

Saint James Catholic Church



Funeral Planning

St. John the Baptist Church



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“Do This in Memory of Me”

The Parishioners and Staff of our Parish offer you our deepest sympathy as you experience the death of someone close to you. We hope to provide your family and friends with a quality experience of the liturgical prayer of the Church. This guide is intended to help you as we prepare for the services.

The Ministers of our Parish participate in the following ways:

The Funeral Liturgy

The normal context for the Rite of Christian Burial or Funeral Liturgy is within a Mass. Every Catholic person has a right to the Funeral Liturgy by the mere fact that they are baptized. The Funeral Liturgy is the prayer of the Church, the people of God, for the person who has died. The proper place for this to take place is in the church building itself which is where the community gathers for prayer.

If, for good reason and after serious consideration, you should feel that the Funeral Mass is not proper at this time, arrangements may also be made for the Funeral Liturgy without a Mass at the funeral home or the cemetery. If this is your decision, arrangements will be made to have one of the parish Masses in the near future offered in memory of your loved one.

Family members are encouraged, as much as they are able, to play an active role in the Funeral Liturgy. This includes choosing and reading the Scripture selections used at the liturgy. The placing of the pall on the casket at the beginning of the liturgy, as well as bringing the offertory gifts to the altar are other (non-speaking) ways of being involved.

The Wake

A priest or deacon from St. James will come during the wake and lead a short prayer service for those who have gathered at that time. We will try to let you know in advance (**whenever the parish schedule permits**) the approximate time when someone will be there.

The Mass

The collective prayer of the community is celebrated with and for you around the altar during the Funeral Mass. There are several places that allow for family members to participate. Those choices are listed in the following pages of this booklet.

Placing of the Pall

The funeral pall is a white cover draped over the coffin at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. The pall reminds us of the white garment given to us at our Baptism. It symbolizes our new life in Christ.

Members of the Family or friends of the deceased are encouraged to place the pall on the coffin. If not done by family or friends, the priest does it. If cremated remains

are brought into the Church, the placing of the pall is omitted.

Scripture Readings

The word of God brings hope and consolation. You may choose one or two scripture readings for a Funeral Mass from the selections offered in this book. Traditionally, if two scripture readings are chosen, one is chosen from the Old Testament (designated with **OT**) and one from the New Testament (designated with **NT**). If there is only one reading, that can be chosen from the Old Testament or the New Testament. Family members and friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings. A copy of the readings chosen by the family will be given to the readers at the wake so that the readers can familiarize themselves with the reading before the Funeral. If family members or friends are not available to read the scriptures, the lector from the church will proclaim the scripture readings.

Prayer of the Faithful

We also encourage a family member or a friend to read the petitions of the prayers of the faithful, following the homily. Two examples of these petitions can be found in the booklet.

Funeral Homily

The priest or deacon will give a brief homily based on the selections from scripture and the Gospel reading. To assist the Homilist, it would be helpful if some family members would speak with him about the life of your loved one so that he can better integrate the text you have chosen, and also the reasons for your selections.

Presentation of Gifts

The Church encourages members of the family or friends to bring to the altar the gifts of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. Usually, two people are chosen, but we ask there be **no more than four**.

Music

Music in worship affects our feelings and our prayers. Often it gives expression to our inner thoughts. Music is a very important part of the Funeral Liturgy. Since the funeral is our prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of life of our loved one, and the promise of eternal life for him or her through Jesus Christ, it is important that the music for the Funeral Liturgy be sacred music. The texts of the music should reflect the Paschal Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection (**Policy, # 400.7**). Popular non-religious songs are not appropriate at this time (**Policy, #1000**). Thus, we encourage you to select Church hymns which speak of your faith and which will strengthen and console you at this time.

While such songs as *Danny Boy* and *Wind Beneath My Wings* are beautiful and remind us of our loved one, they do not fit well into the Funeral Liturgy. We would recommend that, should you feel that this type of song is necessary, you make arrangements for it to be played or sung either at the funeral home during the visiting hours or at the conclusion of the prayers at the cemetery. If you have any question about the appropriateness of a song in the church or its placement in the Funeral Rites, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist you. Music appropriate to the Funeral Liturgy is listed in the booklet.

Bagpipes

The Music team is happy to welcome music played by a bagpiper, before and after the liturgy, outside the door of the church, during the procession of mourners. Please advise us if a piper is coming, so our music ministry can plan.

Reflection of Remembrance (Eulogy)

While the eulogy is technically not a part of the Funeral Liturgy, we are allowed to have one person, a family member or a friend of the deceased, offer a reflection in his or her memory. **“In the Archdiocese of Boston, one speaker who is chosen by the family may offer *not more than a five minute* remembrance of the deceased at the Funeral Liturgy.... The remarks are to be simple, brief, and prepared”** (*Policy, #700.4*). It is not required, nor is it expected that a friend or family member speak at the funeral. This is merely an option. Please be sure that:

- They write out their comments
- They speak **no longer than 3-5 minutes**
- They respect the dignity of the Church and keep their comments appropriate.

Cremation

It has long been the tradition of the Church to pray the Funeral Liturgy in the presence of the body and to bury the body in a cemetery to await the day of resurrection. The body, regarded as the temple of the Holy Spirit and the vessel through which God gives us life, is to be afforded respect even in death.

Recently, it has become possible to bring cremated remains into the Church for the Funeral Liturgy. While cremation is permitted for various reasons (finances, transportation, etc.), it is preferable, if possible, to wait until after the Funeral Liturgy to do so. (*Policy on Ecclesiastical Funeral Rites # 1200.1*)

The Graveside

The prayers of committal will be offered at the grave by the priest or a deacon.

First Reading

OT 1

19:1, 23-27

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see; my own eyes, not another's shall behold him.

And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 2

3:1-6, 9

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 in the eyes of men, indeed, they 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 of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 3

4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom

**The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing
of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years.**

**Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and
an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.**

**He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among
sinners was transported. Snatched away, lest
wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul;**

**For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.**

**Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the
fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the
Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of
wickedness.**

**But the people saw and did not understand, nor did
they take this into account.**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 4

25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, and web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be sad: “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 he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 5

3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, say my soul; therefore I will hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 6

12:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

**I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord
“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince
guardian of your people;**

**It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations
began until that time. At that time your people shall
escape, everyone who is found written in the book.**

**Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an
everlasting horror and disgrace.**

**But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the
firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall
be like the stars forever.”**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 7

12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from the sin.

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

OT 8

3:1-11

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 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.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 1

10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words;

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 2

5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of this Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 3

5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 4

6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware 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

Second Reading

NT 5

8:14-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit or slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, *Abba*, “Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 6

8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for 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 through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 7

14:7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us 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; for 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 himself to God.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 8

15:20-23

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 9

15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about;

**“Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 10

4:14—5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 11

5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are always from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 12

3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 13

4:13-18

A Reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

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 himself, 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

Second Reading

NT 14

2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him;

If we persevere we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 15

3:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 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 him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 16

3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 17

14:13

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 18

20:11—21:1

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. The Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. The pool of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

NT 19

21:1-5a, 6b-7

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

(Option A)

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader:

Please respond, Hear our prayer to the following petitions

In baptism (Name) received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now, and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister (Name) was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The family and friends of (Name) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister (Name). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in expectation of your Son's coming. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord God,

Giver of peace and healer of souls,

Hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,

And the voices of your people,

Whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ

And grant them a place in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ or Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

(Option B)

Priest:

God, the almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader:

Please respond, Lord hear our prayer to the following petitions

For (Name) who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister (Name), that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

God, our shelter and our strength,
You listen in love to the cry of your people:
Hear the prayers we offer for our departed
brothers and sister.
cleanse them of their sins
And grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Music

At Mass, music is essential to the celebration of the Liturgy. Therefore, all Funeral Masses at St. Bernadette's utilize the skills and talents of both an Organist/Pianist and a Cantor/Leader of Song. These professionals will lead us in the singing of **Church Appropriate** Songs.

You are invited to choose from the following list of songs for the Mass. Please choose only one from each category.

Entrance Songs

Be Not Afraid
Here I Am, Lord
You Are Mine
Christ Be Our Light
Morning Has Broken

Offertory Songs

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Ave Maria
You Are Mine
Fly Like a Bird
Loving and Forgiving
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place

Communion Songs

Here I Am (Booth)
Here I Am, Lord
I Am the Bread of Life
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Give Me Jesus
I Have Loved You
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Now We Remain
Taste and See
On Eagle's Wings

Closing Songs

Amazing Grace
How Great Thou Art
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Prayer of St Francis
On Eagle's Wings

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Saint James Parish
Funeral Planning Sheet

Name: of Departed: (First): _____

(Last): _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Entrance Hymn: _____

First Reading: # _____

Read by: _____

Second Reading: # _____

Read by: _____

Preparation Hymn: _____

Gift Bearer(s): _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Remembrance given by: _____

(One person only)

Recessional Hymn: _____

Notes: _____
