

Funeral Planning Sheet for the Burial of a Child

Full Name of Departed: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Cause of Death _____

Church of Baptism (or if Baptized outside of Catholic Church, the parish where received into full communion): _____

Name _____ City _____ State _____ Country/Providence _____

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VIGIL (optional)

Vigil Service: Yes or No

If yes: Vigil Rite or Rosary or Both

Date of Vigil Service: _____ Time: _____

Location Name _____

Address: (if off-campus) _____

Officiant: _____

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FUNERAL MASS/FUNERAL OUTSIDE OF MASS

Date of Service: _____ Time: _____

Location Name and Address: _____

(if off-campus) _____

Funeral Mass (Catholics Only) or Burial Outside of Mass Officiant: _____

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BURIAL/INTERMENT

Date of Burial: _____ Time: _____

Location Name and Address (if off-campus) _____

Officiant: _____

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Is a **reception** to take place after this service: Yes or No

Name of Venue: _____

Address: _____

Family Contact(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Funeral Home: _____

Address: _____

Name of Funeral Director: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

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LITURGY

Body Present: Yes or No

If Yes: Full Body (Casket) or Cremains

MUSIC

To arrange music contact: Ms. Rebecca Pope, Music Director, at rebeccaannpope@gmail.com.

Know that Ms. Pope will help you make selections appropriate to the funeral mass. As a great many of the mass parts are sung, there are not many places to add music to this already beautiful and solemn mass. The Funeral Mass also begins and ends without music, as the Priest has opening and closing sentences that are said as we both enter and leave the Church with the body. As such, there is not typically an opening or closing hymn.

The Church also provides a booklet for all funerals, so that even those who do not regularly attend our masses can follow the services. As appropriate, we sometimes also add to this a liturgical aide to give the attendees the lyrics for the music (if any) as well as the lessons to be read, and so on. It is not required that the family provide any type of liturgical aide. Funeral Homes will often try to offer this to you as a service they can provide, but in our context, it simply isn't necessary or appropriate.

COMUMBARIUM at ST. THOMAS BECKET

For information on being interred at St. Thomas Becket, contact Amanda LoPalo at amanda@rosserfuneral.com.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A NICHE... Note that the dimensions for urns in our niches is on the small-ish side, so make the funeral home aware of the dimensions, which are: 7.5 inches deep X 11 inches high X 9.5 inches wide. Although they are quite tall and wide, they are not that deep. The foot of the niche also has blocks in the corner so the stones can be attached. So, although the opening is 10 inches wide, the available space at the bottom is only 9.5 inches.

It should first be said that if for any reason you do not feel prepared to make choices for Bible readings for any funeral or requiem, the clergy will gladly make these decisions for you. However, for those wishing to have a decision in the lessons, below are the summaries of these lessons.

As you make your selections, you only need ONE from each category. Simply fill in the blank in the parentheses, as some of the Bible citations can be quite complex.

1017 () First Readings from the Old Testament

Or 1018 () First Readings from the New Testament (These only apply during Eastertide)

1020 () Second Readings from the New Testament

1022 () Gospel

NOTE—You do not need to select a Responsorial Psalm, as we customarily have the cantor or choir sing a Gradual which takes the place of the Psalm. Neither do you need to select from the Alleluia Verses before the Gospel. The Music Director will select this for you based on the Gospel you choose. As such, these selections have been omitted below.

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1017 FIRST READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1017 (1) “He will swallow up death for ever.” Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

On that day: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” The word of the Lord.

1017 (2) “It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is bereft of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, “Gone is my glory, and my expectation from the Lord.” Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope; the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

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1018 FIRST READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT DURING EASTER SEASON

1018 (1) “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” Revelation 7:9-10, 15-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.” “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” The word of the Lord.

1018 (2) “Death shall be no more.” Revelation 21:1a, 3-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.” And he who sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” The word of the Lord.

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1020 SECOND READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1020 (1) *We believe that we shall also live with Christ.* **Romans 6:3-4, 8-9**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The word of the Lord.

1020 (2) *"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."* **Romans 14:7-9**

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. The word of the Lord.

1020 (3) *"In Christ shall all be made alive."* **1st Corinthians 15:20-23**

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

Brethren: In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. The word of the Lord.

1020 (4) *"God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy."* **Eph. 1:3-5**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will. The word of the Lord.

1020 (5) *We shall always be with the Lord (17).* **1st Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18**

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

We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Therefore comfort one another with these words. The word of the Lord.

1022 GOSPELS

1022 (1) *"You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to infants."* **Matthew 11:25-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The Gospel of the Lord.

1022 (2) *This is the will of my Father that I should lose nothing that he has given me."* **John 6:37-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds, "All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. " The Gospel of the Lord.

For a child who had received the Eucharist

1022 (3) *Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.* **John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." The Gospel of the Lord.

1022 (4) *If you believe, you will see the glory of God.* **John 11:32-38, 40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Mary, [the sister of Lazarus,] when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" The Gospel of the Lord.

1022 (5) "Behold, your mother!" John 19:25b-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple who he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the Scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. The Gospel of the Lord.

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