



Funeral Mass for_____

Nickname_____ ☐ Include in worship aid

Date_____ Time_____

☐ \$600 funeral donation

Date of birth_____

Date of death_____

☐ Casket

☐ Urn

Funeral Announcement

☐ Please announce the funeral to the parish.

☐ Please keep the funeral private.

Burial Preference

☐ Local Cemetery

☐ StMM Columbarium Niche

☐ Out of State Cemetery

Cemetery Name / State_____

☐ All Sacraments, including Last Rites

Name of Funeral Home / Cremation Services

Name_____

Contact Information_____

Readings

Choose one of each

First reading pages 26-34

Reading_____

Name of reader_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Responsorial Psalm (Sung by cantor)

Psalm_____

Second reading pages 45-55

Reading_____

Name of reader_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Gospel reading pages 59-78

Reading_____

Two Gift Bearers

Bread Paten

Name_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Wine Carafe

Name_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Prayers of the Faithful

Name of reader_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Remarks of Remembrance (see below)

Name_____

Relationship to the deceased_____

Liturgical Music Selections (See suggested music list)

Entrance / Opening Song_____

Preparation Song_____

Communion Song_____

Song of Farewell- Saints of God

Recessional / Closing Song_____

Other Decisions

Floral Arrangements_____

Display Photos_____

Pallbearers (2 for Ossuary (urn) or 6 for casket)_____

☐ Rosary before Mass

☐ Military Honors

Nearest Relative

Name_____

Email_____

Address_____

Guidelines for Remarks of Remembrance

The Mass of Catholic Burial is a liturgical celebration that honors the deceased and commends their soul to God's mercy. It's a central act of worship where the Church gathers with family and friends to offer praise, thanks, and prayers for the deceased. The Mass includes a celebration of the Eucharist, readings, hymns, and a final commendation.

During the Mass, we offer to one of the family members, the opportunity to share brief words of remembrance about the deceased to those in attendance. This document helps to provide guidelines for the person who will deliver those words.

These words should be **limited to no more than 3 minutes** as not to intrude upon the sanctity of the Mass, nor to disrupt the final blessing and commendation for the soul of the deceased. To ensure adherence to allocated time for these words, Church funeral ministry personnel will provide visual clues of time left for speaking before the Mass resumes.

We suggest that the words be focused on a message (or two) that the deceased would want those in attendance to take out of the Church in their heart and remember them by. What are the legacy, the impact, and the connection of the deceased to the family and friends? This time is not to be used as an eulogy nor a chronology of the life of the deceased. A more appropriate time for those words would be at the wake or in the post funeral gathering/reception. Adherence to the allocated time for these words will allow the Church and those in ministry to meet other obligations/events of the day.