



PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL MASS

Many times, we think we have time to prepare for death because we are young, or healthy, or because we don't want to think about it.

The best time to prepare for our death is now! First and foremost, by living a life of Christian virtues, receiving the sacraments, especially Confession and Mass, and participating in the life of the parish. It is also important to plan your Funeral Mass as an act of charity to your family members, so they may go through the grieving process in a Christian and prayerful manner.

This is a form to guide you to choose the different elements of the Funeral Mass.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Immediate Family: Name: _____ Relationship/Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship/Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship/Phone: _____

What kind of Liturgy are you planning for the funeral?

Wake Service at Funeral Home Yes ___ No ___

Funeral Mass Yes ___ No ___

Burial at Cemetery* Yes ___ No ___

*In order to have a Funeral Mass you **must be buried in a cemetery** immediately after the Mass. Otherwise we will be able to do only a Wake Service.



Funeral Home

Do you have a pre-paid arrangement with a funeral home? Yes ___ No ___

If so, what is the name of the funeral home? _____

Funeral Home Phone Number: _____

Please briefly describe the arrangements that you have with this funeral home.

Church

What is the name of the church that you most often attend?

Is this where you would like to have your Funeral Mass? Yes ___ No ___

If not, please indicate what parish you would like to have your Funeral Mass.

Cemetery

Which cemetery would you like to select as a final resting place (cemetery name, city, state)?

Have any pre-existing arrangements been made with this cemetery (including pre-paid packages)? If you are unsure, please select "No" Yes ___ No ___



Wake Service Arrangements

Open Cascade: Yes ___ No ___

Have People Pray Rosary: Yes ___ No ___ Video Slideshow: Yes ___ No ___

Sharing of Memories (Eulogy)*: Yes ___ No ___

* We highly recommend to have the Eulogy or sharing of memories at the Wake Service.

Funeral Mass Arrangements

Would you like to name pallbearers? Yes ___ No ___

Do you wish to select readings for the funeral? Yes ___ No ___

The Parish will provide the selection of readings available for Funeral Masses.

1st Reading _____ Read by: _____

Psalm _____

2nd Reading _____ Read by: _____

Gospel (sometimes selected by priest) _____

Do you wish to name anyone to read the intercessions? _____



Music for Mass *

Do you wish to select the hymns sung during the Funeral Mass? Yes ____ No ____

Entrance song: _____

Offertory song: _____

Communion song: _____

Reflection song: _____

Recessional song: _____

* The music must be selected from the selection that the Director of Music will provide.
Since this is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we do not allow secular songs or songs which are not approved by the Catholic Conference of Bishops.