

According to Archdiocesan policy and our parish policy, Words of Remembrance, are permitted to be given by one person, for only three-five minutes, before the Funeral Mass. The text of the Words must be submitted to the pastor within 48 hours of the Funeral for his approval. (Please submit them via email to Msgr. Majoros at [gam@comcast.net](mailto:gam@comcast.net)) Please be mindful that giving the Words of Remembrance prior to Mass will affect the viewing time.

## **Order of Christian Funeral Mass**

### **Entrance Hymn:**

### **Introductory Rites**

The family usually assists in placing the white pall on the casket.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading** is from the Old Testament. The exception being during the Easter Season, the reading is taken from the New Testament. The First Reading takes place immediately after the Collect Prayer. The reader should be familiar with the instructions which are indicated at the top and bottom of the reading page. The reading will be in a Special White Binder provided by the Church. The reader does not have to bring the practice copy with them.

### **The reading is:**

### **And it will be read by:**

**Second Reading** is from the New Testament. The second reading takes place after the Responsorial Psalm is led by the Cantor, and he/she returns to his/her seat. The reader should be familiar with the instructions which are indicated at the top and bottom of the reading page. The reading will be in a Special White Binder provided by the Church. The reader does not have to bring the practice copy with them.

### **The reading is:**

### **And it will be read by:**

**Gospel:** (is the choice of the Celebrant and either proclaimed by the deacon or the priest celebrant.)

## **Homily:**

**Universal Prayers of the Faithful:** The Universal Prayers follow the homily. These prayers are usually read by the deacon when he is present and assisting at the Mass. If no deacon is assisting, then the prayers are read by a family member or parishioner. The reader should be familiar with the instructions which are indicated at the top and bottom of the reading page. The prayers will be in a Special White Binder provided by the Church. The reader does not have to bring the practice copy with them unless there are additional names or petitions that are agreed upon prior to the Funeral Mass.

**The Setting (A-B-C) will be:**

**And it will be read by:**

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Presentation of the Gifts** of bread and wine (two gifts) take place at this time. Usually two designated family members, friends, or parishioners, go to the Offertory Table, and carry the gifts to the Celebrant, who will stand at the top of the center aisle. After presenting the gifts to the Celebrant the designated persons will bow to the Celebrant and return to their pew.

**Gift Bearers:**

**Hymn for the Presentation of the Gifts:**

**Acclamations will be sung and led by the Cantor:**

**Hymn for Communion Processional:**

The Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion at Mass are found in the front pages of the worship aides called the missalettes. Those who are duly prepared as baptized and practicing Catholics should reverently come forth in two single file lines up the center aisle and then return to their pews by way of the side aisles unless directed otherwise. It is not reverent or customary to greet the bereaved or others when approaching Our Lord for Holy Communion or when returning to their pew.

**Hymn of Praise/Meditation:**

**Prayer After Holy Communion:**

**Rite of Commendation:**

**Incensation of the Deceased and Song of Farewell:**

**Dismissal**

**Recessional Hymn:**

**Procession to the Cemetery for internment:**