

St. Michael's, Gastonia - Funeral Rites Information

6 January 2007

(Please complete the information on lines provided – you may file a copy with the parish secretary)

Date _____

Name _____

Phone number: _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

Name of person who will be in charge of arrangements: _____

Phone number: _____

I. RITE OF THE VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED (WAKE)

Vigil Date and Time: _____ (Invite everyone; publish the time)

At Home? _____ or Name and location of Funeral Home _____

Phone number? _____

Rosary? _____

Music? (sacred music only) _____

Who provides? _____

Reflections or Eulogy?(only at Wake) _____

By Whom? _____

(must be written - given to the priest day before)

II. RITE OF THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Date of Mass of Christian Burial: (No Sunday Masses; no Saturday evening Masses)

Time: 8:15 AM _____ or 10:30 AM _____ or 7:00 PM _____

Order of Holy Mass of Christian Burial

(All music is provided by Parish Music Director and Parish Organist. You may choose hymns as below. We do not use recorded music at Holy Mass. Other musicians may provide music at the Vigil for the Deceased and/or the cemetery. No eulogies are given at the Mass.)

Introductory Rites

Reception of the Body at the rear of the Church

Greeting and Introduction

Sprinkling of the Body with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall (family members may assist the priest)

Placing of Christian Symbols (optional but no other symbols may be used)

Processional Hymn: (Choose from Parish list) _____

Opening Prayer (Priest)

Liturgy of the Word (Lectors must be practicing Catholics)

Old Testament Reading: _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm (sung by Parish cantor)

New Testament Reading _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Acclamation (sung by Parish Cantor)

Gospel Reading _____

Read by the Deacon or Priest

Homily (Priest or Deacon)

Prayer of the Faithful

Read by the Deacon or Priest

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: (Chose from Parish List) _____

Presentation of the Gifts: (name of two – four people)

Eucharistic Prayer (with sung acclamations)

The Our Father and the Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: (Chose from Parish List) _____

Prayer after Communion

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell and Incensation of the Body

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

Recessional Hymn: (Chose from Parish List) _____

III. RITE OF COMMITTAL (at the cemetery)

Name and location of Cemetery

Music? _____ Who provides? _____

Reflections or Eulogy? (only at Wake) _____ By Whom? _____
(written - given to the priest day before)

Would you like the Parishioners to help with a meal after the Burial? _____

Where? _____ No. of guests _____

Sacred Scriptures for the Mass of Christian Burial

Old Testament Reading: Can be read by practicing Catholic

1. Job 19: 1, 23-27 - I know that my Redeemer lives.
2. Wisdom 3:1-9 - The souls of the just are in the hand of God - He accepted them as a holocaust
3. Wisdom 4: 7-15 - A blameless life is a ripe old age.
4. Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 - On this mountain, the Lord will provide. The Lord God will destroy death forever.
5. Lamentations 3: 17-26 - It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.
6. Daniel 12: 1-3 - Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake.
7. 2 Maccabees 12: 43-46 - It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

Psalms: (sung by the parish cantor – you may suggest a Psalm)

New Testament Readings: Can be read by practicing Catholic

1. Acts 10: 34-43 - God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.
2. Romans 5: 5-11 - Hope does not disappoint; Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.
3. Romans 5: 17-21 - Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.
4. Romans 6: 3-9 - Let us walk in newness of life.
5. Romans 8: 14-23 - We grow while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.
6. Romans 8: 31b-39 - Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?
7. Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12 - Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord
8. 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 - All people will be brought to life in Christ.
9. 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 - Death is swallowed up in victory.
10. 2 Corinthians 4: 14- 5:1 - What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.
11. 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 - We have an everlasting home in heaven.
12. Philippians 3: 20-21 - Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.
13. 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 - We shall stay with the Lord for ever.
14. 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 - If we have died with him, we shall live with him.
15. 1 John 3: 1-2 - We shall see God as he really is.
16. 1 John 3: 14-16 - We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.
17. Revelation 14: 13 - Happy are those who die in the Lord.
18. Revelation 20: 11- 21: 1 - The dead have been judged according to their works.
19. Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7 - There will be no more death.

Gospel Readings: Read by Deacon or Priest

1. Matthew 5: 1-12 - The Beatitudes - Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
2. Mathew 11: 25-30 - Come to me and I will give your rest.
3. Matthew 25: 1-13 - Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
4. Matthew 25: 31-46 - Come, you whom my Father has blessed.
5. Mark 15: 33-39 - Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
6. Luke 7: 11-17 - Young one, I say to you, arise.
7. Luke 12: 35-40 - Be prepared.
8. Luke 23: 33, 39-43 - Today you will be with me in paradise. (The death on the cross)
9. Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a - Father, I put my life in your hands.
10. Luke 24: 13-35 - The Emmaus Story - Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?
11. John 5: 24-29 - Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.
12. John 6: 37-40 - All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.
13. John 6: 51-58 - All who eat this bread will live for ever; and I will raise them up on the last day.
14. John 11: 17-27 - I am the resurrection and the life.
15. John 11: 32-45 - Lazarus, come out.

16. John 12: 23-28 - If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.
17. John 14: 1-6 - There are many rooms in my Father's house.
18. John 17: 24-26 - Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.
19. John 19: 17-18, 25-30 - Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

St. Michael's, Gastonia - Selections for Music for Mass of Christian Burial

Processional

Come Christians Join to Sing
I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say
At The Name of Jesus
God's Holy Mountain We Ascend
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Eternal Father, Strong To Save (military)
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Merciful Savior, Hear Our Humble Prayer
Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

Offertory

Parable
The Lord Is My Light
The King Of Love My Shepherd Is
What Wondrous Love Is This
As The Deer Longs
Eternal Father, Strong To Save (military)
This Is My Song (military)

Holy Communion

One Loved Released
When We Eat This Bread
Panis Angelicus – Lambillotte (composer)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
O Lord, I Am Not Worthy
Soul Of My Savior
Let Thy Blood and Mercy Poured
Where Charity and Love Prevail
Gift of Finest Wheat

Meditation

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert
Pie Jesu – Gabriel Faure

Recessional

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

The Day of Resurrection

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

The Strife Is O'er

Jerusalem My Happy Home

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King

O God Beyond All Praising

Music for funerals should also consider the liturgical season in which they are sung.

Some hymns would not be appropriate during Lent.