



Parish of the Assumption

Planning for the Rite of Christian Burial

Please accept the sympathy and prayers of our parish community at this time of your loss. You will most likely want to participate in the planning of the Funeral. These questions are intended to assist you in discussing options with family before your meeting with our staff. **Please bring this sheet with you.**

If you have questions regarding the planning before our meeting please contact us for further assistance.

1. Some Initial Information

The Birth Name of the Deceased: _____

Their Common –or– Nickname: _____
(For example, someone named Robert may be more commonly known as “Bob”)

2. Please consider which form of the Funeral you will celebrate.

-] **We will celebrate the Funeral as a Scripture Service.** *This form may be most appropriate for the Catholic family who, for whatever reason, has not been active in the faith or in attending Mass. The celebration of a Scripture Service may be more appropriate. Consideration must however be given to the wishes of the deceased.*
-] **We will celebrate the Funeral with Eucharist.** *This form of is most appropriate for the Catholic family who is active in their faith and the attendance of Mass. The celebration of a Funeral with the Celebration of Eucharist is most appropriate. Once again, consideration must be given to the wishes of the deceased.*

3. Readings from Sacred Scripture

Three passages of Sacred Scripture are always part of the Rite of Christian Burial: the Old Testament, the New Testaments and a final passage from the Gospels. Please take a moment to read the passages and make selections before our meeting, by accessing the web-pages entitled [OLD TESTAMENT](#), [NEW TESTAMENT](#) and [GOSPEL](#) Readings for Funerals.

Proclaiming Sacred Scripture is an important role in the Church and done by individuals trained in this ministry. Funerals are emotional as well as a difficult time to do public speaking. Further, we want to minister to you during this time so our parish provides trained ministers to do the readings. If however, you strongly desire that family or friends proclaim the readings, please indicate here who that will be so we may discuss you wish during our meeting.

Old Testament Reading is: _____ (ie: C4) read by a Minister.] We would like _____ to read.

New Testament Reading is: _____ (ie: E5) read by a Minister.] We would like _____ to read.

Gospel Reading is: _____ (ie: G1) and is always read by the Presider of the Funeral.

4. Words of Remembrance

Sometimes referred to as a Eulogy, offering “Words of Remembrance” is an option for the Funeral, although does not need to be exercised. The Rite provided the opportunity for **one** individual to speaks on behalf of the family, to limits their “Words” to 3-5 minutes in length. These “Words of Remembrance” should focus on the gift of the person’s life and their living of faith.

] We do not wish to do the optional “Words of Remembrance”.

] We do wish to do the optional “Words of Remembrance”, and the one individual will be: _____

5. And Finally Music

Music is an important part of our celebration of faith. You may have personal choices regarding music and songs to be used. Please remember that music for a Funeral must be religious in nature (secular/popular music is not used for the Rite of Christian Burial). Suggestions for you are available in the section “[Planning Music for the Rite of Christian Burial](#)”

The selections we would like included in the funeral are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____