (Available in Latin)

May angels guide you and bring you into paradise and may all the martyrs come forth to welcome you home; and may they lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

If you would like to choose other selections, please feel free to discuss them with the minister who is helping you plan the funeral.

A Note about Music

The bishops teach us that “recorded music lacks the authenticity provided by a living liturgical assembly gathered for the Sacred Liturgy” and should never take the place of the singing of the congregation. CDs, tapes, or the like may not be played in the place of the liturgical music of the funeral Mass, e.g. during the processions in or out of the church or during Mass. If certain recordings are especially meaningful to you, we recommend time at other gatherings of family and friends before or after the funeral.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Reader comes to the stand, then the priest begins with these or similar words:

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:

1. For _____, 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.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For our brother/sister, 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.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. 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.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. 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. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. 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.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our deceased friends and relatives, especially _____

that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader remains at the reading stand while the priest concludes:

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. Amen.

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CHURCH OF ST. CLARE
FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING SHEET

Name: _____ Date of death: _____
Nickname/ _____
Also known as: _____ Age: _____ Funeral Home: _____
Funeral Date and Time: _____
Family Contact: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Gathering Rites:

(optional) Will the family place the pall on the coffin? Yes _____ No _____
(optional) Will a Christian symbol be placed on coffin? Yes _____ No _____
What item? _____ By whom? _____
(optional) Will there be Remarks of Remembrance? Yes _____ No _____
By whom? _____ *one name*

Liturgy of the Word:

Old Testament Reading: _____ Read by: _____
Responsorial Psalm: _____ *Will always be sung*
New Testament Reading: _____ Read by: _____
General Intercessions *See page 17* Read by: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Two names:
(optional) Who will present the gifts? _____

Music Selections:

(up to four songs may be selected)

Gathering Song: _____

Offertory: _____

Communion: _____

Sending Forth: _____

Song of Farewell: _____

Consolation Minister: _____

Personal Information:

names and relationships of family members, occupation, veteran, favorite times and activities, special qualities s/he is remembered for, etc.