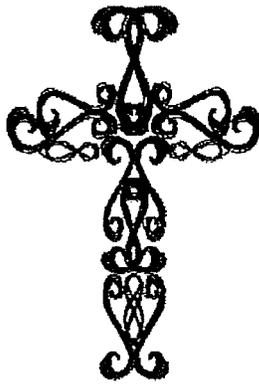


Funeral & Memorial



Liturgies

From the Pastor & Parochial Vicar

The sadness of death should give way in our liturgy to the promise of resurrected life. Our celebration of a person's life should reflect our conviction that in Jesus Christ we have life beyond life.

Sts. Peter and Paul is pleased to offer its parishioners and friends the complete rites as a means of consolation for the living and grace-filled assistance for the deceased. These rites, which include a funeral Mass and the possibility of a vigil in the church or funeral home, are most properly celebrated in the parish church of the deceased, in the presence of their faith community.

Reflecting on death and funeral arrangements is a difficult task for many, but also a necessary one. Reflecting on and preparing for one's own death, or that of someone we know, is a part of living. As Christians and Catholics, we know that death is not our enemy, but our passage to the next life that God is preparing for us.

The first step to take when planning a funeral liturgy is to consult with our Parish Manager, who is here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Whether you are pre-planning a funeral liturgy for yourself, or you have suffered the loss of a loved one, it is our pleasure to assist you during your time of need.

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Pastor

Father Krzysztof Bytomski
Parochial Vicar

Types of Services

The most common form of Catholic funeral has the following elements:

- !• Vigil service with either the body or ashes present.
- !• Funeral Mass or service with either the body or ashes present.
- !• Graveside service with burial of the body or ashes.

Another option is a memorial Mass or service with no remains present. These can take place close to the time of death or at some convenient time for the gathering of friends and family.

Types of Vigil Services

- !• Prayer service [suitable for congregations of mixed faiths].
- !• Prayer service with rosary- see below [suitable for congregations of mixed faiths].
- !• Rosary alone - usually five decades of the rosary.
[Suitable where most of the congregation are Catholic.]

The vigil service is held at the funeral home. Vigils may be led by a priest, deacon or commissioned lay minister.

The vigil is the best time to have memorials, eulogies, as well as secular music and readings, such as poems.

Outline of Vigil Service with Rosary

Introductory Rites:	The introductory rites gather the faithful together for form a community and to prepare all to listen to God's word.
Homily/Reflections:	A Homily is based on the readings and is given at the vigil to help those present find strength and hope in God's saving word.
Concluding Prayers:	The vigil concludes with a blessing, which may be followed by a liturgical song or a few moments of silent prayer or both.

Catholic Church View on Cremation

In April 1997, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granted an indult for the United States to allow the diocesan bishop to permit the presence of the cremated remains of a body at a Funeral Mass. Later that year, the Congregation confirmed the special texts and ritual directives, which were then published as an appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals. Frequently the Secretariat of Divine Worship receives requests for clarification or suggestions for best practices regarding the presence of cremated remains and funerals and their appropriate final disposition or committal.

The practice of cremation has grown and become more commonplace in the United States, and it is often presented as a more affordable alternative to traditional burial. What is often overlooked is the Church's teaching regarding the respect and honor due to the human body. The Order of Christian Funerals' Appendix on Cremation states: "Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites" [No. 413].

Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place at some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body [during "visitation" or "viewing" at a church or funeral home]. This allows for the appropriate reverence for the sacredness of the body at the Funeral Mass: sprinkling with holy water, the placing of the pall, and honoring it with incense. The Rite of Committal then takes place after cremation. Funeral homes offer several options in this case. One is the use of "cremation caskets," which is essentially a rental casket with a cardboard liner that is cremated with the body. Another is a complete casket that is cremated [this casket contains minimal amounts of non-combustible material such as metal handles or latches].

When cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, and the diocesan bishop permits the presence of cremated remains at the Funeral Mass, the Appendix provides adapted texts for the Sprinkling with Holy Water, the Dismissal for use at the Funeral Mass [or the Funeral Liturgy outside Mass], and the Committal of Cremated Remains. The introduction provides further specific details about how the funeral rites are adapted. In all, the rite notes:

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. [No. 417]

Types of Funeral Mass

- !• Funeral Mass with body or ashes present.

The funeral Mass is held at the church; the remains are treated with great respect [including ashes]. At the front of the church the body is sprinkled with holy water and covered with a pall, a reminder of baptism. A bible and a crucifix, symbols of Christian faith, may also be placed on the casket.

An urn of ashes may be placed on a table at the front of the church before the service begins.

A flag may be placed on the casket after the Mass has concluded.

- !• Memorial Mass [no remains present]

The memorial Mass is held in church just like a funeral Mass, but no remains are present. The opening of Mass is like a more usual Mass with an opening song, greeting and penitential rite.

Outline of a Funeral Mass

Introductory Rites

[Includes: Sprinkling w/Holy Water, Placing of Pall, Symbols of Christian Faith placed on Casket]

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm [sung]

Second Reading

Gospel Reading

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory - Presentation of Bread and Wine

the Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace

Communion

Final Commendation and Farewell

The body is honored with incense and the pall is removed.

Other Considerations

We encourage family members and friends to take part in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the First Reading and Second Reading. Copies of the readings will be provided for the Mass. Readings may also be included in a vigil service.

Other Considerations

- !• Tributes and Eulogies:

Normally individual tributes should be reserved for the vigil service the afternoon or evening before the day of the Funeral Mass or for a reception following. The homily at Mass is when the priest will preach on the gospel you have chosen and make specific references to the deceased.

- !• Displays and Photographs:

We welcome displays of photographs and memorabilia at the entrance to the Church. A single framed portrait may be displayed on an easel near the altar, all others are to be placed in the foyer of the church.

- !• Financial Considerations:

Although there is no fee for a funeral Mass, the recommended donation for use of the church is \$150.00. No one will be denied the services of the Church for financial reasons. These donations/stipends may be paid through the funeral home or by a family member and are usually taken care of the prior to the funeral liturgy.

- !• Flowers:

We welcome flowers as part of the funeral celebration - in moderation - they may be placed in the front of the church without distracting from the funeral Mass. During Lent, we do not use flowers on the altar, but a couple can be displayed around the casket.

- ! • Memorial Gifts:

You may wish to encourage friends and family to make Memorial Gifts to Sts. Peter & Paul Church or Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School. These gifts are received in the name of the one who has died, and the immediate family is notified. Memorial gifts may be used for the general needs of the church, or may be designated for a specific purpose. Please contact our Finance Manager, who will be more than glad to assist you.

Our Clergy staff includes:

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Bereavement Ministry

We have a ministry dedicated to providing companionship to you during this sad time. This group is comprised of volunteers who offer a reception of sharing, fellowship and food after the funeral service. We also have a couple of Support Groups which offer assistance, God's Healing Hands and Life After Loss. If you want more information about our Bereavement Ministry or Support Groups, please contact our Parish Manager Deacon Rusty Brandt@ 830-625-4531, ext. 220.

Music

Music is an important part of ritual, and we encourage families to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources.

- !• Music before & after the Mass:

Instrumental music can provide a quiet and prayerful atmosphere at the beginning of the service, when mourners are likely to be upset and in need of a calming atmosphere. At the end of the Mass, when the cortege leaves the church for the final resting place, it is good to have some uplifting and reassuring music.

- !• Hymns and Psalms:

During a liturgy, it is good to allow everyone present to participate in the singing. The hymns, psalms and spiritual songs that are chosen, need to be familiar to a good number of the congregation so that the singing is strong. Our hymnals contain appropriate musical selections from which you may wish to choose.

- !• Recorded Music

We recognize the importance of certain recorded songs. Recorded music may be proper at a vigil service or at a reception, however, not during Mass.

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Music Ministry



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"Music is integral to the Funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that word alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture." Thus, while Funeral music may express "convictions and feelings," its subject must always be the paschal mystery and it must be related to the readings from Scripture. Rather than adopting popular secular songs which are inappropriate to a liturgical setting, we should seek out good liturgical music on a paschal theme which can "support, console, and uplift participants and help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the

Christian's share in that victory."[Order of Christian Funerals, number 31J

Funeral Planning Worksheet

TYPE OF VIGIL:

- <) Vigil Prayer Service
- <) Vigil with Rosary
- <) Rosary

LOCATION OF VIGIL SERVICE:

- <) Funeral Home
- <) Church

TYPE OF FUNERAL:

- <) Funeral Mass
- <) Memorial Mass
- <) Graveside Service

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

Do you wish to encourage friends and family to make Memorial Gifts to Sts. Peter & Paul?

- <) Yes <) No

If yes, please be so kind to contact our Finance Manager, who will be glad to assist you.

SELECTIONS FOR THE MASS:

Will there be a viewing before the Mass? <> Yes <> No

Funeral Liturgy Planning Form

Funeral Liturgy for: _____

Date of Funeral: _____, _____ Time: _____

Presider: _____ Musician: _____

Contactperson: _____ Phone: _____

Liturgy: Funeral Mass Rite without Mass [Service]

Preferred Language: English Spanish Bilingual

Obituary: Yes No

FIRST READING

Through Death to Life Book pgs. 37-46

Read by: _____

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| DC1: 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 | He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection... |
| oC2: Job 19:1, 23-27a | I know that my Vindicator lives. |
| D C3: Wisdom 3:1-9 | As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. |
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| D C4: Wisdom 4:7-15 | An unsullied life, the attainment of old age. |
| D CS: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 | He will destroy death forever. |
| D C6: Lamentations 3:17-26 | It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord. |
| DC7: Daniel 12:1-3 | Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake. |
| D C8: Acts 10:34-43 | He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and dead. |
| D Acts 10:34-36, 42-43 | He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and dead. [Short Form] |
| D C9; Revelation 14:13 | Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. |
| DC10: Revelation 20:11- 21:1 | The dead were judged according to their deeds. |
| DC11: Revelation 21:1- 5, 6-7 | There shall be no more death. |

SECOND READING

Through Death to Life Book pgs. 57-67

Read by: _____

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| o E1: Romans 5:5-11 | Since we are now justified by His Blood, we will be saved through him... |
| o E2: Romans 5:17-21 | Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more. |
| o E3: Romans 6:3-9 | We too might live in newness of life. |
| D Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 | We too might live in newness of life. [Short Form] |
| o E4: Romans 8:14-23 | We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption... |
| o ES: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 | What will separate us from the love of Christ? |
| o E6: Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12 | Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. |
| o E7: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 | So too in Christ shall all be brought to life. |
| D 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 | So too in Christ shall all be brought to life. [Short Form] |
| o E8: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 | Death is swallowed up in victory. |
| o E9: 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1 | What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. |
| D E10: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 | We have a building from God, eternal in heaven. |
| o E11: Philippians 3:20-21 | He will change our lowly bodies to confirm to his glory. |
| D E12: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Thus we shall always be with the Lord. |
| o E13: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | If we have died with him, we shall also live with him. |
| o E14: 1 John 3:1-2 | We shall see him as he is. |
| o E15: 1 John 3:14-16 | We know that we have passed from death to life because we love... |

GOSPEL Priest or Deacon
Through Death to Life Book pgs. 70-88

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| oG1: Matthew 5:1-12a | Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. |
| oG2: Matthew 11:25-30 | Come to me and I will give you rest. |
| o G3: Matthew 25:1-13 | Behold the bridegroom I Come out to him |
| oG4: Matthew 25:31-46 | Come, you who are blessed by my Father. |
| oG5: Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6 | Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. |
| D Mark 15:33-39 | Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. [Short Form] |
| oG6: Luke 7:11-17 | Young man, I tell you, arise! |
| oG7: Luke 12:35-40 | You also must be prepared. |
| oG8: Luke 23:33, 39, 43 | Today, you will be with me in Paradise. |
| oG9: Luke 23:44-46, 50, 53, 24 | Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit |
| D Luke 23:44-46, 50-53 | Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit. [Short Form] |
| o G10: Luke 24:13-35 | Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things. |
| o Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 | Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things. [Short Form] |
| o G11: John 5:24-29 | Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life. |
| D G12: John 6:37-40 | Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. |
| o G13: John 6:51-59 | Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the... |
| o G14: John 11:17, 27 | I am the Resurrection and the Life. |
| o John 11:21-27 | I am the Resurrection and the Life. [Short Form] |
| o G15: John 11:32-45 | Lazarus, come out! |
| o G16: John 12:23-28 | If it dies, it produces much fruit. |
| o John 12:23-26 | If it dies, it produces much fruit. [Short Form] In |
| o G17: John 14:1-6 | my Father's house there are many dwellings. |
| D G18: John 17:24-26 | I wish that where I am they also may be with me. |
| oG19: John 19:17-18, 25-30 | And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit. |

Funeral Planning Worksheet

Opening Song: _____

1st Reading: _____

Reader's Name: _____

Psalm [Sung]: _____

2nd Reading: _____

Reader's Name: _____

Gospel [Priest]: _____

Offertory Song: _____

Gifts [2 people]: Bread: _____ Wine: _____

Mass Setting: _____

Communion Song: _____

Words of
Remembrance: _____

Recessional Song: _____

Musical Suggestions for Funeral & Memorial Masses

➔ Mariachis & Bag Pipes

Mariachi and Bag Pipes are sometimes culturally important. We welcome their use on the steps of the church before or after a service or to lead a procession in/out of church. We do not allow them to be played during a Mass or Service.

- !• To assist you with planning, we have included a listing of the most commonly requested hymns:

Gathering Songs

Amazing Grace
Here I Am, Lord
Lift High the Cross
On Eagles Wings

Be Not Afraid
I Have Love You
Lord of All Hopefulness
We Walk by Faith

Canticle of the Sun
Morning Has Broken
You Are Mine

Offertory Songs

Amazing Grace
Eye Has Not Seen
Hosea
I Know My Redeemer Lives
We Remember

Be Not Afraid
I Have Loved You
Prayer of St Francis
You Are Mine

Blest Are They
Here I Am, Lord
Tree of Life

Communion Songs

Eat This Bread

I Am the Bread of Life
Panis Angelicus

Eye Has Not Seen

I Have Loved You
Song of the Body of Christ

Gift of Finest Wheat

One Bread, One Body
Taste and See

The King of Love

We Come to Your Feast

We Remember

Recessional Songs

Amazing Grace
for All the Saints
Holy God
Jesus Remember Me
On Eagles Wings

Be Not Afraid
Go Silent Friend
How Great Thou Art
Joyful, Joyful
Precious Lord

Faith of our Fathers
Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Let There Be Peace on Earth
In Paradisum

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