

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 49TH 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.

ALL: AMEN.