



St. Scholastica Parish

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The Parish Family of Saint Scholastica offers our condolences for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time. Enclosed please find materials to assist you in planning the Mass for the Celebration of Life. *Please bring this completed page to your meeting at the church.*

Liturgy Planner

Name of Deceased: _____

Presider: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Funeral Home: _____

Liturgy of the Word

There are always three readings. The first and second readings *may* be read by family members. The choices for scripture selections may be found on the following pages. After the first reading, the cantor sings the Responsorial Psalm. The Gospel is read by the Presider or Deacon.

First Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Second Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Gospel Reading: _____ (Read by Priest or Deacon)

Will two people bring the bread and wine at the Presentation of the Gifts? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please list names _____

Please note: the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that at Funeral Masses there should usually be a short Homily given by the Presider, but no eulogy of any kind. (Paragraph 382)

Music Selections

Please select four songs and one Responsorial Psalm from the suggested song list found on the following pages. The placement of the songs will be determined by the Music Director.

Responsorial Psalm (song): _____

Song #1: _____

Song #2: _____

Song #3: _____

Song #4: _____

Scripture Readings for Funerals

Please select one of the following Old Testament passages for your First Reading.

1. A reading from the Book of Wisdom

(4:7-14)

The just person, though he die early, will be at rest. For an age that is honorable does not come with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the crown for people, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved: He who lived among sinners was transported. Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or beguile his soul: Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long life; 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.

2. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

(43:1-4g)

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

The word of the Lord.

3. 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!

The word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

(3:1-8; 15)

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, 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 now is has already been; what is to be already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

The word of the Lord.

(For a woman)

5. A reading from the Book of Proverbs

(31:10-12, 20-22, 25-31)

When one finds a valiant woman, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She fears not the snow for her household, all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets, fine linen and purple are her clothing.

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her, her husband, too, extols her. "Many are the women 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. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

(For a child)

6. A reading from the Book of Sirach

(38:16-22)

My child, when someone dies, you should mourn. Weep and wail to show how deeply you feel the loss. Prepare the body in the proper way, and be present at the burial. Weep bitterly and passionately; observe the proper period for mourning for the person. Mourn for a whole day or maybe two, to keep people from talking, but then pull yourself together and reconcile yourself to the loss. Grief can undermine your health and even lead to your own death. Grief lingers on after the death of a loved one, but it is not wise to let it lead you into poverty.

Don't lose yourself in sorrow; drive it away. Remember that we must all die some time. There is no way to bring the dead person back. All your sorrow does him no good, and it hurts you. Don't forget that. You will die, just as he did. Today it was his turn; tomorrow it will be yours. When the dead have been laid to rest, let the memory of them fade. Once they are gone, take courage.

The word of the Lord.

Please select one of the following New Testament passages for your Second Reading.

1. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-9)

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.

2. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:31b-35, 37-39)

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.

3. A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him*, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9)

Farewell: I wish you all joy in the Lord. I will say it again, all joy be yours. Let your generosity be clear to all. And now, my family, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is loveable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable- fill your thoughts with these things. The lessons I taught you, the tradition I have passed on, all that you heard me say or saw me do, put these into practice; and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

5. A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

(3:14; 4:6b-8)

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it. 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.

Please select one of the following for your Gospel Reading.

1. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(5:1-12a)

When Jesus 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.

2. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(6:37-40)

Jesus said to the crowds: “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.

(For a man)

3. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(11:21-27)

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

4. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: “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.

Suggested Songs

Please select one psalm response from the list below.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation (Haas)

Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving are You, O Lord (Soper)

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You (Haugen)

Please select four songs from the alphabetical list below. During the season of Lent, we do not sing (or say) the word, "Alleluia." Hymns marked with an asterisk (*) contain the word "Alleluia" and should not be selected during Lent. If you would like a song that is not listed, please contact the Music Director.

A

*All Creatures of Our God and King

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Amazing Grace

Ave Maria

B

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

C

Canticle of the Sun

Christ Be Beside Me

Come to Me (Norbet)

E

Eat This Bread

Eye Has Not Seen

F

*For All the Saints

G

Gather Us In

Gift of Finest Wheat

Glory and Praise to Our God

H

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hosea (Come Back to Me)

How Great Thou Art

I

I Am the Bread of Life
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Duke Street)
I Received the Living God
In Remembrance of You
In the Breaking of the Bread

J

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life
Jesus, Remember Me
Just a Closer Walk with Thee

K

The King of Love

L

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Lord of All Hopefulness
Lord, When You Came to the Seashore (Pescador de Hombres)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

M

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)
Morning Has Broken

N

Now Thank We All Our God
Now We Remain

O

On Eagle's Wings
On That Holy Mountain
One Bread, One Body

P

Panis Angelicus
Praise to the Lord
Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

R

Remember Me
Return to God

S

*Seek Ye First
Strength for the Journey
The Summons

T

Take and Eat

Take and Eat This Bread (Tate)

Taste and See (Moore)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

W

We Have Been Told

We Remember

Y

You Are Mine

You Are Near