



GOOD SHEPHERD

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Mary's, Soda Springs; Our Lady of Lourdes, Lava Hot Springs;
Blessed Sacrament, Montpelier; St. Peter's, Preston; St. Paul's, Malad City

Funeral Arrangements

The Parish arranges the basic items for the funeral liturgy and services. Your funeral home director will arrange mostly the rest. The funeral liturgy is composed of three beautiful and distinct parts to lead your family in prayer and bring you consolation: the Vigil, the Mass, & the Burial. All the liturgies should be celebrated in a Catholic Church, in lieu of the funeral home. Burials must take place in established cemeteries or columbaria.

Name of the Deceased: _____

Primary Family Contact: _____

What is the name of the Funeral Home you will be working with?

The Funeral Vigil:

At the Funeral Vigil the Christian community keeps watch with the family making prayer to the God of mercy and finding strength in Christ's presence. When celebrated by a priest or deacon, the vigil includes a Liturgy of the Word and additional prayers. As is customary, the Rosary is also usually prayed in conjunction with a funeral vigil. Do you have someone from family or the parish who you would like to lead the Rosary? If you intend to have a time for a brief eulogy or life sketch, the Vigil or Reception is the proper time for this.

1. Vigil Liturgy: Would you like our priest to lead a vigil? **Yes** or **No**
2. Rosary: **Yes** or **No** I would like _____ to lead the Rosary
3. Eulogy: **Yes** or **No**
4. Will the Vigil be at the Church or the Funeral Home? _____

The Funeral Mass:

The Funeral Liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. In this liturgy, the community gathers at the church with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery. For the celebration of the Funeral Mass, you can assist in arranging the Readings from the Holy Bible, certain musical preferences, and by helping provide one or two readers. Eulogies or life sketches will not be permitted at Funeral Masses; if this is something you desire, please do so at the Vigil or Reception.

1. Scripture Readings: Here are your options, choose one from each section....

Options for the 1st Reading:

- Job 19:1, 23-27a
- Wisdom 3:1-9
- Wisdom 4:7-15
- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Lamentations 3:17-26
- Daniel 12:1-3
- 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Options for the Responsorial Psalm:

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 25
- Psalm 27
- Psalm 42 & 43
- Psalm 63
- Psalm 103
- Psalm 116
- Psalm 122
- Psalm 130
- Psalm 143

Options for the 2nd Reading:

- Romans 5:5-11
- Romans 5:17-21
- Romans 8:14-23
- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
- Romans 14:7-9, 10-12
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
- 2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
- Philippians 3:20-21
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- 1 John 3:1-2
- 1 John 3:14-16

Options for the Gospel:

- Matthew 5:1-12a
- Matthew 11:25-30
- Matthew 25:1-13
- Matthew 25:31-46

- Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6
- Luke 7:11-17
- Luke 12:35-40
- Luke 23:33, 39-43
- Luke 24:13-35
- John 5:24-29
- John 6:37-40
- John 6:51-58
- John 11:17-27
- John 11:32-45
- John 12:23-28
- John 14:1-6
- John 17:24-26
- John 19:17-18, 25-30

2. Readers: Do have one or two people who can read and proclaim the readings & is a normal reader at Mass? _____

3. Choir: Would you like a choir? _____

4. Music: Would you prefer any particular songs, (only songs printed in the hymnal can be used & subject to the discretion of the priest)?

5. Liturgical color options: Violet, Black, or White: _____

A Common Selection of Funeral Hymns

*all songs are subject to the discretion of the priest celebrant

*recorded and pop/secular music is not permitted for a Funeral Liturgy

*if it is not published in our hymnal, we cannot provide that son

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| I Know that my Redeemer Lives (Soper) | Be Thou My Vision |
| The Lord is my Light (Walker) | From the Depths we Cry to Thee (Heinlein) |
| The King of Love, my Shepherd Is | Hail Mary: Gentle Woman |
| How Great Thou Art | Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea) |
| Amazing Grace | Holy is His Name |
| On Eagles Wings | I Heard the Voice of Jesus |
| I Am the Bread of Life | In Paradisum |
| Soul of My Savior | Jesus, Remember Me |
| Beautiful Savior | Love Divine, all Loves Excelling |
| At the Name of Jesus (Kings Weston) | Only in God |
| Be Still my Soul | Prayer of St Francis |

The Comital & Burial (Cemetery Services):

The Rite of Committal, the conclusion of the funeral rites, is celebrated at the grave or tomb and is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member. In committing the body to its resting place, the community expresses that hope that, with all those who have gone before marked with the sign of faith, the deceased awaits the glory of the resurrection. Catholics are not permitted to keep cremated remains with their person, in their homes, or to scatter ashes.

Where will the committal take place? Which cemetery? _____

What time will the committal take place? _____

Funeral Reception:

It is usual to have a reception or meal following the funeral liturgy and burial, an opportune time to console the family and share your memories. Each of our churches have a parish hall space which may be utilized for this purpose. A meal could easily be catered and self-catered and most usually the parish community would be willing to assist by service or providing food as well.

FAQ's

Q. Traditional Burial of the body or Cremation?

A. The Catholic Church has always preferred traditional burial over cremation, as it better expresses the reverence and beliefs we hold regarding the human body. Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body

Q. When is Cremation permitted?

A. Though the Church prefers traditional burial, she allows cremation when the following conditions are met:

- Whenever possible, the body should be present for the funeral. It can be subsequently cremated, either immediately following the funeral or at a later time.
- The remains must be stored in a worthy vessel (an urn which is made of solid material, beautiful, and dignified).
- The remains must be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.
- The remains may not be scattered on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or kept in the home of a relative or friend. No part of the remains should be separated out from the whole (eg. kept in a locket).
- Whenever possible, a memorial plaque or stone should mark the place where the remains are buried.