

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 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: 6: 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 8:31-35,37-39 *“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

SUGGESTED SONGS AND HYMNS

(Choose one under each heading below)

Entrance Song

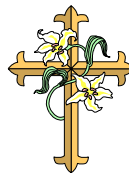
- ___ A Mighty Fortress is Our God #545
- ___ Abide With Me #671
- ___ Amazing Grace #573
- ___ Be Not Afraid #548
- ___ Be Still, My Soul #689
- ___ Faith of Our Fathers #540
- ___ Here I Am, Lord #593
- ___ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #395
- ___ Lord of All Hopefulness #525
- ___ Make Me a Channel 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)
- ___ 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

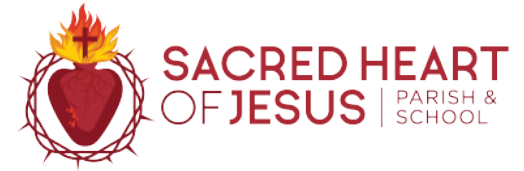
What form of the deceased's name would you like to be used during the Mass of Christian Burial?

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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