



# Church of the Little Flower

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The faith community of the Church of the Little Flower wishes to share its sympathies with you at this time of pain and sorrow. May you know the Lord's care and concern for you as you mourn the loss of your loved one. It is our desire to accompany you in this chapter of your life's journey as a sign of God's journeying with you as well. Assisting you in the planning of your loved one's Funeral Mass is but one of the many different ways we will be offering ourselves to you. If you have not yet been in contact with us, a member of our pastoral staff or a priest will arrange a time when you and other family members can gather with us to plan the Funeral Mass.

## Funeral Liturgy

At the funeral liturgy, the Church gathers 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. We share in this Paschal Mystery, in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in the Eucharistic sacrifice that is the Mass and, at this particular moment in the life of your family, the Funeral Mass for your loved one.

We invite you to consider participating in both the planning of and in the celebration of this Funeral Mass as much as you are comfortable doing so.

Again, please be assured of our prayers and of our support for you.

Sincerely,

*The faith community of the Church of the Little Flower, the pastoral staff and priests*

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To this end, please continue with this "Funeral Planning Sheet" and review the readings and music selections that are found in the *Continuing the Journey* booklet provided by the funeral home or parish. We will discuss further and answer any questions you may have when we gather together to plan with you.

## **Scripture Readings**

The readings proclaim to the assembly the Paschal Mystery (the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus), teach remembrance of the dead, convey hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom, and encourage the witness of Christian life.

**First Reading**, which can be found beginning on page 53 in the *Continuing the Journey* booklet, is taken from the Old Testament. (*During the time between Easter and Pentecost, the first reading is taken from the New Testament selection beginning on page 55.*)

**Second Reading**, which can be found beginning on page 56 in the *Continuing the Journey* booklet, is taken from the New Testament.

**Gospel Reading** will be selected by the presiding priest.

**Music**      Contact: Liz Mancinelli – E-mail: [lfmusicministry.lf@gmail.com](mailto:lfmusicministry.lf@gmail.com)

Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words 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.

Suggested music selections may be found on page 68 in the *Continuing the Journey* booklet. Our Music Ministers will also be available to assist you with selecting music.

## **Words of Remembrance**

It is the policy of the Archdiocese that Words of Remembrance/Eulogy not be shared during the Funeral Mass proper. It is encouraged that such sharing be done during the wake, at the graveside or at the repass meal following the final committal. However, if you prefer, we do allow for Words of Remembrance at a time in church just prior to the beginning of the Funeral Mass. A guide for preparing and sharing Words of Remembrance will be made available to you when we meet.

What are some of your loved one's qualities which you would like us to know?

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Share with us your understanding of this person's relationship with God.

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The Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Ministries would like to make available to you different opportunities here in the parish. Whom may we contact?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

[Bereavement.lf@gmail.com](mailto:Bereavement.lf@gmail.com)

Liturgy Planning Sheet

Date/ Time of Mass: \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Wake: \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Placing of Pall:** (Family /Friend / Funeral Home): \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (page 53, *Continuing the Journey* booklet)

Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** (page 56, *Continuing the Journey* booklet)

Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation of the Offertory Gifts:**

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**Universal Prayer:** to be read by family or church. \_\_\_\_\_

*(This prayer will be provided by Little Flower Church)*

**Music** (page 68, *Continuing the Journey* booklet)

Entrance Processional: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of the Offertory Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional: \_\_\_\_\_

**Words of Remembrance:** \_\_\_\_\_