

Dear Friend in Christ,

Our sympathies to you. Be assured of our prayers as you prepare and plan for the Mass of Christian Burial for your departed loved one. It is our hope that your participation in the planning and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial is to provide consolation and support to you at this difficult time.

You will find suggestions for the Scripture Readings which can be read by a family member or a friend. The full text and proper translation of the Scripture Readings you choose are available at [www.shofjesus.com](http://www.shofjesus.com) under "I'm New", choose 'Mass & Sacraments' or print copies can be provided to the readers prior to the funeral.

The Prayers of the Faithful or Petitions can also be read by a family member or a friend. Suggested petitions can be found here or at the website above.

You will also find song suggestions here for the Opening, Offertory, Communion and Closing songs and for the Responsorial Psalm between the readings.

Family members are encouraged to participate in the Mass. One significant way is to assist in the placement of the pall (a white cloth that is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased) on the casket at the beginning of the Mass. Family members may also participate by presenting the offertory gifts of bread and wine.

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## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Choose one under each heading below)

### First Reading - from the Old Testament

\_\_\_ Wisdom 3:1-9 *"The souls of the just are in the hand of God . . . they are in peace..."*

\_\_\_ Wisdom 4:7-15 *"The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest..."*

\_\_\_ Daniel 12:1-3 *"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake..."*

\_\_\_ Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 *"The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces..."*

\_\_\_ Lamentations 3:17-26 *"...I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope..."*

\_\_\_ Job 19:1, 23-27a *"...And from my flesh I shall see God"*

To be read by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Reading – from the New Testament

\_\_\_ Romans 5:5-11 *"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts..."*

\_\_\_ Romans 6:3-9 *"If, then we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him..."*

\_\_\_ Romans 8:13b-35,37-39 *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"..."*

\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10 *"...we walk by faith and not by sight..."*

\_\_\_ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *"Thus we shall always be with the Lord..."*

\_\_\_ 1 John 3:1-2 *"...we are God's children now..."*

To be read by: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (PETITIONS)

(Sample petitions can be reworded to better fit a given situation)

For (deceased's name) 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 . . .

For (deceased's name) who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life that he/she may be raised up on the last day, we pray to the Lord . . .

For the family and friends of (deceased's name), 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 . . .

For our family and friends who have died and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face, we pray to the Lord . . .

For those who are sick, suffering or poor, that God might guide us to help them in their need, we pray to the Lord . . .

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered again in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord . . .

To be read by: \_\_\_\_\_

The Offertory Gifts of Bread, Wine, and Water will be presented by

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## SUGGESTED SONGS AND HYMNS

(Choose one under each heading below)

### Entrance Song

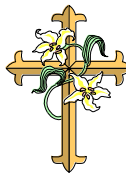
- \_\_\_ A Mighty Fortress is Our God #545
- \_\_\_ Abide With Me #671
- \_\_\_ Amazing Grace #573
- \_\_\_ Be Not Afraid #548
- \_\_\_ Be Still, My Soul #689
- \_\_\_ Faith of Our Fathers #540
- \_\_\_ Here I Am, Lord #593
- \_\_\_ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #395
- \_\_\_ Lord of All Hopefulness #525
- \_\_\_ Make Me a Channel of Your Peace #622
- \_\_\_ Now Thank We All Our God #515
- \_\_\_ On Eagle's Wings #552

### Responsorial Psalm

- \_\_\_ Psalm 23 – Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 27 – The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?
- \_\_\_ Psalm 34 – The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 40 – Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 63 – My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 91 – Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me Lord, I pray.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 103 – The Lord is kind and merciful.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 116 – I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
- \_\_\_ Psalm 130 – Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

### Offertory Song

- \_\_\_ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #490 (Not during Lent)
- \_\_\_ Ave Maria
- \_\_\_ Be Thou My Vision #684
- \_\_\_ For the Beauty of the Earth #517
- \_\_\_ How Can I Keep From Singing? #544
- \_\_\_ Make Me a Channel of Your Peace #622
- \_\_\_ The King of Love My Shepherd Is #394
- \_\_\_ The Servant Song #594
- \_\_\_ What Wondrous Love Is This #557
- \_\_\_ You Are Near #513



### Communion Song

- \_\_\_ Draw Near #366
- \_\_\_ Eat This Bread #373
- \_\_\_ Gift of Finest Wheat #360
- \_\_\_ I Am the Bread of Life #368
- \_\_\_ Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #355
- \_\_\_ O Lord, I Am Not Worthy #359
- \_\_\_ O Sacrament Most Holy #361
- \_\_\_ One Bread, One Body #627
- \_\_\_ Seed, Scattered and Sown #380
- \_\_\_ This is Jesus #364

### Closing Song

- \_\_\_ Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise #222 (Not during Lent)
- \_\_\_ Christ, Be Our Light #473
- \_\_\_ Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #432
- \_\_\_ How Great Thou Art #468
- \_\_\_ I Sing the Mighty Power of God #459
- \_\_\_ It is Well With My Soul #685
- \_\_\_ Now Thank We All Our God #515
- \_\_\_ O God, Our Help in Ages Past #551
- \_\_\_ O God Beyond All Praising #441
- \_\_\_ Sing With All the Saints in Glory #202

What form of the deceased's name would you like to be used during the Mass of Christian Burial?

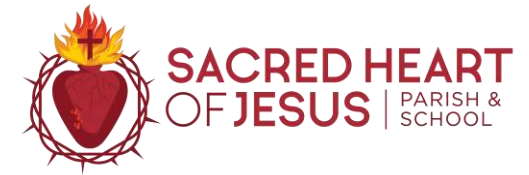
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When submitting this completed guide, please also include no more than one page of notes on the deceased person's life to assist the priest in celebrating the life of your departed love one. If there are any questions about the Funeral, who in the family should be contacted?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mass of Christian Burial Planning Guide

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