

**The Cathedral Parish of
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**
279 Johnson Street, Kingston, Ontario

Funeral Preparation Sheet

For the Funeral Mass of

Funeral Pall: The pall is the large white cloth that covers the whole casket. It symbolizes baptism. As the casket is brought into the Church, family members or friends may place the pall over the casket before the priest begins the prayer.

- Yes, by family members No, (in this case it will be placed by the funeral directors)

Readings: (One or two readings precede the Gospel. These may be read by family members or friends or if you would prefer readers from the parish could be easily arranged. The only requirement is the person is Catholic and has the ability to read well so as to be understood by the congregation. The family will choose the readings or they are chosen by the priest if the family would rather not. The readings are in the book that Father will give to help you choose and then practice the readings once chosen. During the funeral the readings will be prepared in a binder which will be on the lectern in the Sanctuary. There is no need to bring sheets of paper or the small readings booklet with you.)

- The first reading is taken from the Old Testament. pp. 1 – 12 in the document Funeral Readings 2021. Please choose one.

First Reading: _____ read by: _____

- Psalm 23, or Psalm 27 are recommended.

Psalm: _____

- The second reading is taken from the New Testament pp. 13 - 32 in the document Funeral Readings 2021 . Please choose one.

Second Reading _____ read by _____

- The Gospel. pp. 33 to 58 in the document Funeral Readings 2021

Gospel: _____ read by the priest/deacon.

Intercessions: (The petitions are introduced and concluded by the priest; one or more persons may announce the intentions. The intentions are contained in the Book of Readings. The person or persons reading the intentions comes to the microphone before the priest begins the introduction, and they remain until after the priest's concluding prayer. The intercessions come immediately after the homily.)

DURING COVID WE WON'T HAVE THIS.

Procession of the Gifts: (two family members or friends may bring the bread and wine from the gift table at the centre divide of the Church. Immediately following the intercessions, the people go to the back of the church to get the containers of bread and wine. They bring them to the priest who stands behind the altar. After the priest has received all the gifts, he bows to them, in a ritual sign of thank you. The people bringing the gifts, bow to the priest and then return to their seats.

Names of Gift bearers.

1. _____ 2. _____

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Music: (The hymns chosen must be religious and liturgical music and must be in the Hymn books that are placed in the seats of the Church: CBW II, CBW III, Celebrate in Song). The selection of hymns depends on the musicians, and whether the hymn is known by them. Hymns may be suggested by the family and every effort will be made to include them, but no guarantee can be made. All hymns are to be sung by the congregation. Please choose up to four hymns. If you would like the choir director to choose some or all of the music that is fine.)

Opening Hymn: _____

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

(Instrumental music may be chosen at this time in place of a hymn)

The Eucharistic Acclamations are also Sung: These are the Holy, Holy, Holy; the Memorial Acclamation (Christ has died), and the Amen, as well as the Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

Announcements at the end of the Funeral Mass: Father will invite people to come to the reception if this is what you would like.

Reception: Yes or No

Place: _____

Eulogy: It is the policy in the Archdiocese of Kingston that a eulogy is not permitted during the Funeral Mass. The family is encouraged to prepare some notes on the life of their loved one who has died in order to help the priest prepare his homily. This will assist the priest to make the homily personal and relevant to the deceased and to the family. A member of the family may arrange to give a eulogy at the Funeral Home during the wake or at the grave side or at the reception following the Funeral Mass.