

Funeral Liturgy

Scripture Readings (*many choices on parish website or from office*)

Old Testament: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

New Testament: _____

Gospel: _____

Hymns (usually up to four): _____

Special petitions – people or causes to include in prayers?

Participants: *The parish can usually provide qualified liturgical ministers (servers, readers, musicians, etc.) unless there are specific people you want to designate or request.*

Other roles for the funeral are usually fulfilled by family or friends, with help from parish staff and/or funeral director.

Placing of the Pall (White cloth): can be one or several people

Offertory Gift Bearers: can be one or several people

Pall Bearers (to accompany casket): usually 4 - 6 people

Obituary

Please consider listing details to include in an obituary, such as your accomplishments, passions, milestones, names of close family, etc. Also include where charitable or memorial gifts may be sent.

Planning Guide for a Catholic Funeral

For _____
Name

To my family and friends:

I record these wishes to assist your planning and ease your burden during these painful days. I ask you to follow my wishes insofar as you are able. As you go through this process, if you lovingly discern that there are other decisions that are more helpful in your grieving and celebration of the Resurrection, please use this document as it is intended – a guide. May God bless and hold you close, and thank you for your care.

Signed

Dated

A copy of your form can be kept on file at St. Gabriel until needed.
We recommend also keeping copies with family and/or funeral home.
Please be sure to attach any other pertinent documents or requests.

***“Merciful Lord,
Turn toward us and listen to our prayers;
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain to comfort one another
with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with our brother/sister forever.”
-Prayer of Commendation
Order of Christian Funerals***

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Legalities

Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Name of Attorney: _____ Phone: _____

Location of Will: _____

*(please consider where to keep documents safe but accessible)***My Body**_____ I wish to donate my organs *(complete related forms)*_____ I wish to donate my body for research *(complete forms)*

_____ I wish to be embalmed _____ I wish to be in casket

_____ I wish to be cremated _____ I wish to be buried

Cemetery Name: _____ Plot # _____

City: _____ State: _____

Expressions of Sympathy

_____ In the form of flowers

_____ In lieu of flowers, I would prefer: _____

Memorials_____ I wish memorial gifts to be used to support the following ministries / organizations. _____

_____ St. Gabriel Memorial Fund or Endowment:

Specifically, in the area of: _____
*(if interested, contact parish for suggestions)*_____ Other organizations as listed here: _____
_____**Funeral Home***You are encouraged to make arrangements at the funeral home of your choice. By doing so, all of the details and finances of your funeral can be pre-arranged.*

Preferred Funeral Home: _____

Have pre-arrangements been made? _____ Yes _____ No

Vigil or Wake Service? _____ Yes _____ No

Rosary and/or Prayer Service? *(optional)* _____

Burial Clothing: _____

Jewelry / Glasses / Other items? _____

Remain with family or leave in casket? _____

Funeral Services*For many reasons, the ideal setting for a funeral Mass is usually at the parish church of the deceased. A funeral Mass is preferable if possible – for his or her soul and the sake of family and community.*

Location: _____ Church _____ Funeral Home

_____ Cemetery (Committal Service Only)

Time Preference? *(subject to church or funeral home schedule)*

Body or Cremains Present? _____ Yes

_____ No (Memorial Service)

Catholic Funeral Mass? _____ Yes _____ No

Military Honors? *(for veterans if available)* _____ Yes _____ No

Other associations? _____

Social

Luncheon to follow? _____ Yes _____ No

Location? _____ Church _____ Other _____