

St. Anne Parish – Oswego, IL

Funeral Planning Guide



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This brochure will explain the Funeral Liturgy of the Church, and in particular, how funeral liturgies are conducted at Saint Anne Parish. It is hoped that by reading this brochure, everyone will come to understand and appreciate the rite the Church offers at a most difficult time for people grieving the loss of a loved one. In the “Order of Christian Funerals,” the ritual book used for the various rites of funeral liturgies, we are told that God has created us for eternal life, and that by Jesus’ death and resurrection, the chains of sin and death are broken. We pray during the Funeral Mass that the sins of our loved one will be forgiven by our merciful God and that he or she may swiftly be given a place in God’s Kingdom. The funeral rites are meant to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the life of the deceased. The rites also bring hope and consolation to those who are still in this world.

The Church wants to reserve the Funeral Mass to be just the Mass without any specialty items so as to celebrate Jesus’ role in the life of the person deceased. Any specialty items are most appropriately done at the wake/visitation or a luncheon that follows the Funeral Mass.

Eulogy or Remarks of Remembrance

In compliance with the guideline of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois has on giving eulogies or remarks of remembrance in funeral Masses, **eulogies are not given at the Funeral Mass.** It is preferred that eulogies or remarks of remembrance be done at the visitation/wake services at the funeral home or a luncheon that follows the funeral Mass.

It is hoped that the information forthcoming will be helpful to people as they plan (or begin to think of planning) the funeral of a loved one here in our parish.

Three Major Parts of the Funeral Rite

The three major parts of the Funeral Rite are the Vigil Service (typically celebrated during the wake at a funeral home), the Funeral Liturgy or Mass itself (celebrated in church) and the Rite of Committal (typically celebrated at the cemetery). In the Vigil Service, the mourners are assisted in expressing their sorrow and in finding strength and consolation through faith in Jesus and His resurrection to eternal life. The members of the Christian community also offer support to the mourners and pray for the deceased.

When a death occurs, the family should first contact the funeral home they will be working with. During the meeting at the funeral home with the family, the funeral director will contact the church to schedule a day and time for the funeral Mass.

Funeral Mass Planning

Once a day and time have been set for the Funeral Mass at Saint Anne Church, the family of the deceased will be contacted by our Deacon or a staff member to discuss the funeral liturgy itself. The Scripture readings, music and readers are some of the topics to be discussed. The Scripture readings must come from the selection given by “The Order of Funerals” and the music selected will be liturgical music (most of which will be found in the “Gather Hymnal” that we use in church). The Deacon will be most helpful to the family in choosing texts and music that will bring comfort and hope at a most difficult time. If a family wishes to “pre-plan” (before a death occurs) a funeral liturgy, our Deacon will also be able to meet with family members. Please call the Parish Office, 630-554-3331, for more information.

The Funeral Vigil Service at the Funeral Home

The first part of the Funeral Rite is called the Vigil. This typically occurs at the funeral home where the wake is being held. Either a priest, deacon, religious or lay person will attend the wake and lead the vigil service. This consists of an Opening Prayer, Liturgy of the Word, a short homily, Prayer of Intercession, the Our Father and Concluding Prayer. The service lasts about ten minutes but is very powerful. The “Rite of Christian Funerals” tells us that the people gathered call upon Our Lord to receive the deceased into the kingdom of light and peace.

THE FUNERAL LITURGY (MASS)

The Gathering, Procession and Introductory Rites

Typically, family and friends of the deceased, on the day of the funeral Mass, will gather at the funeral home in the morning, and will leave together in the form of a procession to the church. The funeral director is allowed to bring one floral arrangement, chosen by the family, to be present in church. Due to various liturgical seasons flowers cannot remain after the funeral Mass and will be removed by the funeral director and used as directed by the family. At the church, the celebrant and other ministers will greet the family at the doors of the church and will begin with the sprinkling of the casket and the covering of it with the pall (cloth.) The sprinkling with holy water is done in remembrance of the deceased person’s initiation and first acceptance into the community of faith. The funeral pall is a reminder of the garment given at Baptism and signifies life in Christ. The entrance procession into the church then begins.

The Liturgy of the Word

Once everyone is seated in the church and the processional hymn is concluded, the celebrant begins with the “Opening Prayer.” Immediately after that, everyone is seated for the Liturgy of the Word. This consists typically of one Old Testament reading, one New Testament reading and the Gospel. In-between the first two readings is the Responsorial Psalm. The readings are proclaimed either by one of the lectors of the parish or by a designated family member. The Rite of Christian Funerals states “The readings proclaim to the assembly the Paschal Mystery, teach remembrance of the dead, convey the hope of being gathered together in God’s Kingdom, and encourage the witness of Christian life.”

After the Gospel, the homily takes place. The Order of Christian Funerals states, “A brief homily based on the reading should always be given at the funeral liturgy, but never any kind of eulogy.” The homily, given by the priest, should focus on the Paschal Mystery (death and resurrection of the Lord) and bring hope and consolation to the living. Remembrances of the deceased by family or friends are not permitted in church here. They are more appropriate at the visitation/wake or a family gathering after the funeral. After the homily, the general intercessions (petitions) are said. Prayers are said for the deceased and those in the assembly. A Deacon is generally present at all funerals at St. Anne Parish and it is the Deacon’s role to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the petitions, the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. The gifts are offered to the Lord and through the power of the Holy Spirit, during the Eucharistic prayer, are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the representation of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross on our behalf by which our sins are forgiven. Every Mass is said for all the faithful, but in a particular way this Funeral Mass is specifically applied for your loved one. After the praying of the “Our Father,” there is the Sign of Peace and then the distribution of Holy Communion to Catholics.

Song of Farewell and Final Commendation

After the “Prayer after Communion”, the rite of final commendation and farewell takes place. During this commendation, the deceased person is entrusted to the love and mercy of God. The Song of Farewell then takes place, at which time the celebrant incenses the body. This incensing reminds us that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The sprinkling of the body, which takes place when the body is first brought to the church, reminds us that through Baptism the person was marked for eternal life. The next part of the funeral liturgy typically is the procession to the place of internment. It is at the cemetery that the Rite of Committal takes place. Later in this brochure we will speak of cremation and the rituals associated with the cremains.

The Committal

Ordinarily, the Rite of Committal will take place at the cemetery. The Order of Christian Funerals states that the deceased passes with the prayers of the faithful into the company of those who need faith no longer but see God face to face. Once everyone has gathered at the cemetery, a Scripture verse is proclaimed followed by the “Prayer over the Place of Committal.” The Prayer of Committal is then said followed by intercessions. Everyone then prays together “The Lord’s Prayer.” A concluding prayer is said and a final blessing concludes the service. As the body of the deceased is committed to its resting place, hope is expressed that he or she now awaits the glory of the resurrection. A priest, deacon, religious or layperson may lead the Rite of Committal.

The Funeral Rite: Cremation

Up until 1963, the Catholic Church did not permit its members to be cremated after death. According to Canon 1176, cremation is allowed provided the choice does not reflect a denial or doubt about the Church's teaching or traditions about life, death and resurrection. The Church does *prefer* that the body of the deceased be buried, but will allow cremation as long as the reasons for cremation do not run contrary to Catholic teaching (e.g., a denial of the resurrection of the body). According to the "Order of Christian Funerals," "the Church clearly *prefers* and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites." Recently, the Church allowed the presence of the cremated remains at the funeral liturgy, but clearly *prefers* that if cremation is going to take place, it takes place after the Funeral Mass.

Respect for the Cremated Remains

The cremated remains of the deceased should be treated with the same respect as we would have for the human body. There should be a worthy vessel to contain the ashes. The "Order of Christian Funerals" tells us "the cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium." Scattering the cremated remains on the sea, ground or keeping them in one's home are not ways of showing reverence as the Church requires.

After the Funeral

Grieving the loss of a loved one can be a complicated, burdensome and emotionally draining experience. Some may believe that nothing follows the committal service and that he or she is now alone with the task of dealing with the sadness and challenge of living without their beloved. The Rite of Christian Funerals states "by their presence and prayer members of the community signify their intention to continue to support the mourners in the time following the funeral." That continued support is offered here at St. Anne Parish with our Butterflies Support Ministry. It is a form of support group that allows the grieving to express their thoughts and emotions. They may say much or not say anything at all, but simply know that others are caring for and about them. Please check the parish bulletin for information regarding dates and times for the support group meetings.

As Christians, we must all be willing to support one another in happy as well as sad and difficult times. We must remind one another that eternal life in heaven is the great promise our Lord made to those who love Him. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Placement of Pall on coffin

Upon entering the Church by the Baptismal Font, a white cloth called a Pall (that symbolizes our Baptism) will be placed on the coffin. You may choose close family, the pallbearers, siblings, children, etc. to do this.

When Cremains are present

If your loved one has been cremated, their remains are placed in an urn. When the family arrives at church with the urn, there will be a table in front of the altar. The family will be seated in the pews in front of the altar. If you wish, you may bring a picture of your loved one and a vase of flowers to place on the table next to the cremains.

Readings *(Please choose one from each section.)*

First Reading from the Old Testament

Second Reading from the New Testament (Epistles)

Gospel from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John (Pages 26-45)

Other readings from Holy Scripture may be substituted in place of the suggested readings included in this guide. All readings must be proper to its place (Old or New Testament) and from an approved Catholic Translation of the Scriptures.

*Do you have someone who would like to read the First and Second Readings?
If you do not have someone that is comfortable reading at Mass, be assured that
someone from St. Anne Parish will be available to do the readings.
Father always reads the Gospel.*

Universal Prayers (Prayers of the Faithful/General Intercessions)

Choose 1 of 2 selections, each one is 2 pages long.

A Deacon generally assists at all funeral Masses at St. Anne Parish and it is the role of the Deacon to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Music

You will find a list of suggested songs you may pick from. You'll need to select songs for the Entrance, Preparation of Gifts, Communion, Final Commendation *(not needed for a Memorial Mass, unless cremains (ashes) are present)* and Recessional. Also, you will need to pick out a Psalm.

First Readings

From the Old Testament

C-3 Short *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 in the eyes of 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 his elect.

The word of the Lord.

C-5 *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.

C-6 *Lamentations 3:22-26*

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

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.

C-8 *Proverbs 31: 10-12, 20, 25-26, 28-31*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Who can find a woman of worth?
Far beyond jewels is her value.
Her husband trusts her judgment;
He does not lack income.
She brings him profit,
not loss,
All the days of her life.
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;
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 the work of her hands,
and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

C-9 *Ecclesiastes 3:1-15*

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 give birth, 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.

What profit have workers from their toil?
I have seen the business that God has given
 to mortals to be busied about.
God has made everything appropriate to its time,
 but has put the timeless into their hearts,
 so they cannot find out,
 from beginning to end,
 the work which God has done.

I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice
 and to do well during life.
Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy
 the good of all their toil -- this a gift of God.
I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever;
 there is no adding to it,
 or taking from it.
Thus has God done, that he may be revered.
What now is, has already been;
 what is to be, already is
 God retrieves what has gone by.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

I will now praise the godly,
our ancestors in their own time,
their wealth remains in their families,
their heritage with their descendants.

Through God's covenant their family endures, and
their offspring for their sake.

And for all time their progeny will endure,
their glory will never be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on and one.

At gatherings their wisdom is retold,
and the assembly proclaims their praises.

The Word of the Lord.

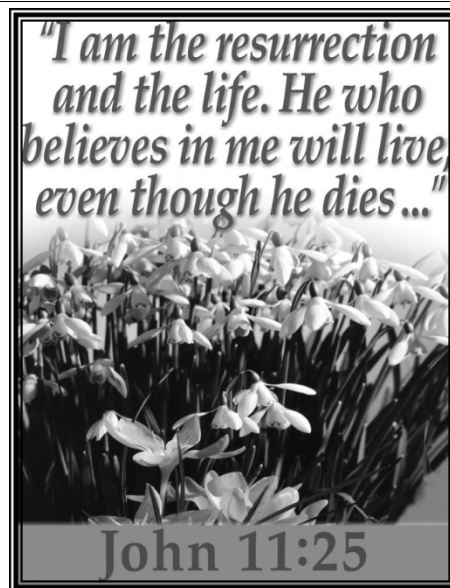


First Readings (C-10 to C-13)

From the New Testament during *Eastertime*

Eastertime is from
Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday

YEAR	EASTER SUNDAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY
2022	April 17	June 5
2023	April 9	May 28
2024	March 31	May 19
2025	April 20	June 8



C-10 Short *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43 (Eastertime Reading)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

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.

C-11 *Revelation 14:13 (Eastertime Reading)*

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.

C-13 *Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 (Eastertime Reading)*

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.

Second Readings

From the New Testament

E-3 Short *Romans 6:3-4, 8-9*

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

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.

E-6 *Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

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 himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

E-10 *2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint 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.

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 may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

E-11 *Philippians 3:20-21*

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

E-12 *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

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.

E-14 *1 John 3:1-2*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.

STA-2 Philippians 4:4-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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,

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 worth of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heart and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

STA-3 2 Timothy 4:6-8

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

For 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 last 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.



Gospel Readings

G-1 *Matthew 5:1-12a*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-2 *Matthew 11:25-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

"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.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

G-9 Long *Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a*

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.

G-9 Short *Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was now 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



G-10 Short *Luke 24:13-16, 28-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week,
 two of the disciples of Jesus were going
 to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,
 and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.
And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,
 Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
 but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
As they approached the village to which they were going,
 he gave the impression that he was going on farther.
But they urged him, "Stay with us,
 for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."
So he went in to stay with them.
And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
 he took bread, said the blessing,
 broke it, and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,
 but he vanished from their sight.
Then they said to each other,
 "Were not our hearts burning within us
 while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
 where they found gathered together
 the Eleven and those with them who were saying,
 "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
Then the two recounted
 what had taken place on the way
 and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-12 *John 6:37-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:
 "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.

G-17 John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.



*Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them
O Lord!
And Let Your
Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them*

H-1 Universal Prayers #1 (167-A)

(Prayers of the Faithful/ General Intercessions)

The priest begins:

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:

Deacon:

The response is: Hear our prayer.

Deacon:

In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead **him/her** over the waters of death.

Lord in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

Deacon:

Our **brother/sister N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome **him/her** into the halls of your heavenly banquet.

Lord in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

Deacon:

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:

R: Hear our prayer.

Deacon:

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:

R: Hear our prayer

Deacon:

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:

R: Hear our prayer

Deacon:

The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer

Deacon:

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.

Lord in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

The priest concludes:

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.

R: Amen

H-2 Universal Prayers #2 (167-B)

(Prayers of the Faithful/ General Intercessions)

The priest begins:

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

Deacon:

The response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon:

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that **he/she** may now be admitted to the company of saints.

We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon:

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.

Deacon:

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon:

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.

Deacon:

For the family and friends of our **brother/sister N.**, 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.

Deacon:

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.

The priest then 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.

R: Amen.

St. Anne Catholic Church
Music Selections for Funeral and Memorial Masses

Hymns for Entrance, Preparation of the Gifts, Communion and Recessional

Songs with an * are well suited for Communion as either speak directly of Eucharist or have a refrain that the assembly can sing while the choir or cantor sings the verses.

Amazing Grace	Let There Be Peace On Earth
*Be Not Afraid	On Eagle's Wings
*Blest Are They	*One Bread, One Body
*Draw Near	Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel)
*Eye Has Not Seen	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	Shall We Gather at the River
Here I Am. Lord	Sing With all the Saints in Glory (Ode to Joy)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	Surely the Presence of the Lord
How Great Thou Art	The Summons
*I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)	*Take And Eat
*I Have Loved You	*You Are Mine
In You, O Lord	*You Are Near

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 23: the Lord Is My Shepherd or Shepherd Me, O God

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Psalm 27: the Lord Is My Light

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Final Commendation (Song of Farewell)

Celtic Song of Farewell (Sung to tune of Danny Boy)

Jesus, Remember Me

May Angels Lead You

Quietly, Peacefully

Saints of God (Janco)

Additional Selections for Meditation or Recessional (dependent on cantor ability)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Chris Tomlin

Ave Maria (used as a Meditation) (can also be played instrumentally)

I Can Only Imagine

FUNERAL INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Deceased: _____

Age: _____ Date of Death: _____ Funeral Mass Date: _____ Time: _____

Funeral: Yes No **Memorial:** Yes No **Ashes:** Yes No

Presider: _____ Deacon: _____

(Assigned by parish)

Name of Deceased: _____ Known as: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ # Years Married: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Give a *brief* description of the deceased using *some* of the following to help you:

- What was their faith life like?
- Can you think of any faith related details (Mass, rosary, devotion to a particular saint, helping and/or volunteering at Church or in the community)?
- What was their personality like, achievements or important life events?
- How was their relationship with family and friends?
- How did they love?
- What will people remember about them?

First Reading — from the Old Testament

Reading Choice: C- _____

Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verses: _____

Read by: _____

First Reading — from the New Testament during *EASTERTIME ONLY*

Reading Choice: C- _____

Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verses: _____

Read by _____

Second Reading — From the New Testament

Reading Choice: E- _____

Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verses: _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Reading

Reading Choice: G- _____

Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verses: _____

Universal Prayers (General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful)

Selection: H- _____

Music:

Entrance Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Preparation of Gifts: _____

Communion Procession: _____

* Final Commendation (Song of Farewell): _____

Recessional Song: _____

**** Final Commendation song is not needed for a Memorial Mass, unless cremains (ashes)***