



## FUNERAL MASS

### BEFORE MASS:

1. MEET WITH PRESIDERS\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
2. IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO FUNERAL DIRECTOR\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
3. IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO FAMILY\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
4. PASCHAL CANDLE LIT\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
5. HOLY WATER AT 49<sup>TH</sup> ST DOORS\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
6. MARK READINGS IN LECTIONARY AT AMBO\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
7. MEET WITH READERS\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
8. MEET WITH GIFT BEARERS SHOW THEM GIFTS TO CARRY [ ]
9. FAMILY TO PROCESS\_\_\_\_\_ Y N
10. FLOWERS AT AMBO-ALTAR-CANTOR\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
11. KLEENEX\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

### AFTER MASS:

12. FLOWERS TO LUNCHEON\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

## FUNERAL CHECK LIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ SME'S (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lector
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giftbearers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notify Carol Savard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organist
- \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter Funeral on Master Calendar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Servers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Person for Prayer at Funeral Home
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cones for Parking Lot (During School Year)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Using Facilities for Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wake in Church

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTER'S CHECKLIST

### TAKE WITH YOU

- \_\_\_\_\_ BIBLE
- \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy Planning Booklet (Write your name and phone no. in back)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy Planning Sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT

- \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy Planning Sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Name and phone number of whom to call with questions regarding the Liturgy
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the funeral home
- \_\_\_\_\_ Need to provide pallbearers (Yes / No)
- \_\_\_\_\_ An understanding of immediate needs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation
  - \_\_\_\_\_ House sitting
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Baby sitting
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Food for reception
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Reception at Fealy Hall
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Wake at Church
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set up for follow-up visit

## SUGGESTIONS FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

We in the Bereavement Ministry are frequently asked if a memorial donation may be made to the church. While this expression of appreciation is not necessary, if you or your family wish to do this, we have listed some suggestions below:

1. Flowers for the altar at any time of the year, or for a specific date.
2. Monetary Donations for a specific item.
3. Donations to the Holy Redeemer Bereavement Ministry.
3. Donations to the School of Religion Youth Group.
4. Donations to the General Fund.

If you wish to make a donation, please call the parish Office, 301/474-3920, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## **A FEW WORDS ABOUT GRIEF**

Remember that grief is a NORMAL process or response. It is the emotional price we pay for loving. Our tears are a compliment to our relationship with our loved one who is dying. If that person did not matter to us, we wouldn't be crying or feeling this pain.

Grief is a very intense emotion, perhaps the strongest emotion we've ever felt. At times we feel that we must be losing our minds! But, no, we are grieving. Let's try to remember that we are not crazy – that this pain, confusion, inability to concentrate . . . even anger, is very normal and will pass in time. We will be able to smile again, even laugh someday – enjoy a sunset, find a new hobby, and make new friends. Someday, but not today.

It may take a year or longer before we can establish a new balance in our life. During that time, we need to talk about our loss, take good care of ourselves, physically and in all other ways, and make as few major changes in our life as possible. So let's try not to sell our house, change jobs or throw ourselves into activities all the time to distract ourselves from grief.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
PLANNING SHEET**

**NAME OF DECEASED** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE/TIME OF SERVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRESIDER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR SERVERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CANTOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRELUDE** \_\_\_\_\_

**GATHERING SONG** \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** \_\_\_\_\_

**READER** \_\_\_\_\_

**PSALM** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** \_\_\_\_\_

**READER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GOSPEL READING** \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERCESSIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**READER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT BEARERS** (*ask family*) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION SONG** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY PRAYER/COMMENT** (*Optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

**CLOSING SONG** \_\_\_\_\_

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

***THE PRIEST WILL BEGIN:***

**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 WILL READ THE FOLLOWING:***

***OUR RESPONSE IS: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.***

**IN BAPTISM, (Deceased Name) RECEIVED THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. SCATTER THE DARKNESS NOW AND LEAD HIM/HER OVER THE WATERS OF DEATH, WE PRAY TO THE LORD:**

**ALL: O LORD, 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, WE PRAY TO THE LORD:**

**ALL: O LORD, 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, WE PRAY TO THE LORD:**

**ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**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:**

**ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

***PRESIDER:***

**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.**