THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL

A Celebration of Life



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Introduction

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by His death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

We here at St. Ignatius of Antioch wish to extend our deepest condolences for your loss. Please know that we as your brothers and sisters in Christ, grieve and pray with you. We also want to give you the opportunity to personalize this celebration of your loved one's life. For this reason we have established this booklet to help you plan the funeral celebration. You are encouraged to select symbols, music and scriptural readings, that best express your love and prayers.

Christians celebrate the Funeral Rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the Author of Life and the hope of the just. The Funeral Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. The Catholic Funeral Rites also include the Vigil Service and the Rite of Committal. The Vigil Service (Wake) is typically a gathering of family and friends at the funeral home on the eve to the Funeral Mass with a simple prayer service or Rosary. The Rite of Committal (Burial) is the conclusion of the Funeral Rites which consist of blessing the final resting place of the deceased.

The central theme of the Catholic Funeral Rites is our faith in the Resurrection. We believe that we too will share in the Resurrection of Jesus and our bodies will be glorified like Jesus. For this reason, the remains of our loved ones are always present during a funeral. The remains can be present in the form of a body or cremains. In either form, the Church always treats the remains with the respect and dignity that comes from our faith in the Resurrection. For this reason, the Church asks that if your loved one has been cremated that all the remains are put together in one urn and given a final place of rest; buried, in a mausoleum, in a columbarium, or even at sea, but never divided or scattered.

To further assist you in this process, we have an online video for planning and understanding the Catholic Funeral Rites. This can be accessed at our website: www.saintignatius.net.

You are welcome to make as many or as few choices as you wish for the funeral. We also have a page for you to describe your loved one, this helps create a personal homily and service.

Please fill out the Funeral Planning sheets (pages 18 & 19) and return to Parish Office with stipend at least 3 days prior to funeral..

Pall

Upon entrance into the Church, and before the procession, the family and friends are greeted, the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, and a white Pall is placed over the coffin. This large white cloth is a symbol of the white garment received at Baptism. The Pall may be placed by the family members. Otherwise it will be placed by others. In the case of cremation, the Pall is not used.

Symbols

A Christian symbol of special meaning to the deceased or family may be placed on top the coffin. These may include: a favorite crucifix; a cross, a favorite Bible; or your loved one's rosary. The family may place these symbols on the coffin before it is processed to the front. . The priest will be present to assist. In the case of cremation, the urn will be placed on a small table before the altar. The symbols may be placed with the urn. Flowers and/or a picture of the deceased may be placed by the coffin or the urn.

Funeral Stipend

A stipend is a donation to offset the cost of the funeral services. The basic funeral Church service is $350. Services at the graveside or funeral home only, is $175 for a Priest. ($100 for a Deacon.) It is normal for this to be included with your payment to your funeral director. He or she will make you aware this is included. If not, this will be the family's responsibility. Please submit stipend with Funeral Planning Sheets (pages 18 & 19) to the parish office at least three days prior to the funeral.

PLEASE NOTE: No one will ever be denied the full services of the parish for financial reasons. If a family cannot afford either the funeral stipend please let the parish office know.

Music

The music must be appropriate for the Holy Mass and then specifically for a funeral. Families are encouraged to make selections of music that best reflects the belief and attitude of the family and deceased. Often the musician may not see the list you select until the day before the funeral. The musician will not be able prepare music which is not in their repertoire. Recorded music is not permitted.

On page 4 you will find a list of appropriate hymns and songs from the repertoire of St. Ignatius Parish. Perhaps a few of these have particular meaning to you or your loved one. Please pick out four hymns and one Responsorial Psalm. Should you have another hymn from our hymnal in mind please contact the parish office. If it is appropriate, and the musician can comfortably prepare for it by the time of the funeral, they will be happy to accommodate your selections.

Please indicate on page 18 if you wish the Music Director to choose the music. The musician will always be responsible for the final selection of music. If something you select cannot or should not be sung, they will make another appropriate selection.

All music is directed by our music director, Jody Carr. If a friend or relative wishes to sing or play an instrument during the funeral, please contact her at 727-488-9772 or contact the parish office.

Music Selections

Please select one piece from each section.
Please indicate if you wish the Music Director to choose music.
Contact Jody with questions or special requests at 727-488-9772 or jcarr@ignatius.net

Gathering Hymn:

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Be Still My Soul
Be Thou My Vision
Lord of All Hopefulness
Love Divine, All Love Excelling
What Wondrous Love is This

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23 –The Lord Is My Shepherd
Psalm 25 –To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul
Psalm 32 - I Turn to You Lord in Time of Trouble
Psalm 42/43 - As the Deer Longs
Psalm 103 - The Lord is Kind & Merciful
Psalm 116 - I will Walk in the Presence

Preparation of the Gifts Hymn:

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Be Still My Soul
Here I Am Lord
Hosea
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
The Beatitudes (LaRosa)
There is a Longing

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Communion Hymn

Ave Maria
Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life
One Bread, One Body
Pie Jesu
Seed Scattered and Sown
Take and Eat

Recessional Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God & King
How Great Thou Art
I Want to Walk as a Child of Light
On Eagle's Wings
You Have Called Us

Himnos en Espanol:

Entrada: Entre Tus Manos
Salmo 23
Ofertorio: Bienaventurados
o
Hazme un Instrumento de Tu Paz
Comunion: Al Partir el Pan
o
You Soy el Pan de Vida
Salida: Cristo Recuerdame

Scripture Readings

Please select a First Reading, a Second Reading, and a Gospel…A1, B1, C1 etc

Please indicate if you prefer the Priest to choose any or all of the Readings.

FIRST READING - OLD TESTAMENT

A-1 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

"He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view."

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees
Judas, the ruler of Israel,
took up a collection among all hissoldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.
Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin. The word of the Lord.

A-2 Job 19:1, 23-27a

"I know that my Vindicator lives."

A reading from the Book of Job
Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
Oh, would that my words were written down!
Would that they were inscribed in a record:
That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;
Whom I myself shall see:
my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;
And from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing. The word of the Lord.

A-3L Wisdom 3: 1-9 **(A-3S)** Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9 (Short Version)

"As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself."

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 before 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.)
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.
(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.

A-4 Wisdom 4: 7-15

"An unsullied life, the attainment of old age."

A reading from the Book of Wisdom
The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported –
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account. The word of the Lord.

A-5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

"He will destroy death forever."

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.

More Old Testament Readings are available at:

https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/bereavement-and-funerals/old-testament-readings

SECOND READING - NEW TESTAMENT

B-1 Romans 5: 5-11

"Since we are now justified by his blood we will be saved through him from the wrath."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters:
Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation. The word of the Lord.

B-3L Romans 6: 3-9 **(B-3S)** Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9 (Short Version)
"We too might live in newness of life."

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.
[For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.]
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.

B-5 Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39
"What will separate us from the love of Christ?"

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?
He did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?
It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of the Lord.

B-8 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters:
Behold, I tell you a mystery.
We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.

B-10 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

"We have a building from God, eternal in heaven."

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.

B-11 Philippians 3:20-21

"He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory."

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.

B-12 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

"Thus we shall always be with the Lord."

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.

B-14 1 John 3: 1-2
"We shall see him as he is."

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.

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GOSPEL READINGS

C– 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.

C-2 Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

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.

C-3 Matthew 25:1-13

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.
Since the bridegroom was long delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
At midnight, there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish ones said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
But the wise ones replied,
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'
While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.
Then the door was locked.
Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The Gospel of the Lord.

C-6 Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.
As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.
When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
"Do not weep."
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"
and "God has visited his people."
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region. The Gospel of the Lord.

C-7 Luke 12:35-40

You also must be prepared.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples:
"Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." The Gospel of the Lord.

C-13 John 6: 51-58

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to the crowds:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,
you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.
For my Flesh is true food,
and my Blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever." The Gospel of the Lord.

C-14L John 11: 17-27 (**C-14S)** John 11: 21-27 (Short Version)

"I am the resurrection and the life."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
[When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.
Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.]
Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."
Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."
Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."
Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world." The Gospel of the Lord.

C-16 John 12:23-28

If it dies, it produces much fruit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life will lose it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.
"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save me from this hour'?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The Gospel of the Lord.

C-17 John 14: 1-6

"In my Father's house there are many dwellings."

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.

More Gospel Readings are available at:

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Prayer of the Faithful

The family may select one person to read the General Intercessions.

A.

Priest:

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:

In Baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead Him/her over the waters of death, Lord in Your Mercy:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

Our brother/sister _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in Your Mercy:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

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:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

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:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

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:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

The family and friends of _____seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord in Your Mercy:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray tfor our brother/sister _____ Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of Your Son's coming. Lord in Your Mercy:

People: Hear Our Prayer

Priest Concluding Prayer:

Prayer of the Faithful

B.

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save all His people, living and dead:

Reader:

For _____who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the least day. We pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Reader:

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:

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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:

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For the family and friends of our brother/sister _____ 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:

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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:

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Priest Concluding Prayer:

Gift Bearers

The role of two Gift Bearers is to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory song.

Eulogy

One eulogy no longer than 5 minutes may be given. The Eulogy should be in writing prior to the Funeral Mass and limited to 5 minutes. The Eulogy is not an occasion of preaching but is a brief reflection on the life of the deceased. It is an opportunity for a family member or friend to share memories or qualities which they cherish with their loved one. The priest will call the eulogist up after communion, that is, towards the end of the Mass. Please turn in a copy of the eulogy along with pages 18 & 19.

St. Ignatius Funeral Mass Planning Sheet

(Please Return to Parish Office with Stipend a least 3 days prior to funeral)

Date _____ **Time** _____ **Priest**_____

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Birth _____ **Date of Death** _____

Single/Married _____ **Years of Marriage** _____ **Spouse Name** _____

Children/Grandchildren: _____

_____

Church & State of Baptism _____

Current Parish of Registration_____

Body ___ **Cremains** ___ **Burial Following Yes**___ **No**___

Pall Bearers _____

Pall /Symbols placed by _____

Gathering Hymn _____

First Reading (#A1-A5,) _____ **Lector** _____

Name & Relationship to Deceased

Responsorial Psalm _____

Second Reading (#B3-B14) _____ **Lector** _____

Name & Relationship to Deceased

Gospel (#C1-C7)_____ (Priest may choose)

Prayers of Faithful (A or B) ____ and **read by** _____

Name & Relationship to Deceased

Preparation of the Gifts Hymn _____

Gift Bearers _____

Names & Relationship to Deceased

Communion Hymn _____

Eulogy given by (3-5 minutes & typed) _____

Recessional Hymn _____

Page 18 & 19 Copies to: Presider____ **Office Book** ____ **Music**____ **Martha Ministry**____

We remember with grateful hearts…

Deceased Name_____

Thank you for allowing us to pray for you and your beloved deceased. Your answers to the following questions will help us to gain a better understanding of your beloved deceased. This will allow the priest to be more personal during his homily for the funeral Mass or Memorial service. Thank you for responding in a brief and concise manner in the space provided. Any questions, can be sent to Katherine Creamer at kcreamer@ignatius.net or call the Parish Office.

Your loved one will be remembered at all our Masses in the coming weekend. Also know that we have a wonderful Bereavement Ministry to help you through the grieving process. We are here for you. May God bless you and hold your loved one in the palm of His hand!

1. What name was the deceased best known as?

2. What one adjective would you use to describe the deceased?

3. Describe how he/she fit into the family.

4. If you can, describe his/her relationship with the Lord?

5. What was his/her profession?

6. If you could name one value/lesson that he/she/ would have wanted most to teach the next generation, what would it be?

7. How do you think he/she would like to be remembered?

8. What was his/her passion in life? Any particular loves or hobbies?

9. If he/she would have us say just one thing during the funeral, what do you think it would be?

10. Why do you think this world is a little different because of him/her?

11. Was he/she involved with any special groups (Knights of Columbus, Women's Council) that may come to the service that we should mention or especially welcome?

12. Is there anything else you feel the priest should know or announce? (ex. Reception following service?)

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