

## St. Paul Parish Funeral Liturgy Planning Guide For

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### Music:

A cantor and organist will provide the music ministry for the funeral and below you will find suggestions of music that can be used. We invite you to choose one or two hymns from the list that you would like sung for the funeral. *If you would like a song that is not on the list, please check with the parish musicians.*

All Creatures of Our God and King  
Alleluia, Sing To Jesus  
Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Blest Are They  
Eat This Bread  
Eye Has Not Seen  
God of Day and God of Darkness  
Here I Am, Lord  
How Can I Keep From Singing  
How Great Thou Art  
Hymn of Joy  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Now In This Banquet  
Now We Remain  
On Eagles Wings  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Seed, Scattered and Sown  
The Servant Song  
We Remember  
We Shall Rise Again  
What Wondrous Love  
You Are Mine  
You Are Near

**Special Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**We invite the family to supply a copy of the picture used for the obituary to the parish. This picture will appear in the parish bulletin asking parishioners to remember the deceased in prayer.**

### Environment

If there are any special objects symbols or pictures that you would like to have present during the liturgy these can be given to the Funeral Director or a representative of the parish. They will be displayed on a small table near the Easter candle.

**Items:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Liturgical color:

In the United States, white, violet, and black vestments are all permitted for funerals. Nowadays, most presiders always wear white. Fr. Dennis, however, wears white, except during Advent and Lent, when he wears violet. If you prefer otherwise, you may ask the presider if he will accommodate your request.

### Server

If there are family members or friends who are servers either of this parish or another parish, they might wish to serve at the funeral liturgy. There are usually two servers.

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**Placement of the Pall**

The Pall (a white cloth) is placed over the casket when it is brought into the church. This can be done by the Funeral Directors, or it can be done by members of the family.

**Directors:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Symbol:**

The revised Funeral Rite encourages us to place a symbol of the faith life of the deceased on the casket. They recommend a prayer book or bible that was used by the person or perhaps a crucifix from their home. This is placed on the casket on top of the pall by either the funeral director or a family member.

**Symbol:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funeral Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy of the Word:**

The family is invited to choose the scripture readings that will be used for the funeral. The funeral director has copies of "Through Death to Life," a planning guide that contains all the suggested scripture readings. Below you will find a place to list your choices as well as the name of any family members or friends who will be proclaiming the reading at the funeral.

**First Reading:** Choose one of the readings marked C1-C7 on pages 37-42 of the "Through Death to Life" planning guide. *During the Easter Season choose one of the readings marked C8-C11 on pages 43-46 of the planning guide.*

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ **Read by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading:** Choose one of the readings marked E1-E15 on pages 57-67 of the "Through Death to Life" planning guide.

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ **Read by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel:** Fr. Dennis prefers to choose his own gospel unless the family wants a particular one. (Gospels on pgs. 71-88)

**G** \_\_\_\_\_ *(read by priest)*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** These are usually prepared by the parish, but a family member or friend could read them at the funeral liturgy.

**Read by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation of Gifts:**

The bread and wine is brought forward to the altar at this time. Two family members or friends could bring the bread and wine forward.

**Bread:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wine:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Ministers:**

If there are family members or friends that are Communion ministers at this parish or another parish, and would like to serve at the funeral please list their names below.

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**Eulogy:**

After the gospel, the priest will give a homily, which is an explanation of the scriptural readings. You may have a family member or friend give a short eulogy (5-7 minutes max.) This is done when the presider sits down after Communion. Please list his or her name below:

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