

When the coffin is placed near the sanctuary, these two family member should stand near the coffin by the Paschal Candle ready to place the symbols at the direction of the altar servers.

One or two family members may read the scripture readings during the Liturgy of the Word. It should not be a family member who will succumb to grief while reading. If you cannot think of anyone for this ministry, the church will provide a lector to read.

Name: _____ Church Parish: _____

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Two family members may bring up the gifts of bread and wine for the Mass. They are to sit in the front center-left section in pew no. 3.

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MUSIC FOR THE FUNERAL

Music for funerals must be liturgical and proper to the dignity of the Liturgy of Christian Burial. No recorded or secular music may be played. The Assistant Director of Music is in charge of planning music for funerals in consultation with families. What the Assistant Director of Music approves is what may be sung. The Assistant Director of Music must approve requests for guest singers or instrumentalists.

Hymns found in the **Lead Me Guide Me Hymnal** and/or the Seasonal Missalette are most appropriate for the funeral.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Wakes are not permitted in the Church. Clergy, Religious Nuns or Brothers, and Seminarians are the only persons allowed to be waked in the church prior to the Mass of Christian Burial .
2. Printed obituaries are not allowed to be distributed during the funeral. This should be done prior to the start of the liturgy.
3. There will be no guest speakers or preachers. No eulogies, obituaries or secular texts may be read. All of the above may be done at the Funeral home.
4. The Associate Director of Music oversees and approves all music for funerals. Suggestions should be submitted no later than twenty-four hours (24) prior to the funeral.

As the family contact person, I have read and understand the above Guidelines.

Family Contact's signature

Date

Parish Staff preparer

Date

**SAMPLE PROGRAMS
MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Priest Full Name: The Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, V.F.

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Priest: Father (priest's last name)

Placing of Pall

Family Member

Processional

Hymn

Opening Prayer

Priest: Father (last name) _____

First Reading- Old Testament

Lector: Name: _____

Responsorial Psalm

Musician Name _____

Second Reading-New Testament

Lector: Name: _____

Gospel Reading Priest:

Father (last name) _____

General Intercessions

Lector: Name _____

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn

Communion

Hymn

Final Commendation

Prayers and Incensing of the Body

Recessional

Hymn

Not a mass

LITURGY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Presider's Full Name example: (Deacon Joseph Bushnell) _____

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Presider's Name _____

Placing of Pall

Family Member

Processional

Hymn

Opening Prayer

Presider's Title and last Name example: (Deacon Bushnell) _____

First Reading- Old Testament

Lector: Name; _____

Responsorial Psalm

Musician Name _____

Second Reading-New Testament

Lector: Name: _____

Gospel Reading

Presider's title and last name _____

General Intercessions

Lector: Name _____

Final Commendation

Prayers and Incensing of the Body

Recessional

Hymn