



**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING FORM**

Selection form for the readings and ritual actions to be used in the Funeral Mass.

Name of the Deceased _____

Date of Mass _____ Place: _____ Time _____

Presiding Priest _____

Other Clergy _____

PART I: INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn: _____

Greeting and Sprinkling Casket with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall (The pall is a white cloth placed on the casket at the beginning of the Mass.)

_____ By funeral director _____ By family members or friends

Placing of Christian Symbols (optional)

A symbol of the Christian life, such as a favorite prayer book, a Bible, or a cross, may be carried in procession, then placed on the coffin.

Christian Symbol _____ None: _____

Placed by _____

PART II: LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please select readings and universal prayers from the "Funeral Readings & Prayers" document found on our parish website. (The parish musician will select the Responsorial Psalm.)

READINGS

Reading I: Choose one of the Old Testament readings or "Easter Seasonal) readings during the Easter Season

Old Testament or Easter Seasonal Reading: Name of Book: _____ Citation: Chapter & Verses: _____

Read by _____

Reading II: Choose one of the New Testament readings

New Testament Reading: Name of Book: _____ Citation: Chapter & Verses: _____

Read by _____

Gospel: Choose one of the Gospel readings

Gospel: Name of Book: _____ Citation: Chapter & Verses: _____

(Read by priest or deacon)

Homily

Universal Prayers: choose H 1, H 2, H 3, or H 4 (Circle One)

Read by _____

PART III: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Preparation (Offertory) Hymn: _____

Offertory Gifts (Bread and wine) brought forward by _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Meditation Hymn (Optional): _____

PART IV: FINAL COMMENDATION

Words of Remembrance (Optional)

Yes / No: _____ If yes, by whom _____

Catholic liturgical norms do not permit a eulogy during the funeral Mass. The funeral rites of the Church suggest better times for eulogizing the deceased than during the sacred liturgy – for example, during the vigil or wake service, or at the graveside, or at the social event that follows the liturgy where family and friends will gather for a reception.

However, the funeral rite of the Church makes provisions in the liturgy to speak of the deceased “life of faith” and relationship with God. If a family desires to offer “Words of Remembrance,” we ask that families respect the following guidelines:

- Words of Remembrance: (1) must be confined to one speaker,
(2) three minutes in duration and
(3) with a written copy of the text to be shared with the priest
who will celebrate the funeral Mass a day before the Mass.

Song of Farewell: This is a standard hymn that is sung at the end of a Funeral Mass during the incensing of the casket or Memorial Mass during the incensing of the urn.

Recessional Hymn: _____

Any other particular arrangements that need to be discussed with the presiding minister:

Liturgy Planner / Family Contact: Cell Phone _____

EMAIL _____

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name _____ (Nick Names:) _____

Meaningful information about your deceased loved one will help the priest preparing to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Place of birth and early years of childhood: _____

Schools: _____

Work Information: _____

Hobbies / Regular Activities: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish / Community Committees, Groups Etc.: _____

Achievements & Special Honors: _____

Faith Practice: ___Regular Church Attendance ___Occasional Church Attendance ___Special Events Church Attendance

Devotions: (Favorite Prayers / Saints) _____

OTHER INFORMATION / NOTES
