

SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA CHURCH

FUNERAL LITURGY & MUSIC GUIDELINES



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OVERVIEW



Liturgy Overview

On behalf of our pastor, clergy, and parish staff, please accept our heartfelt prayers and condolences for the loss of your loved one. During this difficult time, the Church gathers with you in faith to commend the soul of the departed to God and to pray for the hope of the Resurrection.

The Funeral Mass is the Church's most powerful prayer for the soul of the deceased. In this sacred liturgy, we commend our loved one to God's mercy and pray for the promise of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Mass includes readings from Sacred Scripture, prayers offered by the community, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and the final commendation of the deceased. Together, these prayers entrust the soul of the departed to God and ask for comfort and hope for those who mourn.

Family members are welcome to participate in the liturgy in several meaningful ways, such as proclaiming the readings, offering the Prayers of the Faithful, or sharing brief Words of Remembrance.

Our clergy and staff will guide you through each step to help ensure the liturgy is prayerful, beautiful, and respectful of both your loved one and the traditions of the Church.



PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

Family members or close friends may assist in several parts of the Funeral Mass if they feel comfortable doing so.

Words of Remembrance

Detailed guidelines can be found on pages 4-5. To help keep the focus of the liturgy prayerful and meaningful, please note the following: 1.) Only **one person** should deliver the Words of Remembrance. 2.) The reflection should be **no longer than 3-5 minutes**. 3.) Additional remembrances are best shared at the reception or gathering following the Funeral.

Scripture Readings

Two readings from Sacred Scripture are proclaimed during the Funeral Mass before the Gospel. Family members or friends may serve as readers for these readings. If you would like someone to serve in this role, please ensure they are comfortable speaking clearly in front of the congregation and arrive early so that they can be guided through the process. If needed, the parish is also happy to provide a lector. The Gospel Reading is read by the priest.

Prayers of the Faithful + Offering of the Gifts

The Prayers of the Faithful are petitions offered for the deceased, the family, and the Church. A family member or friend may read these prayers if desired. Gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to the altar afterward, in which multiple family members may choose to participate.

Additional Notes

- Flowers and memorial items may be placed in designated areas as coordinated with the bereavement team.
- If a rosary is desired before the Funeral, this may be arranged depending on the church schedule.
- The bereavement team will guide all participants 30 minutes before Mass to ensure everyone knows where to go and what to do.



WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE GUIDELINES

Words of remembrance are best given at the Vigil Service or at some appropriate time during the wake. While there is a natural desire to say good things about a person who has died, we must always remember that in the context of prayer, it is the working of God's grace in the life of the deceased for which we want to give thanks and praise. Remembrances, in the context of prayer, must be more than mere tributes to the goodness of the deceased.

- There should be a reference to what God has done for the deceased person and for us through him/her.

Personal remembrances have their place at the wake service but not, as such, in the funeral Mass itself. The Mass is offered for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of the soul of the departed. The liturgy speaks of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, which gives the deepest meaning to the life of the deceased. In this context, a brief reflection remembering the life of your loved one may be offered at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. Only one person should deliver the words of remembrance.

A family member or friend may say a word of thanks to those attending and eulogize publicly what the deceased meant to those who loved him/her. Because of the sensitivity of the funeral experience, the reflection should be written ahead of time.

- The words of remembrance should be limited to **FIVE MINUTES** and submitted in writing to the Parish Office at least 5 days before the Mass. Five minutes allows enough time to include the meaningful things to be remembered about the deceased and allows for a focus that will honor them and allow people to remember the most important aspects of that person's life.

On the next page you will find a helpful guide to prepare Words of Remembrance. Please take time to read and follow those instructions in order to compose a meaningful reflection of your loved one.

Preparing for Words of Remembrance

So, you have been asked to present a reflection or remembrance for someone you love. This is an esteemed responsibility you have been given. If you aren't sure where to start, here's a few dos and don'ts:

DO

Do praise the deceased. Be specific about his or her achievements. Some of the people attending the service may only know the deceased from work or the neighborhood or from school long ago.

Do highlight the various aspects of the life of the deceased: family, work, achievement, passions, causes.

Do be brief. Relate two or three key events in the life of the deceased and how those events affected the lives of others.

Do write it down. If at all possible, write down what you want to say; strong feelings often distract one giving a reflection.

Do express your experience. At this point in the grieving process, it is most useful to express the love and affection you have for the deceased and how much you will miss him or her. *"Dad, we will always miss you. We're relieved that your suffering is at an end and we have become the strong and loving people we are because of you."*

Do tell the truth. The people that are there know the deceased well enough to know that he or she had flaws and weaknesses.

Do acknowledge how difficult the period of time before death has been for you, family or friends, if it has been so. This gives everyone a chance to take a breath and begin anew in their relations with one another.

Do express your gratitude. When friends and neighbors have gone out of the way to care for your loved one while he or she was dying or to assist you and your grieving family, it is appropriate to say thanks publicly.

DON'T

Don't focus on your own grief. A remembrance is not about you but about the deceased loved one. Every person there is also grieving and you help them in it most by speaking honorably about the deceased loved one.

Don't talk only about your personal experience. A remembrance should respectfully bring together the thoughts and feelings of all.

Don't try to give them a biography. Everyone has their own memories of the deceased. A reflection tries to draw together those memories into a clear summary.

Don't let your emotions be your guide. Like everyone else, you feel the loss deeply but this is not about how you feel but about expressing well the respect you have for the life of the deceased.

Don't try to give a homily or teach a lesson. That's the priest's job. Besides, it is too early in the grieving process to draw theological conclusions about the meaning of life. Some of the grieving listeners may be put off by trying to easily or quickly to answer the profound questions that the mystery of death raises.

Don't canonize the deceased. By speaking too highly, the one you love is turned into a plaster characterization of his or her real self. He or she doesn't seem real.

Don't settle scores or answer critics. You may feel deeply hurt by what others may have said or done to you or to the deceased but the reflection is not the time to deal with these hurts.

Don't try to name all the names. You will no doubt leave someone out of the list and they will feel unappreciated.



LITURGY WORKSHEET



If you would like to listen to the suggested music, please refer to this Youtube Playlist here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6gWENiajOH3WII43vbl5nGdolDCWgoyu> OR scan QR code.

Liturgy Worksheet is on page 13.

01

Review Reading Options and Song Selections

Select 1st, 2nd, and Gospel Readings from *Through Death to Life* booklet. Fill out song choices and refer to the Youtube playlist.

02

Select Readers, Gift Bearers, Etc.

If applicable, fill out the names of the following people: person delivering the Words of Remembrance, Readers (1st & 2nd, General Intercessions), and Gift Bearers.

03

Notate any set-up needs or special requests

Easel for large photo or table for guest book can be provided. For funeral with ashes present, a table will be set up for the urn, unless requested otherwise. Special requests must be approved by the Pastor.

READINGS SUGGESTIONS

For complete readings, refer to *Through Death to Life* booklet.

OUT OF EASTER TIME OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

- C1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46. He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.
- C2. Job 19:1,23-27a. I know that my vindicator lives.
- C3. Wisdom 3:1-9. As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. (Short. 3:1-6,9)
- C4. Wisdom 4:7-15. An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
- C5. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9. He will destroy death forever.
- C6. Lamentations 3:17-26. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.
- C7. Daniel 12:1-3. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

EASTER TIME ONLY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

During Easter Time, the following New Testament Readings may be chosen for the First Reading, instead of an Old Testament Reading.

- C8. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43. He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. (Short 10:34-36, 42-43).
- C9. Revelation 14:13. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
- C10. Revelation 20:11-21:1. The dead were judged according to their deeds.
- C11. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7. There shall be no more death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Refer to selection sheet for songs music, and Psalms. (Normally the psalm is sung by cantor.)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

- E1. Romans 5:5-11. Justified by His Blood, we will be saved through Him.
- E2. Romans: 5:17-21. Where sin increased, grace overflowed more.
- E3. Romans 6:3-9. We might too live in newness of life.
- E3. **short** Romans 6:4-4, 8-9. (Past shorter form).
- E4. Romans 8:14-23. We groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
- E5. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39. What will separate us from the love of Christ.
- E6. Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's.
- E7. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.
- E7. **short** 1 Corinthians 15:20-23. (Past shorter form).
- E8. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. Death is swallowed up in victory.

READINGS SUGGESTIONS, cont.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

- E9.** 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1. What is seen is transitory, but what unseen is eternal.
- E10.** 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10. We have a building from God eternal in heaven.
- E11.** Philippians 3:20-21. He will change our lowly bodies to conform to His glory.
- E12.** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Thus, we shall always be with the Lord.
- E13.** 2 Timothy 2:8-13. If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him.
- E14.** 1 John 3:1-2. We shall see Him as He is.
- E15.** 1 John 3:14-16. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

GOSPEL READINGS

The Gospel is read by the funeral presider.

- G1.** Matthew 5:1-12a. Your reward will be great in heaven.
- G2.** Matthew 11:25-30. Come, I will give you rest.
- G3.** Matthew 25:1-13. Behold the Bridegroom! Come to Him!
- G4.** Matthew 25:31-46. Come you, blessed by my Father.
- G5.** Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6. Crying out loud, breathed last.
- G5. short** Mark 15:33-39. (Past shorter form).
- G6.** Luke 7:11-17. Young man, I tell you, arise!
- G7.** Luke 12:35-40. You also must be prepared.
- G8.** Luke 23:33,39-43. Today you will be in Paradise.
- G9.** Luke 23:44-46,50,52-53;24:1-6a. I commend my Spirit.
- G9. short** Luke 23:44-46,50,52-53. (Past shorter form).
- G10.** Luke 24:13-35. Was it not necessary Christ to suffer?
- G10. short** Luke 24:13-16,28-35. (Past shorter form).
- G11.** John 5:24-29. Whoever hears my words & believes.
- G12.** John 6:37-40. Those who see and believe will have.
- G13.** John 6:51-59. Whoever eats this bread will live.
- G14.** John 11:17-27. I am the resurrection and the life.
- G14. short** John 11:21-27. (Past shorter form).
- G15.** John 11:32-45. Lazarus, come out!
- G16.** John 12:23-28. If it dies it produces much fruit.
- G16. short** John 12-23-26. (Past shorter form).
- G17.** John 14:1-6. In my father's house are many dwellings.
- G18.** John 17:24-26. I wish they may also be with me.
- G19.** John 19:17-18;25-39. Bowing head handed over Spirit.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

To listen to the suggested music, please scan QR Code or refer to the

link [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6gWENiajOH3WlI43vbL5nGdoldCWgoyu)

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PLAYLIST

★ *SYMBOL DENOTES RECOMMENDED FAVORITES.*

GATHERING HYMN

- ★ Be Not Afraid (Bob Dufford)
- ★ Amazing Grace
 - Here I Am (Tom Booth)
 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Ed Bolduc)
 - On Eagles Wings (Michael Joncas)
 - I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Scott Sooper)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- ★ Ps. 23: The Lord is My Shepherd (Ryan Clouse)
 - Ps. 23: The Lord is My Shepherd (Josh Blakesley)
 - Ps. 23: Shepherd Me, O God (Marty Haugen)
 - Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light (Christopher Walker)
 - Ps. 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul (Bob Hurd)
 - Ps. 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Ryan Clouse)
 - Ps. 63: My Soul is Thirsting (Steve Angrisano)

OFFERTORY HYMN

- ★ Sing Me Home To You (Tony Alonso)
- ★ Jesus, I Trust In You (Josh Blakesley)
 - All is Well With My Soul
 - Did You Know (Bernadette Farrell)
 - Shelter Me, O God (Bob Hurd)
- Take My Hand, Precious Lord
- Prayer of St Francis
- Open My Eyes (Jesse Manibusan)
- Be With Me, Lord (Sarah Hart)
- Eye Has Not Seen (Marty Haugen)

COMMUNION HYMN

- ★ I Am the Bread of Life (Suzanne Toolan)
- ★ You Are Near (Dan Schutte)
- ★ Christ, Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell)
 - Christ In Me, Arise (Trevor Thomson)
 - Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
- Here I Am, Lord (Dan Schutte)
- Stand By Me (Tom Kendzia)
- Goodness of God (Bethel Music)
- Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS, cont.

MEDITATION HYMN

- ★ Ave Maria (Franz Schubert)
- ★ Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
- ★ Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Weber) *based on specific cantor availability*
 - I Am Not Alone (Kari Jobe)
 - Healed in Christ (Sarah Hart)
 - Welcome Home (Michael W Smith)
 - I Will Rise (Chris Tomlin)
 - Good, Good Father (Chris Tomlin)

INCENSING HYMN (SONG OF FAREWELL)

- ★ Song of Farewell (Ernest Sands)
 - O Loving God (Danny Boy Melody)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- ★ Go In Peace (Sarah Hart)
 - How Great Thou Art
 - Give Us Your Peace (Jesse Manibusan)
 - I Rejoiced (Trevor Thomson)
 - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

MARIAN SPECIFIC OPTIONS

- ★ Immaculate Mary (*Best for Gathering*)
- ★ Ave Maria, Mary Sing with Joyful Heart (Steve Angrisano) (*Best for Communion*)
- ★ Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (Carey Landry) (*Best for Offertory*)
 - Holy is His Name (John Michael Talbot)
 - Hail Holy Queen (*Best for Recessional*)

IRISH SPECIFIC OPTIONS

- ★ Be Thou My Vision (*Best for Gathering*)
- ★ Lady of Knock (*Best for Meditation*)
- ★ O Loving God (*Only for Incensing*)
 - May the Road Rise to Meet You (Lori True) (*Best for Meditation or Recessional*)

Please contact Music Director Ryan Clouse (rclouse@sanantoniochurch.org) for any questions.
ALL special music requests must be approved by the Music Director and Pastor.



CONTACT US



Thank you!

Our prayers are with you in this difficult time. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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