Funeral Guidelines

**St. Peter Catholic Church**

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The St. Peter Church community would like to extend our prayers and condolences to you and your family during this time of grief.

These guidelines will help you through the difficult days ahead and assist you in making decisions regarding the funeral Mass or Service. Please know that you can contact us at any time with your questions. We are here to support you and your family.

**Funeral Mass**

We will help you plan each step of the Funeral Mass. You may choose to have a vigil service the evening before the funeral or just before the funeral Mass. A rosary may be prayed at the vigil or before the funeral mass. If there is someone who would like to give a eulogy, it should be done at the vigil service or the reception and not at the funeral.

The St. Peter Martha Ministry can provide a reception after the funeral if you choose. This will be held in the Parish Ministry Center.

**Funeral Home**

Many families ask about choosing a funeral home. We cannot recommend a specific one, but there are many available in our area.

**Scripture Readings**

For the Funeral Mass, you may select the readings from the list below. You may have family members or friends (if they are Catholic) proclaim the First and Second Readings. The priest or deacon will proclaim the Gospel, and the cantor (in most cases) will sing the Responsorial Psalm. If you would like, family members or friends may bring up the bread and wine for the Presentation of the Gifts.

The First Readings: (Select one)

Job 19:1, 23-27 Lamentations 3:17-26

Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9 Daniel 12:1-3

Wisdom 4:7-15 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 Lamentations 3:17-26

Responsorial Psalm: (sung by Cantor)

Psalm 23:1-6 “The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

Psalm 25:6-7, 17-18, 20-21 “To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”

Psalm 27:1,4,7-9,13-14 “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

Psalm 63:2-9 “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.”

Psalm 103:8, 10, 13-18 “The Lord is kind and merciful.”

Second Reading (select one):

Acts 10:34-43 Philippians 3:20-21

Romans 5:5-11 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Romans 5:17-21 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Romans 6:3-9 1 John 3:1-2

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Revelation 21:1-7

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 Matthew 11:25-30

Matthew 25:1-13 Matthew 25:31-46

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 Luke 7:11-17

Luke 12:35-40 Luke 23:33, 39-43

Luke 23:44-53; 24:1-6 Luke 24:13-35

John 5:24-29 John 6:37-40

John 6:51-59 John 11:17-27

John 11:32-45 John 14:1-6

John 17: 24-26 John 19:17-39

If you would like, we can provide a table in the Gathering Area to display pictures and other memorabilia of your loved one. You may also bring a guest book and remembrance cards (the funeral home may help you with these).

**Hymns**

St. Peter can provide a cantor and an accompanist. You may choose four songs for the Funeral Mass, and our music director will place them in the appropriate place within the Mass.

Some Ideas

On Eagles’ Wings How Great Thou Art Prayer of St. Francis

Amazing Grace I Am the Bread of Life Precious Lord, Take

Be Not Afraid I Know that My My Hand

Because the Lord is Redeemer Lives Song of the Body of

 My Shepherd I Have Loved You Christ

Behold the Lamb Now We Remain Hosea

Blest Are They Jesus, Come to Us We Will Rise Again

Blest Be the Lord Lead Me, Lord Eye Has Not Seen

Come Unto Me Let There be Peace You Are Near

Eat This Bread on Earth You Are Mine

The church does not pay the musicians who participate in the Funeral Mass. The suggested offering to the priest and deacon is purely optional. Funeral homes often allow you to pay these honorariums through your arrangement with them or they can be paid directly to St Peter Church.

Honorarium: Priest Free will offering

 Deacon Free will offering

Accompanist $150

Cantor $100

Marthas Ministry (reception) $100

We extend our condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. We want to make this process as comfortable as possible for you and your family. Please continue to rely on our parish for Grief Support now and in the months to come.