



## A Message from Our Parish Family

We understand that if you have recently experienced the death of a loved one, you may be feeling confused, sad, lonely, or even overwhelmed by your loss. We offer you comfort and a certain hope. It is our Catholic belief that at death, our life is changed, not ended, and that we and our loved ones will find eternal life with God.

As you prepare a Funeral Liturgy or Memorial Mass, we hope that these resources assist you in preparing a liturgy that truly celebrates the great gift of a life that God has given us. If you are preparing a funeral for a loved one who has passed away, please make sure you are in touch with a Funeral Director and our pastor, Fr. Pat Wendt; contact our parish office for help (262-284-4266).

## Music in Catholic Funerals

“Sacred music has an integral role in the funeral rites, since it can console and uplift mourners while, at the same time, uniting the assembly in faith and love. <sup>(OCF #30)</sup> Funeral music should express the Paschal Mystery and the Christian’s share in it. <sup>(OCF #30)</sup> Since music can evoke strong feelings, it should be chosen with care. It should console the 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.’” <sup>(OCF #31)</sup>

*In the reference notes, OCF refers to the **Order of Christian Funerals – 1989***

## Selecting Music

In a general sense, music that is appropriate for a Catholic Mass is appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy. Recorded music is not permitted during the liturgy; however, if there is a recording that is especially meaningful to the family, we would like to accommodate this. Recorded music can greatly enhance the visitation at the funeral home, or it can be used before the liturgy begins. Once the mass or service has begun, however, recorded music is not appropriate. Family members or other guests who are musicians are welcome to participate in the liturgy. If you would like to include any guest musicians, please discuss this with our Director of Worship and Liturgy.

We have listed suggestions for the various points in the mass below. These are not the only songs that would be appropriate; these are simply suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to include music that is not listed below, please make sure to contact our Director of Worship and Liturgy, Tim Handle, at [Handlet@stjohn23.org](mailto:Handlet@stjohn23.org) or at 262-284-4266 ext. 1325.

The fee for our Director of Worship and Liturgy is \$175, which includes the initial planning consultation, playing and/or singing for the entire funeral, prelude music, and up to 60 minutes prior to the funeral reserved for rehearsal with outside musicians. Checks are to be made directly to the musician, Timothy Handle. This fee is due no later than the date of the funeral and is often paid direct through the funeral home. If you wish for a soloist to sing (ex. Ave Maria), we have several choir members and cantors available who are happy to sing for an additional fee. I would be happy to contact and arrange for them to sing.

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### Introductory Rites

*Entrance Procession – Processional Hymn:* \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting (pg. 1 & 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Sprinkling of the body with Holy Water

✠ Placing of the Pall (opt. up to 6 pall bearers) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Collect (section B1-B53) \_\_\_\_\_

### The Liturgy of the Word

✠ First Reading (section C1-C7; during Easter also C8-C11): \_\_\_\_\_

opt. reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm (Section D1-D10) : \_\_\_\_\_

Usually sung

✠ Second Reading (Section E1-E15) : \_\_\_\_\_

opt. reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation (Verses chosen from section F1 – F11): \_\_\_\_\_

*Celtic Alleluia #334, during Lent #343*

Gospel Reading (Section G1 – G19) : \_\_\_\_\_

Homily

✠ Prayers of the Faithful (section H1-H7. Take note that some petitions are specific for Priests, Deacons, religious, etc.)

Please feel free to ask for guidance if you wish to write your own)

opt. reader \_\_\_\_\_

### Liturgy of the Eucharist (omitted for prayer service)

The Offertory – Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

✠ Gift Bearers (2-3) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer and The Sign of Peace

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

Communion Meditation (optional) : \_\_\_\_\_

✠ Words of Remembrance (optional): If someone will speak, please limit to no more than 5 minutes.

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Prayer After Communion

### Final Commendation and Farewell

Song of Farewell (Special music used during the incensing of the casket or cremains) \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Prayer

Dismissal

Song of Sending Forth: \_\_\_\_\_

✠ denotes opportunities for friends and family members to participate.

Processional Hymns (836-853)

949 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *	663 - Lord of All Hopefulness
645 - Amazing Grace	688 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past
683 - Be Not Afraid	539 - Sing With All the Saints in Glory <i>(Tune of "Ode to Joy")</i>
884 - For All the Saints *	790 - The Summons
777 - Here I Am, Lord	
578 - How Great Thou Art	

\* Denotes songs not to be used during Lent

Offertory Hymns (comfort: 709-732)

679 - Center of My Life	819 - Peace Is Flowing Like a River
584 - Come to the Water	47 - The Cry of the Poor
728 - Eye Has Not Seen	712- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
889 - Hail Mary: Gentle Woman	979 - There Is a Place
588 - I Have Loved You	695 - You Are Near
402 - Like a Shepherd	954 – Hands of Healing
828 - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace <i>(Prayer of St. Francis)</i>	955 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Communion Hymns (communion: 906-951)

941 - Eat This Bread	653 - There Is a Longing
940 - Gift of Finest Wheat	783 - Unless a Grain of Wheat
945 - I Am the Bread of Life	681 - We Remember
691 - On Eagle's Wings	
932 - One Bread, One Body	

Communion Meditation (optional)

Ave Maria – Schubert	In the Garden	Irish Blessing – Denise Agay
Ave Maria – Bach-Gounod	Going Home	

Song of Farewell

163 – Song of Farewell - Janco  
 974 - Song of Farewell – Joncas  
 976 – Dwellers in the Holy City  
 977 – In Paradisum / May Choirs of Angels (chant)  
 978 – May Holy Angels Lead You (Londonderry Aire)  
 980 – May the Angels Lead You into Paradise – Hughes (most common one at SJ23)  
 981 – The Hand of God  
 n/a – Songs of the Angels – Bob Dufford  
 n/a – Song of Farewell – “Old 100<sup>th</sup>”

Recessional Hymns

*Many hymns from the Processional Hymns would also work well here. Below are some additional options.*

766 - City of God	870 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home
607 – Sing a New Song	881 - Lift High the Cross
615 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	691 - On Eagle's Wings
578 - How Great Thou Art	981 – The Hand of God Shall Hold You
973 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Hughes	

Mass Settings (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Lamb of God)

198, 200, 202, 204 - Mass of Creation



**St. John XXIII**

**Catholic Parish**

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*Seasonal Mass settings:*

- 283, 286, 287, 288 - Advent / Christmas: Mass of Unity  
231, 233, 236, 237, 238 - Ordinary Time (winter): Storrington Mass  
308b, 180a, 183, 313b - Lent: Latin Chant  
198, 200, 202, 204 – Easter: Mass of Creation  
242, 243, 246, 247 - Ordinary time (summer): Black Mountain Liturgy

**First Reading Outside Easter Time (Old Testament)**

- C1** – 2 Maccabees 12:43-46:  
*He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.*
- C2** - Job 19:1,23-27a: *I know that my Vindicator lives.*
- C3** – Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6,9: *As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*
- C4** – Wisdom 4:7-15: *An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*
- C5** - Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9: *On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all people.*
- C6** – Lamentations 3:17-26: *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord*
- C7** – Daniel 12:1-3: *Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.*

**First Reading during Easter Time (New Testament)**

- C8** – Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36,42-42 He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
- C9** – Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
- C10** – Revelation 20:11 -21:1 The dead were judged according to their deeds.
- C11** – Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 There shall be no more death

**Responsorial Psalm**

- D1:** p 35 - Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God  
*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*
- D1:** p. 34 – Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord
- D2:** p 39 - Psalm 25: To You, O Lord  
*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, my God.*
- D3:** p 121 - Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light (*chant verses*)  
*The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?*
- D4:** p 1054 – Psalm 42: My Soul is Thirsting (*chant verses*)
- D5:** p 57 – Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting  
*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.*
- D6:** p 75 - Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful  
*The Lord is kind and merciful.*
- D7:** p 78 – Psalm 116: Our Blessing-Cup  
*Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of the Lord.*
- D8:** p 84 – Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing  
*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord*
- D9:** p 88 - Psalm 130: Out of the Depths  
*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.*
- D10:** p 664 – Psalm 143: O Lord, hear my prayer (*chant verses*)

Second Reading

- E1** – Romans 5:5-11: Since we are now justified by His Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.  
**E2** – Romans 5:17-21: Where sin increase, grace overflowed all the more.  
**E3** – Roman 6:3-9 or 6:3-4,8-9: We too might live in newness of life  
**E4** – Romans 8:14-23: We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.  
**E5** – Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39: What will separate us from the love of Christ?  
**E6** – Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
**E7** – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or 15:20-23: So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.  
**E8** – 1 Corinthians 15:51-57: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
**E9** – 2 Corinthians 4:14 5:1: What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal  
**E10** – 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10: "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."  
**E11** – Philippians 3:20-21: "Our citizenship is in heaven."  
**E12** – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: "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."  
**E13** – 2 Timothy 2:8-13: If we have died with him we shall also live with him.  
**E14** – 1 John 3:1-2: We shall see him as he is.  
**E15** – 1 John 3:14-16: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- F1** - See Matthew 11:25 - Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom.  
**F2** - Matthew 25:34 - Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.  
**F3** - John 3:16 - God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
So that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.  
**F4** - John 6:39 - This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has  
given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.  
**F5** - John 6:40 - This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that everyone who sees the Son and believes  
in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.  
**F6** - John 6:51 - I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.  
**F7** - John 11:25a, 26 - I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
**F8** - See Philippians 3:20 - Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for,  
will come from heaven to save us.  
**F9** - 2 Timothy 2:11-12a - If we die with Christ, we shall live with him,  
and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.  
**F10** - Revelation 1:5a, 6b- Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
glory and power be his forever and ever. Amen.  
**F11** - Revelation 14:13 - Blessed are those who die in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

GOSPEL

- G1** -- Matthew 5:1-12a “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
- G2** -- Matthew 11:25-30 “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- G3** -- Matthew 25:1-13 Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to him.
- G4** -- Matthew 25:31-46 “...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
- G5** -- Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6 “On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side,  
clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed!  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised. He is not here.”
- G6** -- Luke 7:11-17 “Young man, I tell you, arise.”
- G7** -- Luke 12:35-40 “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”
- G8** -- Luke 23:33, 39-43 “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom...”  
“Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”
- G9** -- Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
- G10** -- Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 “Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into  
his glory... “Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws near.” “Were not our hearts burning within?”
- G11** -- John 5:24-29 “Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.”
- G12** -- John 6:37-40 “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life, and I shall raise them on the last day.”
- G13** -- John 6:51-59 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven:  
whoever eats this bread will live forever...”
- G14** -- John 11:17-27 “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- G15** -- John 11:32-45 “And Jesus wept.”
- G16** -- John 12:23-28 (Long version) 12:23-26 (Short version) “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground  
and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”
- G17** -- John 14:1-6 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.  
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”
- G18** -- John 17:24-26 “I wish that where I am they also may be with me.”
- G19** -- John 19:17-18, 25-29 “And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.”

*The first and second readings may be read by a family member or friend,  
the Gospel reading is always read by the Priest or Deacon.*

*In addition to the first readings, family and friends may be included to bring up gifts during the offertory  
and/or read the prayers of the faithful (intercessions.)*

*We are happy to include any musical family members/friends to participate with playing an instrument or  
singing/cantor for the Mass and/or during the prelude.*