

Notre Dame Parish

Funeral Planning Guide



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NOTRE DAME PARISH FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL MASS PLANNING BOOKLET



Dear Friend in Christ,

Please accept my sincerest condolences and know that my heart is with you and your family as you grieve the death of a loved one. On behalf of the entire Notre Dame Parish community, we extend our prayers for the death of your loved one.

In order to facilitate your planning of the funeral, we have developed this resource for you and your family. We understand that during the time of loss, it may be difficult to think through the details. We wanted to develop this resource to help you in this process.

Our parish staff is here to serve you and your family during this time of grief. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

My prayers are with you and your family. “Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7

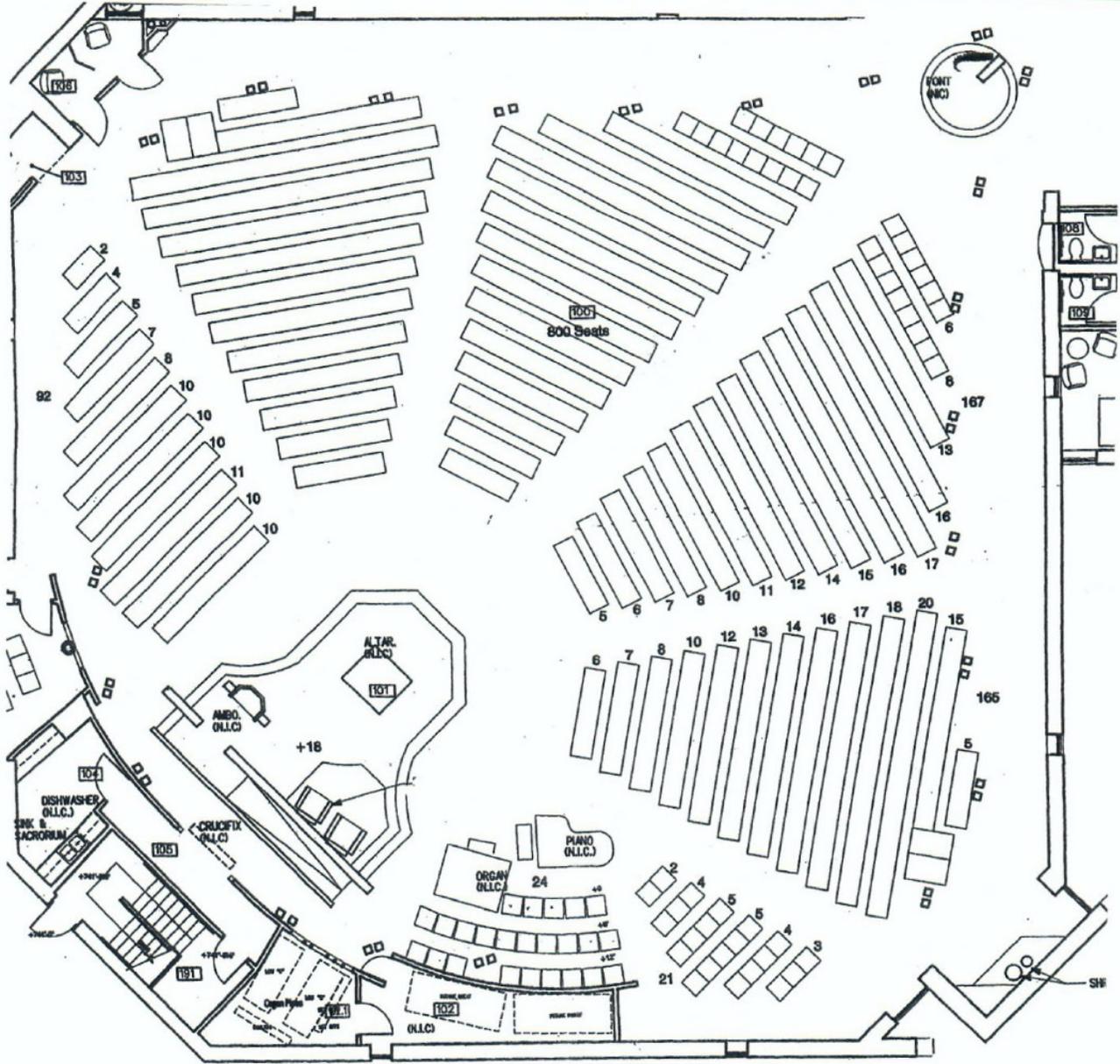
God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rev. Mark Bernhard'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Mark Bernhard

Pastor

Notre Dame Parish Sanctuary



Choices and Decisions

Placement of Pall on coffin

Upon entering the church at the Baptismal Font, a white cloth called a Pall will be placed on the coffin which symbolizes our Baptism. A close family member, siblings, children or the pall bearers are encouraged to participate by placing the pall on the casket, with assistance from the Funeral Director.

When Cremains are present

If your loved one has been cremated, their remains are placed in an urn. When your family arrives at church with the urn, place the urn on the table in front of the altar OR family members have the option of carrying the urn into church at the start of Mass and placing it on the table. You may place a picture of your loved one and/or a vase of flowers on the table with the cremains.

Readings & Responsorial Psalm - *choose one from each section.*

First Reading is from the Old Testament – pages 6-12

Psalm Response – pages 13-23 (*Sung by Cantor only – not spoken*)

Second Reading is from the New Testament – pages 24-31

Gospel from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John or The Acts of the Apostles – pages 32-41

(Read by priest or deacon only)

One person may be chosen to proclaim both the First and Second Readings or one person per reading. If you do not have someone comfortable reading at Mass, a Bereavement Minister may proclaim both readings.

Universal Prayer (*also known as General Intercessions*) found on pages 42-43.

This is another opportunity for family members or friends to participate in the Mass. If you do not have someone comfortable reading at Mass, the priest or deacon will proclaim the Intercessions.

Presentation of the Gifts

Another opportunity for 2 people to participate in the Mass by bringing the common elements of bread and wine to the priest for consecration into the Body and Blood of Christ. See pg.48 to place names on the mass outline.

Eulogy

Eulogies are best given at the wake, funeral luncheon, or at the graveside. With exception, they are allowed at Notre Dame. They should be 3-5 minutes in length; be written, and must be submitted to the Parish for approval by the Pastor prior to the Mass. The Bereavement Minister planning the funeral with you will provide an email address to send the Eulogy for approval.

Music

Song selections for the Gathering, Psalm, Preparation of Gifts, Communion, Final Commendation and Closing, along with links for listening, are on pages 44-46.

The Mass planning sheet is on pgs. 47-48; record your choices on these pages and give the completed form to the church office prior to the actual day of the Mass.

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Homily Notes and The Funeral Information Sheet are on pgs. 49-50; please fill these out and give to the church prior to the actual day of the Mass, along with the necessary fees - see below for schedule of fees.

Notre Dame Parish 2026 Funeral/Memorial Stipends

Visitation prior to Funeral Mass

\$350 per hour - Parishioner

Funeral or Memorial Mass

\$350 - Parishioner

\$500 - non-Parishioner

Mass Live Streaming - \$225 (Cash or check payable to Isabella Serritella)

Funeral luncheon in O'Keefe after Mass - \$400

Catering/Serving Vendor must be approved by the Parish

Presider – Free will offering (separate check directly to priest)

Cantor - \$250 (Cash or separate check directly to Michael Keefe)

Accompanist - \$250 (Cash or separate check directly to Michael Keefe)

Note: The minimum level of service is a Cantor and an accompanist.

Note: Both musician fees may be lumped together and paid to Michael Keefe.

All custom music selections/instrumentation/arrangements/fees are arranged with Michael Keefe directly - mkeefe@notredameparish.org.

Planning The Mass – fill in your choices on pages 47-48

The First Reading is from The Old Testament

Choose one and record your choice on page 47

OT - 1 Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

Then Job answered 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!

As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,

and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.

This will happen when my skin has been stripped off,

I will see for myself,

The word of the Lord.

OT - 2 Proverbs 31: 25-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom;
kindly instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband, too, praises her:
“Many are the woman of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Acclaim her for the works of her hands,
and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

OT - 3 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit have workers from their toil?
I have seen the business that God has given
to mortals to be busied about.

God has made everything appropriate to its time,
but has put the timeless into their hearts, so they cannot find out,
from beginning to end,
the work which God has done.

I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life.
Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy
the good of all their toil --this a gift of God.

I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it,
or taking from it.

Thus, has God done, that he may be revered.

What now is, has already been;
what is to be, already is
God retrieves what has gone by.

The word of the Lord.

OT - 4 Wisdom 3:1-9. (*Short form in italics*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

*The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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.

OT - 5 Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

But the righteous one, 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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.

The one who pleased God was loved,
living 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 that consideration into account.

The word of the Lord.

OT - 6 Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

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:
“Indeed, this is our God;
we looked to him and he saved us!

This is the Lord to whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

OT – 7 Isaiah 57: 1-2

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The just have perished,
but no one takes it to heart;
the steadfast are swept away,
while no one understands.

Yet the just are taken away from the presence of evil,
and enter into peace;
They rest upon their couches,
The sincere, who walk in integrity.

The Word of the Lord.

OT - 8 Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My life is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
my enduring hope, I said,
has perished before the Lord.

The thought of my wretched homelessness
is wormwood and poison;
Remembering it over and over,
my soul is downcast.

But this I will call to mind,
therefore I will hope:
The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted,
his compassion is not spent;
they are renewed each morning –
great is your faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, I tell myself,
therefore, I will hope in him.

The Lord is good to those who trust in him,
to the one that seeks him;
it is good to hope in silence
for the Lord's deliverance.

The word of the Lord.

Alternate reading selections can be found here:

<https://www.notredameparish.org/apps/pages/funeral>

Responsorial Psalm

NOTE: The Psalms are to be sung by a Cantor

Verse text shown in this booklet is only done to save space.

Choose one and record your choice on page 47

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jruM_bSvJSg

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Refrain

The Lord is my shep-herd, noth-ing shall I want. he
leads me by safe paths, I shall not fear._____

Verses

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows.
He leads me to cool, quiet pools of fresh water.
There he revives my soul.
2. You prepare a banquet for me, a table full,
where all my foes can see me.
You anoint my head with rich oil, you have welcomed me,
and fill my cup to the brim.
3. He guides me in the way of virtue, just as he said.
Though I should walk in deepest darkness,
I will not be afraid, Lord, because you are there;
your rod and staff keep me safe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jw0qgHM7B3s>

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

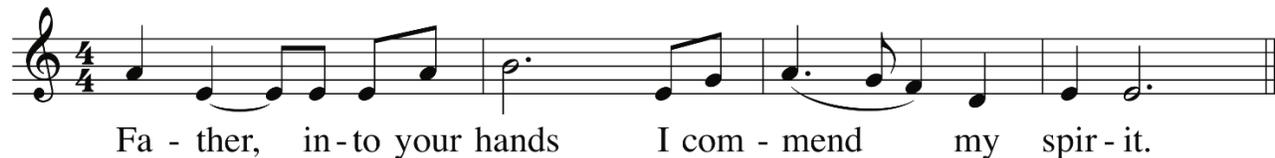
Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

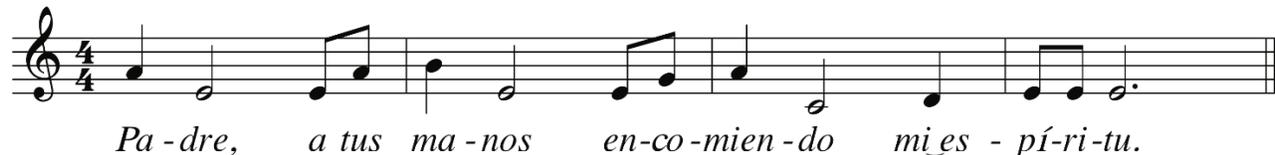
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Psalm 31: Father, into Your Hands / Padre, a Tus Manos

Refrain I*



Refrain II*



Verses

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| <p>1. In you, O LORD, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
You will redeem me, O LORD, O
faithful God.</p> | <p>1. <i>A ti, Señor, me acojo:
no quede yo nunca defraudado;
tú, que eres justo, ponme a salvo.
A tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu:
tú, el Dios leal, me librarás.</i></p> |
| <p>2. Because of all my foes I have become
a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbors
and of fear to my friends.
Those who see me in the street flee
from me.
I am forgotten, like someone dead,
and have become like a broken vessel.</p> | <p>2. <i>Soy la burla de todos mis enemigos,
la irrisión de mis vecinos,
el espanto de mis conocidos:
me ven por la calle, y escapan de mí.
Me han olvidado como a un muerto,
me han desechado como a un cacharro
inútil.</i></p> |
| <p>3. But as for me, I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God.
My lot is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of my enemies and
those who pursue me."</p> | <p>3. <i>Pero yo confío en ti, Señor,
te digo: "Tú eres mi Dios."
En tu mano están mis azares:
líbrame de los enemigos que me
persiguen.</i></p> |
| <p>4. Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the LORD.</p> | <p>4. <i>Haz brillar tu rostro sobre tu siervo,
sálvame por tu misericordia.
Sean fuertes y valientes de corazón,
los que esperan en el Señor.</i></p> |

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Psalm 34: Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see the good-ness of the
Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth.
Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.
2. Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
3. Look to God that you might be radiant with joy,
and your faces free from all shame.
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZj5iayqQ2s>

Psalm 42: O God, For You I Long



O God, for you I long, more than those who watch for dawn:



like the deer that yearns for wa-ter, so I thirst for you, my God.

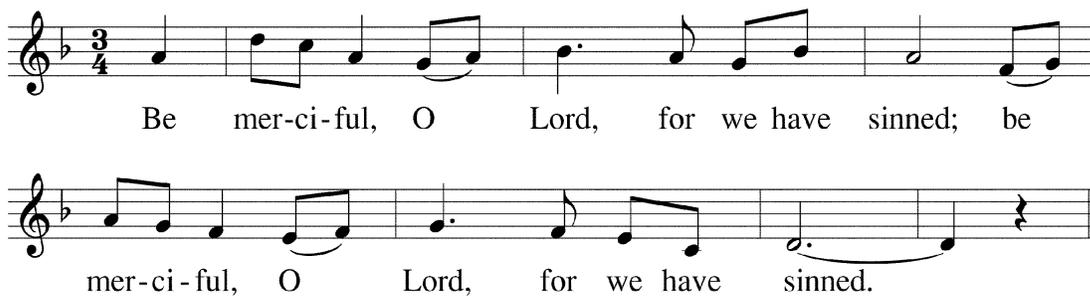
Verses

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so I long for you, my God,
as my spirit longs to behold,
the God of my life.
2. By day you bring me comfort
in the shelter of your love.
By night I will sing and praise
the God of my life.
3. All these things will I remember
as I pour out my soul,
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
to the house of our God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpUo5q4OpPs>

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain



Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to your side.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDwIGAlzhw0>

Psalm 63: Your Love Is Finer than Life

Refrain

O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for
you, your love is finer than life.

Verses

1. As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God,
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life.
2. I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love,
I will cling to you, O Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing.
3. I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you,
my joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iq0dNHXLXZI>

Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Refrain

Lord, let us see your kind - ness;

Lord, let us see your kind - ness.

Verses

1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God.
2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace;
truth shall spring up as the water from the earth,
justice shall rain from the heavens.
3. The Lord will come and you shall know his love,
justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation the gift that he brings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nizASuvPJrE&list=PL-dACSFZUsT6c3ejjJfBtXjF0EEwwWDaZ>

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

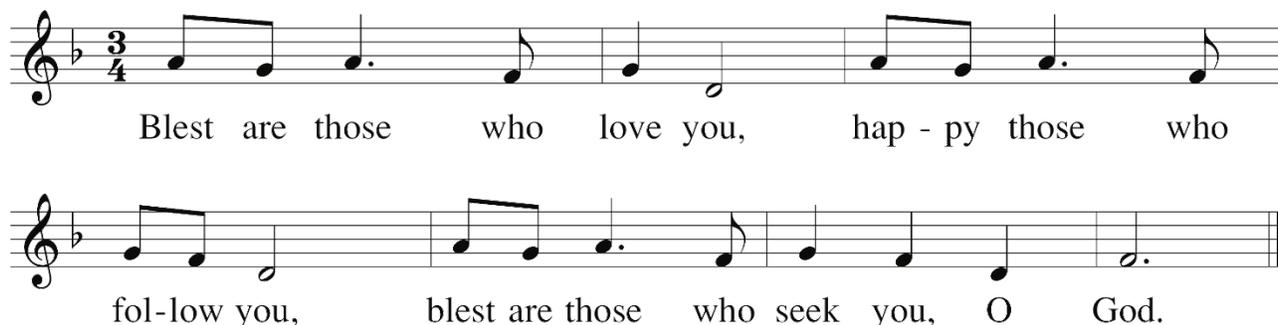
Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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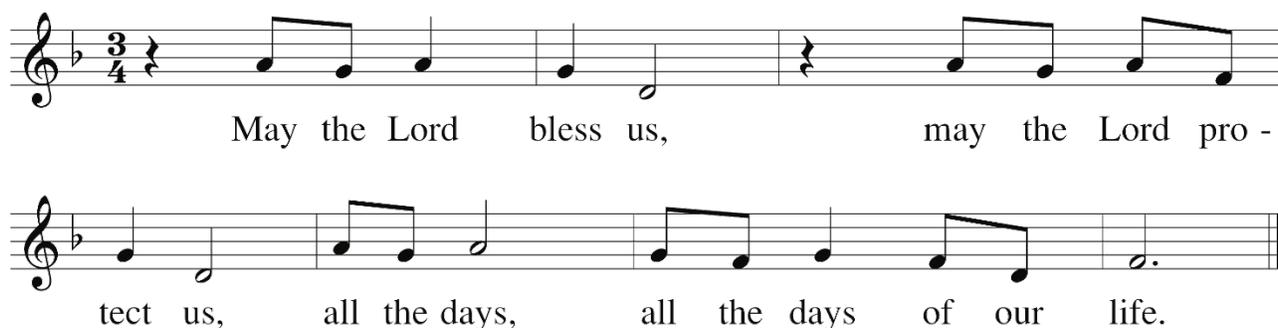
Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain I



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who
fol-low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Refrain II



May the Lord bless us, may the Lord pro -
tect us, all the days, all the days of our life.

Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQDsH-KMEkl>

The Second Reading is from The New Testament

Choose one and record your choice on page 47

NT - 1 Romans 5:5-11

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,
yet 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.

NT - 2 Romans 6:3-9. (*The Short form is in italics*)

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.

NT - 3 Romans 8:31b-35,37-39

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 who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how 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.

NT - 4 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

NT – 5 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Finally, brothers, rejoice!

Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the fellowship
of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

NT – 6 Philippians 2: 3-11

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others
as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also everyone for those of others.

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him
the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.

The word of the Lord.

NT – 7 Philippians 4: 4-9

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again, I say, rejoice!

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men.

The Lord is near.

Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise,
dwell on these things.

The things you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me,
practice these things,
and the peace of God will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

NT - 8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
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.

NT – 9 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day,
and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

NT – 10 Revelation 14: 13

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say,
“Write this: Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord from now on.”
“Yes,” said the Spirit,
“let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord.

Alternate reading selections can be found here:

<https://www.notredameparish.org/apps/pages/funeral>

The Gospel Readings

Choose one and record your choice on page 47

G - 1 Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When he 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.

G – 2 Matthew 6: 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and decay destroy,
and thieves break in and steal.

But store up treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor decay destroys,
nor thieves break in and steal.

For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.

The lamp is the body of the eye.

If your eye is sound,

your whole body will be filled with light;

but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.

And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 3 Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said in reply,

"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.

G - 4 Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Then he will say to those on his left,
‘Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’

Then they will answer and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty

or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?’

He will answer them, ‘Amen I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.’

And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 5 Luke 1: 45-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to
by the Lord would be fulfilled.

And Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For He has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me;
and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm;
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones,
but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel His servant,
remembering His mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Mary remained with her about three months,
and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G – 6 John 3: 16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

For God so loved the world

that He gave His only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him
might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send the Son into the world

to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through Him.

Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 7 John 5:24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word

and believes in the one who sent me
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here

when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,

so also, he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this,

because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs
will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 8 John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G – 9 John 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming

and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine

and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead,

and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down on my own.

I have the power to lay it down,

and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 10 John 11:17-27 (*The Short form is in italics*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived,

he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,

only about two miles away.

And 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 Messiah,

the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G - 11 John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

“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.

G – 12 John 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in His love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment:

Love one another, as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are My friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know
what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything
I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father
in my name He may give you.

This I command you: love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Universal Prayer

Intercessions / Petitions

*Choose Selection A or B for each prayer.
You do not have to use all these prayers.*

The intercessions are read after the homily is concluded and Father says a brief prayer. There is a short pause after each intercession is read before saying, “We pray to the Lord.” The person(s) reading them should speak slowly and clearly and begin by saying to the congregation:

“After each Petition, please respond – Lord Hear Our Prayer.”

- A. Our sister / brother _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome her / him into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
- B. Our sister / brother _____ who lived a life rooted in love, dedicated to family, and infused with a true generosity of spirit; that he/she may be welcomed with infinite joy into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We Pray to The Lord — Lord Hear Our Prayer.

- A. We pray for _____ who have gone to God’s Kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.
- B. We pray for _____, who have gone to God’s Kingdom. Grant them a share in the everlasting peace of eternal life.

We Pray to The Lord — Lord Hear Our Prayer.

- A. For the _____ families, that their courage and strength may continue, and their pain soften, knowing the Lord is near and awaiting their call.
- B. For the _____ families, that they may find solace in _____ love for us, comfort in our memories of him/her and hope in our shared grief.

We Pray to The Lord— Lord Hear Our Prayer.

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- A. For _____, that they be ever mindful of the good example set before them by their grandmother/grandfather; cherishing their memories until they embrace her/him again in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- B. For all our relatives and friends here today, and for those who could not be with us; that we find solace in his/her love for us, comfort in our memories, and hope in our shared grief.

We Pray to The Lord — **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

- A. For all our relatives and friends here today, that _____'s strength, humor, compassion, generosity and love may live in each of us.
- B. For _____
[*Names of doctors, nurses, hospice workers, caregivers or ministers of care*] who gave such tender care, we ask for every blessing.

We Pray to The Lord — **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

- A. We pray for peace in our world, in our communities, our families, and within ourselves and in silence let us pray for all that we hold deep in our hearts.
(*Pause for a few seconds*)
- B. For the Church throughout the world and for our parish community, that as we strive to do God's will, we may be guided by the Holy Spirit, finding, serving and embracing the humanity in all of God's people.

We Pray to The Lord — **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

Music Selections for Funeral and Memorial Masses

All Hymn numbers reference Gather 3rd ed., unless otherwise noted

Our baseline service includes a Cantor/Soloist and an Organist/Pianist. Please consider adding a solo violinist to your service for the emotion it can provide. Custom instrumentation is also available, please contact Michael Keefe at 630-601-1761 or mkeefe@notredameparish.org.

To honor the sanctity of the Mass, selections must be liturgical music. If your loved one had a song that was special to him/her, or that has meaning to your relationship, please consider playing that music at the wake, the cemetery service, the luncheon or Celebration of Life.

Gathering & Closing Hymns

Please choose 2 - one for the beginning and one for the end of Mass

Place a G or a C on the line to signify where you want each Hymn.

___ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! 949	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh61poqcnpA
___ Amazing Grace 645	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iou_pSEbEY
___ Be Not Afraid 683	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BltudBGj8dg
___ Here I Am Lord 777	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBg-yDhM2KY
___ Holy God, We Praise Thy Name 615	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ytf_TlujPw
___ How Great Thou Art 578	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIwTtV8s4Ao
___ I Know That My Redeemer Lives 527	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo0N73nmZTM
___ Joyful, Joyful 614	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXOUicJsFrg
___ Jerusalem, My Happy Home 870	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhK_gQ7T_Y
___ Lord of All Hopefulness 663	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOZqqLMA18
___ Love Divine, All Love's Excelling 641	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQrNMJrgbyM
___ Morning Has Broken 855	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlbmNAcoRww
___ On Eagle's Wings 691	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXP-FsNUWOc
___ Precious Lord 955	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIM6yiF5QSA
___ Sing With All the Saints in Glory 539	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saTHrJtIvn0
___ The Hand of God Shall Hold You 981	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htpRR90Vu_k
___ The Strife is O'er 525	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu5Ctty9kiA
___ To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King 573	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wol02WZ4AeI
___ We Walk by Faith 680	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsXDOkoLyjU

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Psalms (*Music & Verse text may be found on pages 13-23*)

_____ Shepherd Me O God 35	Psalm 23
_____ The Lord Is My Shepherd	Psalm 23 (<i>Breaking Bread hymnal</i>)
_____ To You O Lord 39	Psalm 25
_____ Father, into Your Hands 43	Psalm 31
_____ Taste and See 45	Psalm 34
_____ O God For You I Long	Psalm 42 (<i>Breaking Bread Hymnal</i>)
_____ Be Merciful, O Lord 51	Psalm 51
_____ Your Love is Finer Than Life 58	Psalm 63
_____ Lord, Let us See Your Kindness 62	Psalm 85
_____ The Lord Is Kind and Merciful 72	Psalm 103
_____ Blest Are Those 86	Psalm 128

Preparation of the Gifts – Please choose one

_____ Ave Maria by F. Schubert	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omnoju-pYME
_____ One Bread, One Body 932	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHAu3fLF7NI
_____ Peace Be with Those 975	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DY3CyaV6M8

Communion Hymns – Please choose one

_____ Eat This Bread 941	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_QTrePmuLg
_____ Eye Has Not Seen 728	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s
_____ I Am the Bread of Life 945	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvD0XJzOWQ4
_____ Let There Be Peace on Earth 829	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_DxNpW1kHQ
_____ Make Me a Channel 828	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI
_____ One Bread, One Body 932	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHAu3fLF7NI
_____ Panis Angelicus (<i>solo</i>)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVYnN6vWOWs
_____ Quietly, Peacefully 713	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6_mbH6In8E
_____ Surely the Presence (<i>solo</i>)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1-fLiLsrIo
_____ Taste and See 930	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1jRvaziZ4o
_____ The King of Love My Shepherd Is 712	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHnrF3rPZQ8
_____ You Are Near 695	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6QwtsDN4xA
_____ You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 940	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWR1jMRfWdk

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Song of Farewell (*not applicable for a Memorial Mass*) – Choose one

- ___ I Have Loved You 588 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkMBSchV0Hc>
- ___ Jesus Remember Me 510 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGB2E0NzO2A>
- ___ May the Angels 980 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KofUIYvL08I>
- ___ May the Holy Angels Lead You 978 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGcqs9JO-l8>
- ___ Song of Farewell (*Breaking Br. Hymnal*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOZ0nDK7p00>

Irish Hymns & Songs

- ___ Come, Host of Heaven's High... 846 no appropriate link found
- ___ Come to Me 720 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF1SVSq_574
- ___ How Bright is the Day (*solo*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeIL5jf9TYc>
- ___ The Wind in the Willows (*solo*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QVfZnuJYZU>

Italian Songs

- ___ Ave Maria (*trad. in Italian*) no link available
- ___ Madre del Carmine (*trad. in Italian*) no link available

Polish Hymns

- ___ Hymn to St. Rita (*in English*) no link available
- ___ Serdeczna Matko <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxULn6szf3k>
- ___ Witas Krolowo Niebk no link available

Scottish Hymns

- ___ A Touching Place (*GC 1st ed., 640*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVdC4DyCaVM>
- ___ The Song of the Supper (*GC 1st ed., 845*) no link available
- ___ World Without End (*GC 1st ed., 532*) no link available

Spanish Hymn

- ___ Senor, Hazme un Instrumento de tu Paz (*Breaking Bread Hymnal 2012 #508*)

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Funeral and/or Memorial Mass Planning Sheet

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: ____/____/____ Time: _____

Name of Priest: _____

Record your choices / selections in each bolded section:

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Persons placing the Pall _____

Opening Hymn: _____

Number _____

Persons Placing Christian Symbol _____

A Symbol of the Christian life (cross, bible, rosary, icon) may be carried in procession, then placed on the coffin.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Number _____ (Sung by cantor)

Second Reading: _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____

Number _____ (Sung by cantor)

Gospel Reading: _____

Read by Deacon or Presider

Homily

General Intercessions: _____

Read by: _____

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Gift Bearer 1 _____

Gift Bearer 2 _____

Preparation Hymn: _____ Number _____

Eucharistic Acclamations are the Holy, Holy, Acclamation of Faith, the Great Amen, and the Lamb of God. Under normal circumstances, they do not need to be chosen.

Eucharistic Acclamations: _____ Number _____

The Lord's Prayer: Chanted _____ or Spoken: _____

Peace Greeting (optional) _____ Number _____

Lamb of God _____ Number _____

Communion Hymn: _____ Number _____

Prayer after Communion

FINAL COMMENDATION

Eulogy: Yes or No Read by: _____

Song of Farewell: _____ Number _____

Prayer of Commendation

Closing Hymn: _____ Number _____

Notes:

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Family Information & Homily Notes

(The priest will base his homily on the readings. He may or may not add other details)

Name of Deceased: _____ Age: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Years Married: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Children's names/spouses/grandchildren/great-grandchildren...

If you could describe him/her in one word, what would it be and why?

What was his/her faith life like?

Was he/she involved in any church groups, organizations, or ministries?

How long was he/she a parishioner here at Notre Dame Parish?

What parish did he/she grow up in?

If applicable, at which parish did they get married?

How did his/her faith affect your life?

Funeral Information Form

Intake Date: _____

Funeral Date: _____

Deceased's name: _____

Celebrant: _____

Date of death: _____

Contact: _____

Date of birth: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Parishioner? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Email: _____

ND Visitation? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Funeral home: _____

Time Frame: _____

Contact: _____

Mass time: _____

Phone number: _____

Visitation? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Urn / Coffin (*Circle one*)

Time Frame: _____

Will family process in with urn? Yes / No

Livestream? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Remarks of remembrance? Yes / No

Email for livestream: _____

Email announcement? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Burial after funeral? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Bulletin announcement? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Cemetery: _____

Slideshow? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Address: _____

Inurnment in ND Columbarium? Yes / No

Presider? Yes / No (*Circle one*)

Date: _____

Name of Presider: _____

Time: _____

Bereavement minister: _____

Minister's name: _____

Phone number: _____

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANNING SESSION,
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE
RECEPTIONIST AT THE FRONT DESK**