

## Assumption Funeral Liturgy – Planning Guide

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***Prelude/Transition Song***

<b>Placing Pall Cloth</b> <i>(only when casket is present)</i>	Family will place cloth <input type="checkbox"/> or Funeral directors will place cloth <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Procession</b> <i>(only when urn is present)</i>	<b>Things to consider:</b> Who will carry the urn in/out? What other items might be part of the procession? (candle, 8x10 photo, vase of flowers, etc.)

***Opening Hymn***

<b>(Eulogy)</b>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(needs to be submitted in writing prior to day of funeral)</i>
Given by	

***Readings/Lectors***

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	<i>(Scripture citation)</i>
Read by	

***Responsorial Psalm (sung)***

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	<i>(Scripture citation)</i>
Read by	

<b>Gospel Reading</b> <i>(read by Priest)</i>	<i>(Scripture citation)</i>
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<b>Petitions</b>	Parish provides <input type="checkbox"/> Write my own <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(5 intercessions max, must be submitted prior to day of funeral)</i>
Read by (at least 1 person)	

***Bring Eucharistic Gifts forward***

<b>Who</b> (at least 2)	1.	2.
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**Others:**

***Offertory Song***

<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Bread 1 Priest	Cup 1
	Bread 2	Cup 2
	Bread 2	Cup 3
	Bread 2	Cup 4

***Communion Song***

***Sending Forth Song***

## *Notes about a Mass of Christian Burial*

<b>Placing Pall Cloth</b> <i>(only if casket is present)</i>	The Pall is a large white cloth, which is placed on the casket after it is sprinkled with holy water. The Pall and the sprinkling are reminders of our baptism into Christ's life and death, in hope of Resurrection. Many can be a part of placing the cloth on the casket.
<b>Procession</b> <i>(when urn is present)</i>	For a cremation, it is fitting to carry the urn in procession and carry it out at end. There will be a round-top, high-table in the front of church (~3ft diameter) on which the urn and other objects can be placed (candle, photo, memento of person's life (tackle box, sewing case, hammer, baking tin, etc.))
<b>(Eulogy)</b>	<p>These remarks are given near the beginning of Mass to give us a sense of the person's life. The remarks should call us all into this sacred time of worship and remembrance. The Eulogy <b>must</b> be submitted in writing at least a day before the Funeral Mass <u>and follow the Eulogy Guidelines</u>. Eulogy can be emailed (<i>see guidelines</i>) or a copy can be placed in the drop box outside the parish office.</p> <p>While we do not often have eulogies at funerals, it is an option for families. Eulogies and other remarks given at post-funeral receptions or during the visitation/wake service are not time-restricted do not have to follow the Eulogy Guidelines. For Funeral/Memorial Masses, the guidelines help ensure that we keep the Eucharist at the central focus in the celebration of a Christian burial.</p>

### *Readings/Lectors*

All 3 scripture readings should try to capture some quality of the person's life and/or offer a message of faith, hope, encouragement that speaks to our time of grief and remembrance. This packet offers a variety of scripture choices that would be fitting for a funeral. However, nearly any Bible verse/passage can be used. If you have a scripture you'd like to use, that's not listed in the packet, discuss that with your priest or with the funeral coordinator. The only restriction is that there can only be 1 reading from a gospel book (i.e. Mark, Matthew, Luke, John).

One person can do the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings and the Petitions, or 3 different people could each take one of these roles, or multiple people could each read one of the petitions. It depends on how many people a family wants to involve in the Mass. For a funeral, readers need to be old enough to read and have a sense a reverence for this role at Mass. The church can provide individuals for this, if necessary.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Choose 1 selection from <b>Group 1</b> (the Old Testament)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Choose 1 selection from <b>Group 2</b> (the letters of the New Testament)
<b>Gospel Reading</b> <i>(read by Priest)</i>	Choose 1 selection from <b>Group G</b> (a gospel from Mark, Matthew, Luke, or John)
<b>Petitions</b>	<p>It is customary to have universal prayers, called Petitions or intercessions. These prayers 1) pray for the soul of the deceased 2) pray for the family of the deceased 3) pray for all who are assembled 4) pray for all who have died.</p> <p>Occasionally a petition is also included for a special cause or connection of the deceased (those battling cancer, the military, various groups/organizations at church, research being done to eradicate an illness) or a word of thanks/blessing for the care provided by a medical group or other caregivers. Each petition ends with "We pray to the Lord" and everyone responds "Lord, Hear our Prayer." If you are composing your own prayers, these need to be approved prior to the Mass.</p>

### *Bring Eucharistic Gifts forward*

We present bread and wine, which will be used during the Eucharist. We also present our very lives, along with the life of our deceased loved one. We need at least 2 people to carry the bread and wine, but many can accompany them as a symbol of the offering of our lives. The church can provide individuals for this, if necessary.

<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	5 lay ministers + the priest are usually sufficient. Volunteers do not have to be Assumption Communion Ministers. Communion Ministers must be practicing Catholics who are at least 18. The church can provide ministers if necessary.
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## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

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.

God has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without us ever discovering, from beginning to end,  
the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.  
For if before humanity, they indeed be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them and found them worthy.  
As gold in the furnace, God proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings they were taken to God.  
Those who trust in the Lord shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with God in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with God's holy ones,  
and God's care is with God's elect.

The Word of the Lord

*Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain the Lord will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;  
The Lord will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of God's people  
will be removed 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 God has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord

*Isaiah 25, 6a, 7-9*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Zion said,

“The Lord has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.”

Can a mother forget her infant,

Or be without tenderness for the child of her womb?

Even should she forget,

I will never forget you.

See: I have carved your name on the palms of My hands.

The Word of the Lord

*Isaiah 49:14-16*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;

God has sent me to bring glad tidings to the  
lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,

To announce a year of favor from the Lord  
and a day of vindication by our God,  
to comfort all who mourn;

To place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes,

To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,  
A glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

The Word of the Lord

*Isaiah 61:1-3*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord came to me thus:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you.  
A prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

“Lord God!” I said,  
“I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord answered me,

“Say not, ‘I am too young.’  
To whomever I send you, you shall go;  
Whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Have no fear before them,  
because I am with you to deliver you.”

Then the hand of the Lord reached out and touched my mouth,  
saying,

“See, I place My own words in your mouth!”

The Word of the Lord

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG



## FIRST READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

You have been told, O people, what is good  
and what the Lord requires of you:

And this is what God asks of you – only this:  
That you act justly;  
    love tenderly;  
        and walk humbly with your God.

The Word of the Lord

*Micah 6:8*

READER IS SEATED – THEN PSALM IS SUNG

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware brothers and sisters 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.

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

*Romans 6, 3-4, 8-9*

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against 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  
because of God's love.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
neither height nor depth, nor any living thing  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
which comes to us through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Romans 8:31; 35-39*

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life:  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.  
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God,  
as it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before Me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of oneself to God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Romans 14:7-12*

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous,  
it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish.

Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not prone to anger; and it does not brood over injuries.

Love does not rejoice in what is wrong,  
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

There are in the end three things that last:  
faith, hope and love,  
and the greatest of these is love.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13*

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, God's saints.  
God loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion,  
in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with one another;  
forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins.  
The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these, to keep them together and complete them, put on love.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home within you.  
Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.  
With gratitude in your hearts,  
sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Colossians 3:12-16*

AFTER PSALM IS SUNG,  
READER DOES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

*Reader Starts Here:*

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

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him  
those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*1Thessalonians 4, 13-18*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and 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.

*2Timothy 4:6-8*



A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

See what love God has bestowed on us  
that we may be called “children of God”?  
Yet so we are.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed,  
we shall be like God, for we shall see God as God is.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*1John 3:1-2*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Glory to You, O Lord*

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountainside.  
After He sat down, His disciples gathered around Him,  
and He began to teach them:

“How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.  
Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.  
Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;  
they shall have their fill.  
Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are the pure of heart for they shall see God.  
Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God.  
Blest are those persecuted for the sake of holiness;  
the reign of God is theirs.  
Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter  
every kind of slander against you because of Me.  
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Mt. 5:1-12*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Glory to You, O Lord*

On one occasion, Jesus said:

“I give praise to You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although You have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
You have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been Your gracious will.”

All things have been handed over to Me by My Father.  
No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son and  
anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For My yoke is easy, and My burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Matthew 11:25-30*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Glory to You, O Lord*

Jesus said to His disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, He will sit upon His royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him.

Then He will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep He will place on His right hand, the goats on His left.

The king will say to those on his right:

'Come. You have My Father's blessing!  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.  
For I was hungry and you gave Me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink.  
I was a stranger and you welcomed Me,  
naked and you clothed Me. I was ill and you comforted Me,  
in prison and you came to visit Me.'

Then the just will ask Him:

'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed  
You or see You thirsty and give You drink?  
When did we welcome You away from home  
or clothe You in Your nakedness?  
When did we visit You when You were ill or in prison?'

The King will answer them:

'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of  
the least of My brothers or sisters, you did it for Me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Mt. 25:31-46*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Glory to You, O Lord*

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.  
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
“*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which is translated,  
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?”  
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,  
“Look, He is calling Elijah.”  
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with sour wine,  
put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying,  
“Wait let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last.  
The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.  
When the centurion, who stood facing Him,  
saw how He breathed His last he said,  
“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Mark 15:33-39*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Glory to You, O Lord*

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd;  
I lay down My life for the sheep.  
The hired hand, who is neither shepherd,  
nor owner of the sheep,  
catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away,  
leaving the sheep  
to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.  
That is because he works for pay; he has no concern for the sheep.

“I am the Good Shepherd.  
I know My sheep and My sheep know Me.  
in the same way that the Father knows Me  
and I know the Father;  
for these sheep, I will give My life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jn 10:11-15*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Glory to You, O Lord*

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him,  
she fell at His feet and said to Him,  
“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”  
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people with her also weeping,  
His spirit was troubled, moved by the deepest emotions.  
“Where have you laid him?” He asked.

“Lord, come and see,” they said.  
Jesus began to weep, which caused the crowd to remark,  
“See how much He loved him!”  
But others said, “He opened the eyes of that blind man. Could He not have  
done something to stop this man from dying?”

Once again troubled, Jesus approached the tomb.  
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said,  
“Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man's sister said to Him, “Lord,  
by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said: “Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the  
glory of God?” So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised His eyes and said,  
“Father, I thank you for hearing Me.”

And when He had said this, He cried out in a loud voice:

“Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands,  
and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them,  
“Untie him and let him go free.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jn 11:32-44*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Glory to You, O Lord*

Jesus told His disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I solemnly assure you,  
unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat.  
But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves their life loses it,  
while those who hate their life in this world preserve it to life eternal.  
If anyone would serve Me, let them follow Me;  
where I am, there will My servant be.  
Anyone who serves Me, the Father will honor.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jn 12:23-26*





The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Glory to You, O Lord*

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;  
otherwise, how could I have told you  
that I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,  
and then I shall come back to take you with Me,  
that where I am you also may be.  
You know the way that leads where I go.”

But Thomas said, “Lord, we do not know where You are going.  
How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered: “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life;  
no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*John 14:1-6*



The Lord be With You.

*And With Your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Glory to You, O Lord*

Jesus said to His disciples:

“All this I tell you  
that your joy may be complete.  
This is My commandment:  
love one another  
as I have loved you.

There is no greater love than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
The command I give you is this:  
that you love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jn 15:12-13, 17*

# Assumption: FUNERAL MUSIC OPTIONS

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On the planning worksheet, you'll notice several spots in the Mass where we will sing hymns. Song selections for funerals come from a sacred collection of hymns. Secular/pop (non-church) music is not permitted for funerals and Memorial Masses.

The list below is not definitive, so if you have a hymn or other sacred song you would like to use that's not on the list, please discuss it with your priest or funeral coordinator.

## Responsorial Psalm (choose 1)

Shepherd Me, O God	To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul
The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Like a Child Rests
The Lord is my Light and my Salvation	Be with Me Lord

## Hymns for Mass: choose 4 songs from the list below

All I Ask of You	Let there be Peace
All is Well With My Soul	Like a Shepherd
Amazing Grace	Lord of All Hopefulness
As the Deer Longs	May the Road Rise Up ( <i>Irish Blessing</i> )
Ave Maria	Now We Remain
Be Not Afraid	On Eagles' Wings
Behold the Lamb	One Bread One Body
Beyond the Moon and Stars	One Love Released
Blest are They	Only A Shadow
City of God	Prayer of St. Francis ( <i>Make me a channel of your Peace</i> )
Eye Has Not Seen	Precious Lord Take My Hand
Fly Like a Bird	Rain Down
Here I Am, Lord	Sing to the Mountains
How Can I Keep From Singing	The Supper of the Lord
How Great Thou Art	This Alone
I am the Bread of Life	We Have Been Told
I Have Loved You	We Remember
Isaiah 49	We Walk by Faith
Jesus, Remember Me	We Will Rise Again
Lead Me Lord	Whatsoever You Do
	You Are Mine
	You are Near

## Guidelines for Flowers at a Funeral

Assumption realizes that often a deceased's loved ones express their emotions through the presentation of floral arrangements and greenery.

Families may display as much of this in the Narthex as is reasonable, without creating hazardous or cramped/constrained conditions. Only 2 arrangements may be brought into church for the Mass. These must sit on the floor (no stands or laddered easels) and will be placed on the bottom sanctuary step in line with the 2 diagonal aisles. Families are permitted to carry forward single flowers during the Offertory procession if they choose, but will need to provide a vase.

**ALL FLOWERS MUST BE TAKEN BY THE FAMILY AFTER MASS –  
NO FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS/PLANTS MAY BE LEFT IN CHURCH**

## Guidelines for Eulogies

- The *purpose of the eulogy* is to give those in attendance a sense of the life of the deceased. It is a broad overview of the qualities that have made this individual a unique gift from God.
  - Please avoid stories that would only include yourself in such a way that they would only (or mainly) be meaningful to you and your relationship with your loved one. These kinds of stories can give the impression that the eulogy is your personal time to work through your grief.
- The eulogy is normally between 2-4 minutes, 5 minutes is the maximum.
- **A final written copy of the eulogy must be presented to the priest at least one day before the funeral Mass.** It can be hand delivered to the parish office, put in the drop box outside the parish office door, or e-mailed to our funeral coordinator, Amanda, at [amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com)
- The eulogy is delivered at the beginning of the Mass, after the opening song and when introduced by the priest. Delivering the eulogy at this time prepares the community to participate in the funeral more meaningfully by allowing everyone to hear about the person as preparation for scripture and the rest of the Mass.
- The eulogy is read at the lower cantor's microphone. It should be read slowly and loudly while standing close to the microphone. A support person (s) may stand next to the eulogist if desired.

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## Fee Schedule – Visitation / Funeral / Burial

### Stipends:

Use of Church	\$ 125 <i>check/cash to church</i>
Priest	\$ 50 <i>check/cash to priest</i>
Organist	\$ 100 <i>check/cash to musician</i>
Cantor	\$ 100 <i>check/cash to singer</i>
Servers (3)	\$ 15/ <i>each x 3 servers (cash)</i>
Mass Assistant, <i>only if needed</i>	\$ 40 <i>check/cash to Assistant (if needed)</i>

*For families working through a funeral home, these stipends are customarily already included in the amount paid to the funeral home. The funeral then prepares checks/cash and takes care of delivering these stipends on the day of service. When a funeral home is not involved, it is customary to make checks out to or pay cash directly to individual ministers.*

### After Funeral Luncheon

The luncheon is only available to registered parishioners. The per plate donation amount is \$3.50. We thankfully welcome donations beyond this amount to offset the cost of the ministry. Lunch is a light serving of items for sandwiches, a variety of side dishes, desserts, water, lemonade, tea and coffee. Families can bring in their own soda or beer/wine. The parish cannot provide storage for beverages brought in from outside. Luncheons can only be offered when the Parish Center is available. On a limited basis, The Knights of Columbus Hall may be available as a backup. The luncheon is also contingent on the availability of the volunteer ministers. Holidays & other events may make it impossible for us to provide lunch.

### Cemetery/Burial

Regarding a loved one's body or cremated remains, the Church reverences both equally and instructs the faithful to follow the proper burial of a casket or urn.

Burial in our cemetery and interment in our Columbarium is only available to registered parishioners. Plots/niches cannot be sold or transferred.

Columbarium Niche (12x12x12x holds 2 urns)	\$2,000
Standard Single Plot	\$2,000
Infant/Child Plot	\$ 150
Burial of an Urn in a plot already owned/occupied	\$ 500

All plot interments must have a concrete vault. Niche interments must be in an approved/sealed urn. Church does not provide urns. Weekend burials/interments may require a separate personnel fee. For all ground burials, there is a fee associated with digging/opening the grave; Assumption does not set grave digger fees. Church does not provide grave markers. Any monument company can be used for markers. Please refer to guidelines in booklet you received at plot/niche purchase.



No family will be denied the opportunity to celebrate a funeral or Memorial Mass due to an inability to pay. In moments of death and burial, our singular concern is providing care for the bereaved and brokenhearted. Please contact our Funeral Coordinator if you would like to discuss options of financial assistance with the above listed liturgical costs.

## Who might my loved ones need to contact if I die?

Name	Phone Number	Other info
Funeral Home		
Cemetery		
Parish		
Primary Doctor		
Family		
Friends		
Attorney		
Bank		
Financial Advisor		
Insurance Benefits Offices		
Pension Benefits Offices		
Newspaper		

### If a loved one dies at home, whom should I call?

If Hospice is caring for a family – contact the on-call Hospice Nurse  
Otherwise, call 9-1-1.

It is a good idea to have on hand any advance directives (i.e. DNR (do-not-resuscitate) document) if applicable. Without one, paramedics will generally start emergency procedures and, except in localities where it is permitted to pronounce death, take the person to an emergency room for a doctor to make the declaration.

## **What financial options should I ask my attorney about?**

- Revocable Trusts
- Living Wills
- Durable Power of Attorney (for Finances and for Health Care)
- Wills

## **Some Other Resources**

### **Funeral/Memorial Mass Planning**

- Assumption Pre-Planning Packet
- 1-on-1 appointment with Pastoral Team member
- Planned Giving Partnership and Memorial Stone Courtyard (see flyer)

### **End of Life Decisions / Advance Directives**

- US Bishop's Website  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "end of life" or "prolife")
- American Bar Association Myths and Facts about Health Care Advance Directives  
[www.abent.org/aging](http://www.abent.org/aging)

### **Life Issues, Medical Questions**

- Questions and Answers for Catholics (Smith and Kaczor; Servant Books)
- Missouri Organ Registry  
[www.missouriorgandonor.com](http://www.missouriorgandonor.com)

*Final Documents – Check list*

**LOCATION**

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>Fire Safe File in home</b>	<b>Safe deposit box</b>	<b>Other</b>
Asset Summary			
Attorney correspondence			
Automobile Insurance policy			
Automobile Title and keys			
Bank Books			
Birth Certificates			
Cemetery Grave Marker Agreement			
Credit Card Numbers and associated Bank contact info			
Current Year Canceled Checks / Bank Statements			
Dental Insurance			
Durable Power(s) of Attorney			
Estate Plan Summary			
Forethought Insurance			
Funeral Arrangement Contract			
Investment Accounts and Statements			
Life Insurance Policy			
House Deed and Key			
Living Will(s) and Durable Power(s) of Attorney of Health Care			
Marriage Certificate			
Medical Insurance Policy			
Memorial Table List			
Mortgage Documents and Current tax Assessment			
Pension Documents			
Safe Deposit Box Contract/Key			
Social Security Benefits			
Tangible Personal Property Distribution List			
Tax Receipts (current year)			
Tax Return (most recent year)			
Tax Returns (prior years)			
Trust Documents / Amendments			
US Savings Bonds			
Will(s)			