

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Bereavement Ministry



## Planning Booklet for Funeral Mass

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The Bereavement Ministry has created this booklet to simplify the preparation for a Funeral Mass.

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# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



*"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"*  
Jn. 11: 35

Dear Family,

On behalf of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, I wish to express my deepest sympathy on the death of your loved one. Together we pray for you and your family members that the Lord Jesus will bless and comfort you during this time of loss and grief.

Our parish community will be represented by our Bereavement Ministry, a trained group of lay parishioners, who can assist you in the planning of the Mass of Christian Burial. These services offer a hopeful message that death is not the end of life, but rather the beginning of a new life with Our Risen Savior. It does so through hymns and readings, through prayers and blessings, and, of course, the Eucharist.

Once you have confirmed the date and time of the Funeral Mass with the mortuary or our parish office, a Bereavement Minister will contact you to make an appointment to plan the Mass with your choice of scripture readings, hymns and prayers. Please refer to the materials in this booklet for ways in which the Bereavement Ministers can support you, and for the choices you'll be making for Scripture readings and hymns.

All the information needed from you is to be written on the 'Mass Information Form' at the back of this booklet. This form, when completed, will be our guideline for the Funeral Mass.

After the Mass of Christian Burial has been planned, I meet with the family to get a sense of the person who has passed to see how he or she had a relationship with our Blessed Lord and expressed it by loving their neighbor.

We look forward to serving you. It is our hope that the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel community can extend spiritual comfort, prayerful support, and hospitality.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Yours in Christ,

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### **PLANNING CHECKLIST FOR FUNERAL MASS AND RECEPTION**

1. Call the Parish Office 659-2224 and do the following:
  - Arrange for a Mass date, time and Celebrant.
  - Arrange for a reception in the Parish Hall, if desired (maximum capacity is 150).
2. Read the ***Planning Booklet for Funeral Mass and Reception (Planning Booklet)***.
  - Read the Catholic teaching regarding the care of remains.
  - Choose the Scripture Readings (see pages 6-18 of this booklet).
  - Decide if your friends or family will take a role in the Mass.
  - Select the hymns (see page 19 in this booklet).
  - Decide if there will be “Words of Remembrance” and who will give them (see page 20 of this booklet).
  - Contact the people you have chosen to serve at the Mass.
3. Fill out the ***Funeral Mass Information Form*** (located in the back pocket of this booklet).
  - The Bereavement Minister and Celebrant will need this information to plan the Mass. The Bereavement Ministers will be available to assist you in answering questions and completing the form.
4. Attend the scheduled planning meeting that has been arranged by the Bereavement Ministers.
  - Bring the ***Planning Booklet*** including the ***Mass Information Form*** you have filled out.



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### **CATHOLIC TEACHINGS ON THE CARE OF REMAINS**

The Catholic Church teaches that the soul is immortal and does not depend on the state of the physical body. According to the current Church teaching, since cremation of the deceased's remains does not affect the soul, there are no doctrinal objections to the practice of cremation.

Cremated remains (cremains) should be kept in a “sacred place” such as a church cemetery. Just as the body of the deceased is handled with respect and revered at the funeral and lovingly buried afterward, so should the cremated remains of the deceased receive similar respect. Ashes should not be scattered at sea, kept in urns at home, nor should they be divided up between family members, preserved in mementos, or pieces of jewelry.

Also of important consideration is the creation of a sacred place, which is a final resting place for the body (or its cremains). Here the person’s name is remembered and the time he/she lived, and can be visited by not only family and friends, but by future generations for years to come.

### **OPTIONS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES**

There are several ways to hold a service to honor a loved one after death:

***Mass of Resurrection*** (With the body or cremains present)

***Memorial Mass or Service*** (No remains are present)

***Graveside Service*** – The Priest goes to burial site and prays with family as the casket or cremains are interred.



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### **SERVICES PROVIDED BY OLMC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

***Funeral Planning*** – A Bereavement Minister will meet with the family to arrange and plan the Funeral Mass. Scripture readings and hymns will be chosen. The Celebrant may attend the meeting as well.

***Mass Service*** – Bereavement Ministers serve as Greeters and Ushers, and they may distribute Mass programs. Family and friends of the deceased are encouraged to participate in various ways including serving as Readers and Bearers of the Gifts of Bread and Wine. Bereavement Ministers will instruct and assist them with all the details of performing these functions. Should the family/friends choose not to do these functions, Bereavement Ministers will fill these roles. They can also assist with the guest book, reserve pews for family members and help with special touches such as setting up a candle and photo of your loved one if desired. Should “Words of Remembrance” presentation (eulogy) be desired, it can be given after Communion at the Funeral Mass. The Bereavement Ministers will instruct the speaker about the procedure for the short presentation. (5 minutes) (See page 20 for guidance.) Another option is the “Words of Remembrance” may be given at the reception where there is no limit on time or speakers.

***Bereavement Support*** – A JOURNEY of GRIEF HANDBOOK will be given to the family. If desired, Bereavement Ministers will call or visit to offer support to the family in the months following the funeral. Masses may be offered and cards may be sent on special days and anniversaries.



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### **INDEX OF SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Below is an index of suggested readings, all of which are printed on the following thirteen pages. Some readings may be familiar to you. Others may be new to you. Take time to read the passages in light of your loved one’s life, and consider your family’s needs at this time.

You may use the Scripture summary lines (in parentheses next to the Old and New Testament readings) and the psalm antiphons to assist in your selection. Please review these selections and circle the numbers representing your choices on the Funeral Mass and Reception Information Form at the back of this booklet. You may have other favorites readings you wish to use which we can talk about at our scheduling meeting. The readings at a funeral liturgy may not be replaced with non-biblical readings. If you need help or have questions, we will be available to assist you when we meet at the Parish Office.

### **Suggested Readings**

<b><i>Select One</i></b>	<b><i>Select One</i></b>	<b><i>Select One</i></b>
<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALMS</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>
<b><i>Old Testament</i></b>	<b><i>Psalms</i></b>	<b><i>New Testament</i></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</li> <li>2. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9</li> <li>3. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9</li> <li>4. Wisdom 4:7-15</li> <li>5. Sirach 26; 1-4, 13-26</li> <li>6. Daniel 12: 1-3</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6</li> <li>8. Psalm 25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21</li> <li>9. Psalm 27:1, 4, 7, 8b, 9a, 13-14</li> <li>10. Psalm 42:2-3</li> <li>11. Psalm 103:8, 10, 13-18</li> <li>12. Psalm 122:1-2, 4-9</li> <li>13. Psalm 128:1-6</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Romans 6:3-4, 8-9</li> <li>15. 2 Timothy 4: 6-8</li> <li>16. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39</li> <li>17. 2 Corinthians 4:14-18, 5:1</li> <li>18. Philippians 3:20-21</li> <li>19. Thessalonians 4:13-18</li> <li>20. 1 John 3:1-2</li> <li>21. 1 Corinthians 13:3-8</li> </ol>

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Select one First Reading, one Responsorial Psalm, and one Second Reading.

### **First Readings: Numbers 1 through 6 - Old Testament**

#### *Select One*

#### **1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (To Everything there is a season)**

##### *A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.*

To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to get, 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 keep silence, 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.***

#### **2. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 (He will destroy death forever.)**

##### *A reading from the book of 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,  
The 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 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 he has saved us!"

***The Word of the Lord.***



**3. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 (As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.)**

***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.***

**4. Wisdom 4:7-15 (A blameless life is a ripe old age.)**

***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.***

**5. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-26 (A good wife is a generous gift.)**

***A reading from the Book of Sirach.***

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life.  
A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.  
A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones.  
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;  
Indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.  
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

***The Word of the Lord.***

**6. Daniel 12:1-3 (The time of the end.)**

***A reading from the Book of Daniel.***

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.  
And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.  
And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

***The Word of the Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13

### Select One

#### 7. Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, and 6

**Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

**R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Even when I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and staff

That give me courage.

**R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

You spread the table before me

In the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

**R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Only goodness and kindness follow me

All the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

For years to come.

**R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13 (continued)

**8. Psalm 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21**

***Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,  
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

***R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

Relieve the troubles of my heart;  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;  
and take away all my sins.

***R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

Preserve my life and rescue me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
because I wait for you, O Lord.

***R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13 (continued)

**9. Psalm 27:1, 4, 7, 8b, 9a, 13-14**

***Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

***R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord  
and contemplate his temple.

***R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Your presence, O Lord, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me.

***R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

***R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

**10. Psalm 42:2-3**

***Response: My soul thirsts for the living God.***

As a deer longs for running streams;  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold the face of God.

***R: My soul thirsts for the living God.***

My tears have been my food day and night,  
While men say to me continually, "Where is your God?"  
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:  
How I went with the throng, and led them in procession  
To the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
A multitude keeping festival.

***R: My soul thirsts for the living God***

Why are you downcast, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
My help and my God.

***R: My soul thirsts for the living God***

Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13 (continued)

**11. Psalm 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18**

***Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.***

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

***R: The Lord is kind and merciful.***

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

***R: The Lord is kind and merciful.***

Man's days are like those of grass;  
like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone;  
and his place knows him no more.

***R: The Lord is kind and merciful.***

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity  
to eternity toward those who fear him.  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant,  
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

***R: The Lord is kind and merciful.***

Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13 (continued)

**12. Psalm 122:1-2, 4-9**

***Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.***

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”  
And now we have set foot  
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.***

To it the tribes go up,  
The tribes of the Lord.  
According to the decree for Israel,  
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
In it are set up judgment seats,  
Seats for the house of David.

***R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
Prosperity in your buildings.

***R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Because of my relatives and friends  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”  
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,  
I will pray for your good.

***R: I rejoiced then I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.***



Responsorial Psalms: Numbers 7 through 13 (continued)

**13. Psalm 128:1-6**

***Response: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.***

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

You shall be happy,

And it shall be well with you.

***R: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.***

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed

Who fears the Lord.

***R: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.***

The Lord bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children!

Peace be upon Israel!

***R: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.***

## **Second Readings: Numbers 14 through 21 – New Testament**

### ***Select One***

#### **14. Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (We too might live in newness of life.)**

##### ***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.***

#### **15. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (I have kept the faith.)**

##### ***A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.***

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course,  
I have kept the faith;  
In the future there is laid up for me  
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
Judge, will award to me on that day;  
and not only to me,  
but also to all who have loved His appearing.

***The Word of the Lord.***

#### **16. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 (Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.)**

##### ***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.***

**17.2 Corinthians 4:14-18, 5:1 (What is seen is transitory and what is unseen is eternal.)**

***A reading from the second letter of St. 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.***

**18. Philippians 3:20-21 (He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his Glory.)**

***A reading from the letter of St. 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.***

**19.1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (We shall stay with the Lord forever.)**

***A reading from the First Letter of St. 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, 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.***

**20. The First Letter of John: 3:1-2 (We shall see God as God really is.)**

***A reading from the First Letter of St. 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.***

**21. 1 Corinthians: 13:3-8 (Faith, hope, and love abide; but the greatest of these is love.)**

***A reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians.***

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

***The Word of the Lord.***



## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Bereavement Ministry**

*“Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5:4*

### **LIST OF SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR FUNERAL MASS**

Below are hymns and suggestions for their appropriate use at different parts of the Mass.

You may choose additional hymns from the worship book *Breaking Bread*.

**Entrance=E Preparation of Gifts=P Communion=C Recessional=R**

#### Hymn Title

Abide with Me **R**  
All Creatures of our God and King **E, R**  
Amazing Grace **E, P, C, R**  
Ave Maria (solo) **P, C**  
Be Not Afraid **C, R**  
Be Still My Soul **P, C, R**  
Come to Me **P, C**  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save **R**  
Eye Has Not Seen **P, C, R**  
Fly Like a Bird **P**  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman **E, P, C**  
Here I am Lord **E, P, C, R**  
Hosea (Come Back To Me) **P, C**  
How Great Thou Art **P, C**  
I Am the Bread of Life **C**  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say **P, C**

#### Hymn Title

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Duke Street) **E, P, R**  
In Paradisum (Song of Farewell) (Chant) **R**  
Morning Has Broken **P, C, R**  
O Loving God (Londonderry Air) **R**  
On Eagle's Wings **C, R**  
Panis Angelicus (solo)  
Parable **P, C**  
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow **E, P, R**  
Peace is Flowing Like a River **P, C**  
Prayer of St. Francis **P, C**  
Precious Lord Take My Hand **P, C**  
Shall We Gather at the River **E, P, R**  
Seek Ye First **P**  
Shepherd Me O God **P, C**  
Song of Farewell (Sands) **R**  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is **E, P, R**

# WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

## A Guide for Speakers at the Funeral Liturgy

You have been invited to offer *Words of Remembrance* at the Funeral Liturgy for a person dear to you. This is a great honor and responsibility. This guide is offered to help you plan and deliver your remembrance well.

1. The spoken remembrance should be no more than 5 minutes in length or 750 words total.

2. The Words of Remembrance presentation is not a eulogy. A eulogy tends to tell the whole story of the person's life and accomplishments. Words of Remembrance offer a loving glimpse of the person's life, his or her character traits, and how the person has touched you and the lives of others.

3. The following questions may be helpful:

What made your loved one truly happy?  
What were your loved one's outstanding qualities?  
What did you learn from this person?  
How did this person live their faith?  
What will you remember most about this person?

4. There may be some in the congregation who did not know the deceased, but have come in support of the family. Therefore "inside stories" may not be understood. Save such memories for the more personal moments with the family.

5. Prepare your remembrance in writing. Writing out the complete text will insure you give a focused presentation, and also stay within the time limitation. Use your own words. Speak from your heart.

6. Rehearse your presentation before a friend or family member to check your timing, and to become more familiar with your words. The more you rehearse, the more comfortable you will be at the service.

7. Arrive at the church 30 minutes before the service so you can see the podium where you will be speaking, and if you wish, hear your voice on the sound system.

8. The priest will introduce you so you will know when to come forward.

9. Always read your Words of Remembrance. This will help you to not lose your train of thought.

Thank you for your willingness to share your memories to comfort and encourage those who have come to honor this person's life.



## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Bereavement Ministry**

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4*

We celebrate funerals for everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners alike. If a family cannot afford the suggested offerings, they can instead give a donation. Please consult our Pastor if your family is experiencing great financial difficulties.

### **SUGGESTED OFFERINGS**

For the Church:	\$300
For the Pastor, Fr. Jhonnatan F. Carmona	\$200
If requesting another priest:	\$200 additionally
Pianist:	\$200
Cantor(s):	\$200 each
Graveside Service Only	\$150
Parish Hall for the Reception: (Catering extra)	\$500



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### **MEMORIAL RECEPTIONS**

Receptions held in our Parish Hall are subject to the availability of the facility. The capacity of the newly remodeled hall is 150 guests, with doors opening to a large patio with a beautiful view of the mountains. Receptions will be scheduled immediately after Mass for an approximate 2 hour period. Call the parish hall for arrangements.

#### ***PACIFIC COAST CATERING***

*(831) 625-2433*

*We know this is a difficult time for families with a lot to do in a short time.*

*Allow us to provide some measure of comfort to you and your family as you gather in mourning, remembrance and celebration of the life of your loved one. We can provide you with a memorial reception at your home, our parish hall or any venue of your choice.*

*We offer convenient flexibility with multiple catering options to include drop-off catering or full service catering to include chef/coordinator and wait staff.*

*Our menus offer a wide range of hors d'oeuvres, comfort foods and desserts appropriate for the occasion. Our staff will work with sensitivity to help you through this difficult time.*





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## **Funeral Mass Information Form**

*Please print this form, complete it, and bring it to your meeting at the Church.*

*We will assist in completing the form if necessary.*

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Funeral Mass: \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Family contact/relationship to deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, phone and cell numbers of the contact(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mortuary (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### **† Funeral Planning choices:**

How many pews should be reserved for your family? (each pew seats approximately 8-10 people) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to display a photograph of your loved one at the entrance or in the sanctuary? \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional “Words of Remembrance”:** A eulogy (no longer than 5 minutes and 750 words maximum), with written script and delivered by one speaker after Communion. Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_; “Words of Remembrance” can also be delivered at the Vigil or the Parish Hall reception without limitations. (See the guide on page 23.)

### **Family/Friend Participation:**

Readers (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Bearers of the Gifts of Bread and Wine (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Pianist: \_\_\_\_\_ Guitarist: \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a guest book? \_\_\_\_\_ Expected number of mourners \_\_\_\_\_

Will cremated remains (urn) be present at the Mass? \_\_\_\_\_ Will the body (casket) be present at the Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to participate in the entrance procession or be seated in the pew? \_\_\_\_\_

If the casket is present at the funeral, do you wish to have pallbearers? If so, please list their names:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

If the cremains will be present at the funeral, do you wish to have a pallbearer carry the urn to the altar? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is interment planned for the body or cremated remains? \_\_\_\_\_ Will mourners be invited to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time and place of the interment:

\_\_\_\_\_

## † Liturgy of the Word:

**The suggested Scripture readings are printed on pages 6 through 18 of the Planning Booklet.** Circle the number of each reading you chose. If you choose a reading not included in this booklet, please indicate the choice by book, chapter and verse.

First Reading: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Responsorial Psalm: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor sings verses of the Psalm, congregation sings response.

Second Reading: 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 \_\_\_\_\_

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

General Intercessions read by Bereavement Minister \_\_\_\_\_ or (friend or family) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: List names of deceased family members for whom to pray:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

† **Music Liturgy Hymns:**

Suggested Hymns are listed on page 22 of the Planning Booklet.

Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation of the Gifts Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Meditation Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Number: \_\_\_\_\_

At the Rite of Farewell: "May the Angels Guide You" (In Paradisum) will be sung.

Questions? \_\_\_\_\_

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