



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

St. Anthony of Padua – Parish Outreach
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Options for planning the Mass of Christian Burial

1. You may ask 2-4 members of your family to place the Pall on the coffin. Otherwise, the Funeral Director's staff will carry out this responsibility.
2. If you would like to choose the Readings, you may choose either:

One Reading or Two Readings: from either the Old Testament or New Testament, however, during the Easter Season (Easter Sunday through Pentecost), both readings must be from the New Testament. The Gospel can only be read by the Presiding Priest.

You may ask someone to read the readings – or – we will provide a Lector.
3. You may ask someone to read the Prayer of the Faithful – or – we will have the Lector or Cantor read it for you.
4. You may invite two people to present the Gifts of Bread and Wine. Any others you choose will be part of the procession – or – our Greeters will do it for you.
5. You may choose up to four music selections.

A Companion from the Ministry of Consolation will be in touch with you to assist you in making these selections. If you decide not to participate in any of the above options, The Priest will select the Readings and the Music Director will select the music. In this event, the Companion will visit the Funeral Home to say a prayer for you and your family.



St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church – Parish Outreach

Words of Remembrance

**“A member of the family or friend of the family
may speak in remembrance of the deceased...”**

Order of Christian Funerals

At St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church, we ask that you observe the following points:

Words of Remembrance can best be expressed at the vigil (wake) service at the funeral home, where family and friends can all participate and present words that are more personalized and individualized. There also can be more flexibility for length of time and mode of expression (song, poem, storytelling).

If it becomes absolutely necessary for Words of Remembrance to be given at the Church, the following guidelines **must** be observed (from the Diocesan Guidelines):

- Words of Remembrance are a reflection on the life of the deceased in the context of his or her faith.
- In accordance with the ***Order of Christian Funerals***, one person should speak, not a series of people.
- Consider the time balance of the Mass: 2-3 minutes is suitable.
- Words of Remembrance are given from the lectern, not the pulpit.
- The speaker is required to write out his or her remarks and review them with the presiding Priest prior to the Funeral Mass.
- Words of Remembrance are offered before the beginning of the Funeral Mass.

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Pastor
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Presentation of the Gifts

It is a good practice to review Parish Guidelines in light of actual experience. What follows, is the result of our last review.

In accordance with the Diocesan Guidelines, and those of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, you are asked to observe the following details for presentation of the Gifts at any Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Two people may present the Gifts. Any others who may wish to participate, would do so by forming a line of procession (this can be any number of people). The Gift bearers go LAST. The procession would move toward the Priest and as they approach him, they turn off to the left. The Gift bearers go directly to the Presiding Priest. (The Presiding Priest may personally greet each of those in the Gift Procession). One Gift bearer carries the ciborium and the other the tray with the wine and water (as one unit). Only bread, wine and water are presented in the Gift procession because only bread, wine and water can be consecrated and offered to the Father as "Gifts". Flowers, photos, stuffed animals and the like **cannot** be consecrated, and therefore, are inappropriate in the procession.

Only a Christian symbol is to be placed on the coffin at the conclusion of the entrance procession. These symbols and the prayers that accompany them can be found on page 355 of the Funeral Ritual book. Two floral arrangements may also be placed along the front of the Altar rail **before** the Funeral Mass begins.

It is suggested that any symbols the family wishes to display, such as those noted above, should be presented at the wake service. Or, as in the case of additional flowers, they can be placed at the Cemetery grave site.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a Christian decorum at the final commendation of our Christian loved ones.

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St. Anthony of Padua Parish Funeral Music Selections

(please choose one piece from each group)

Entrance Hymn:

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Holy, Holy, Holy
I Heard The Voice Of Jesus
O God, Our Help In Ages Past
Sing With All The Saints In Glory
The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Offertory Hymn:

Ave Maria
Eye Has Not Seen
Hosea
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Psalm 42: As The Deer Longs
Shelter Me, O God
Shepherd Me, O God
We Will Rise Again

Communion Hymn:

Blest Are They
Bread For The World
Here I Am, Lord
I Am The Bread Of Life
I Received The Living God
Keep In Mind
One Bread, One Body
Prayer Of St. Francis
Taste And See
We Remember
You Are Mine

Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia, Sing To Jesus (not during Lent)
Christ, Be Our Light
For All The Saints
How Great Thou Art
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Let There Be Peace On Earth
On Eagle's Wings
Sing With All The Saints In Glory

Old Testament Readings

Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	There is a time for everything
Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	There is a time for everything
Book of Proverbs 31:11-20, 30-31	A worthy wife
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Job 19:1, 23-27 (#1)	I know that My Redeemer lives
Wisdom 3:1-9 (#2)	He accepted them as a holocaust
Wisdom 4:7-15 (#3)	A blameless life
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 (#4)	Death will be destroyed forever
Lamentations 3:17-26 (#5)	We wait in silence
Daniel 12:1-3 (#6)	Of those who sleep, many will awake
2 Maccabees 12:43-46 (#7)	It is holy to think of the dead rising

New Testament Readings

Acts 10:34-43 (#1)	Jesus is judge of the living and dead
Romans 5:5-11 (#2)	God has entrusted his love to us.
Romans 5:17-21 (#3)	Where sin increased, there grace abounds even more.
Romans 6:3-9 (#4)	Let us walk in newness of life.
Romans 8:14-23 (#5)	We wait for our bodies to be set free.
Romans 8:31B-35, 37-39 (#6)	Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ.
Romans 14:7-12 (#7)	Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28 (#8)	All will be brought to life in Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (#9)	Death is swallowed up in victory.
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1 (#10)	What is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10 (#11)	We have an everlasting home in heaven.
Philippians 3:20-21 (#12)	Our bodies will be made glorious.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (#13)	We shall stay with the Lord forever.
2 Timothy 2:8-13 (#14)	If we died with Him, we shall live with Him.
1 John 3:1-2 (#15)	We shall see God as He really is.
1 John 3:14-16 (#16)	We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.
Revelations 14:13 (#17)	Happy are those who die in the Lord.
Revelation 20:11-21:1 (#18)	The dead have been judged according to their works.
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 (#19)	There will be no more death.

Prayer of the Faithful

Mass of Christian Burial

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: Our Response to the petitions is: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For N. 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.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader:

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

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader:

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.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader:

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.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader:

For the mourners. For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., 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.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader:

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

All: 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 sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen