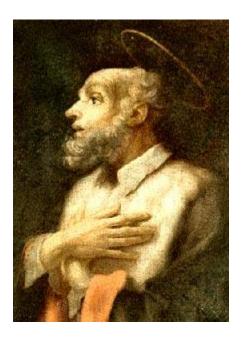
FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE



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On behalf of the parish staff and the parishioners of St John Cantius Parish, please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your loved one. Know that our love, prayers, and support are with you during this most difficult time.

We would like to offer you an opportunity to plan the Funeral Mass of your loved one. The Liturgy and the planning of the funeral Mass should be a time when family and friends become involved.

Liturgical Funeral Ministers

Laymen and laywomen serve as lectors (readers), and pallbearers. We will contact altar servers from the parish to assist at the funeral liturgy of your loved one and provide ministers of music. You may also bring in musicians but must advise our Music Director, Joe Sutowski of your plans.

<u>Music</u>

The texts of the songs chosen should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture. Popular and secular songs are not appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy and would better be played at the wake service in the gathering of family and friends. Sample selections of appropriate Funeral Music are provided in this planning guide.

<u>Symbols</u>

It is customary for a pall to be placed over the coffin at the very beginning of the service as a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased. Family members, it they wish, may assist in placing the pall over the coffin at the beginning of the Liturgy.

Other symbols such as the deceased's Rosary, favorite crucifix, prayer book or other religious object may be placed on top or near the casket during the funeral liturgy.

Eulogy

While remembering the 'good times' of our loved ones certainly is a helpful way of creatively dealing with grief, a Eulogy is better served at the Funeral Home or in a meal setting following the interment at the cemetery. The Catholic Rite for Funerals is a set Rite rich in symbolism and focuses upon the universal prayer of the church for the deceased. Any eulogies or words spoken during the Mass must be pre-approved by the priest, completely in written form and be no more than 3-5 min in length.

MUSIC SELECTIONS

There are four songs that are needed for the Liturgy. An Opening, Offertory, Communion and a Closing song. There is an optional Communion Reflection Song and one sung Responsorial Psalm which occurs after the first reading.

The following are possible choices that are appropriate for Funeral Liturgies

Opening/Offertory/Closing

All I Ask of you Alleluia Sing to Jesus Amazing Grace Be Not Afraid Be Thou My Vision Come to Me Center of My Life Church of God Elect and Glorious Crown Him with Many Crowns City of God **Dwelling Place** Earthen Vessels Eat This Bread Eye Has Not Seen For All the Saints For You Are My God Gather Your People O Lord Hail Mary Gentle Woman How Great thou Art I Have Loved You I Know that my Redeemer Lives Jerusalem My Happy Home Jesus Remember Me Let There be Peace on Earth Like a Shepherd Now We Remain On Eagle's Wings Only a Shadow Only in God Only This I Want Prayer of St Francis You are Near

COMMUNION SONGS

At That First Eucharist Blest are they Gift of Finest Wheat I am the Bread of Life One Bread, One Body Pan de Vida Panis Angelicus Peace is Flowing Like A River

See Us Lord About Your Altar Taste and See Whatsoever you Do

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Shepherd Me O God... (Psalm 23 To you, O Lord, I lift my Soul (Psalm 25) The Lord is my Light and My Salvation (Psalm 27) The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Psalm 103)

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Funeral of:	Date:
Presider:	Time:
Pall placed on Casket by:	Christian Symbol placed on casket:
Cremation: Will cremains be present? cremains into the Church at the Entrance Procession.	A family member or friend should carry the
Who will carry in the cremains?	
Liturgy of the Word	
Old Testament Reading:	Read by:
New Testament Reading:	Read by:
Gospel: The Gospel will be chosen and read by the Priest	or Deacon
Prayers of the Faithful: Read by:	
Presentation of Gifts by	
How many gifts (General 2 – 4)	
Hymns/Songs	
Opening Song:	
Responsorial Psalm:	
Offertory	
Communion Song:	
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Closing Song	

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1011 - 1

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver

drachmas,

which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view:

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,

it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward

that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

1011 - 2

A reading from the Book of Job 19:1, 23-37a

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite 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!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

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

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

LONG FORM

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the just 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 in the eyes of men, indeed, they be 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.

1011 – 3

SHORT FORM

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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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.

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and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,

and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

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.

nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

For the age that is honorable comes not

The just man, though he die early,

with the passing of time,

and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;

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shall be at rest.

1011 - 4

4:7-15

he who lived 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 this into account.

The word of the Lord.

1011 – 5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

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: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

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

A reading from the Book of Lamentations 3:17-26

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent;They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him;It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

1011 - 7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel 12:1-3

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

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NEW TESTAMENT READINGS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

1012 - 1

LONG FORM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly

is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel

as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in

Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God

as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

1012 - 1

SHORT FORM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36;42-43

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him

will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

A reading from the Book of Revelation 14:13

I, John, 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.

1012 - 3

A reading from the Book of Revelation 20:11-21.1

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I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,

and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

The dead were judged according to their deeds,

by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead;

then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

(This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life

was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more.

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A reading from the Book of Revelation

21:1-5a,6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people

and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death our

mourning, wailing or pain,

for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

I am the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift

from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS NOT DURING EASTER SEASON

1014 - 1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

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, 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.

1014 - 2

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one' the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1014 - 3

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 6:3-9

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.

1014 - 4

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:14-23

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation waits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility,

not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,

in hope that creation itself

would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the

children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even

until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves,

who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves

as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the 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 did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, 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.

1014 - 6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 14:7-9,10c-12 a a a a a

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we'die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written"

As I live, says the Lord, every knee Shall bend before me, And every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

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1014 - 7

LONG FORM

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order; Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ: then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for he subjected everything under his feet. But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

1014 - 7

SHORT FORM

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-23

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep
For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.
For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

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1014 - 9

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 4:14-5:1

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Brothers and sisters: We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen it eternal. For we know that if our earthy dwelling, a tent. should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthy dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body,

The word of the Lord.

whether good or evil.

1014 - 11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

Brothers and sisters:Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,

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.

1014 - 13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

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Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen. so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy; If we have died with him we shall also live with him; If we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

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1014 - 14

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been

revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

1014 - 15

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 3:14-16

Beloved:
We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.
Whoever does not love remains in death.
Everyone who hates his brother is a
murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal
life remaining

in him.

The way we came to know love

was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

The Response to the following intercessions is "LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER"

For [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... "Lord Hear our Prayer"

For our brother/sister 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... "Lord Hear our Prayer"

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have

the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord... "Lord Hear our Prayer"

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to

face. We pray to the Lord... "Lord Hear our Prayer"

For the family and friends of our brother/sister [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 all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's heavenly kingdom, We Pray to the Lord "Lord Hear Our Prayer"

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