

Church of St. Mary Gate of Heaven

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Dear Friends,

The parish faith community of St. Mary Gate of Heaven Catholic Church extends its sympathy and love at this time of your loss. In an effort to make the Funeral Liturgy a more fitting tribute to your loved one and as personal as possible, I invite you to please fill out the short biography that follows. If you also wish to prepare some of the Funeral Mass, then complete the accompanying page 3 and hymn selection sheet as well. Please pass these papers to the Priest or Deacon at the Wake Service or drop it in the Parish Office Mailbox the night before your loved one's funeral. If your loved one was also very involved at St. Mary Gate of Heaven over the decades, you are invited to write a tribute describing their involvement and the number of years so that it can be published in our bulletin. This will inspire current parishioners to offer a prayer of thanks for all your loved one did for the church. We welcome tributes within 8 months of your loved one's death. I thank you for your time and please be assured of our prayers.

Fr. Baltazar Sanchez Alonzo, Pastor
The Ministers of Consolation
And The People of St. Mary Gate of Heaven

Personal History

Name of Deceased: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____ Retired Active

Baptismal Church: _____

Parishioner: _____ years Married: _____ years Spouse: _____

Spouse's Information (Living / Deceased / Divorced?) _____

Children: _____

Parents: _____ Living/Deceased? _____

Grandchildren: _____

Brothers & Sisters: _____

What Are Some Of The Qualities That Made This Person Special?

(Ex: caring, a great listener, brought out the goodness in others, loving, hard working, family centered, overcame great obstacles, courageous....)

Special Interests / Hobbies /Talents:

How Did This Person See His / Her Relationship With God? (Favorite Saints and Devotions?)

Can You Remember Times That He / She Really Celebrated His / Her Life, Family....?

Was This A Lingering Or Sudden Death?

Who Were The Primary Caregivers During His / Her Illness?

Was This Person Involved In The Parish of St. Mary Gate of Heaven? Please Describe How?

The Catholic Funeral Mass

This form is offered as a help if you would like to plan parts of the Funeral Mass. It is meant to be used in conjunction with the *Rite of Christian Funerals* book, the official Funeral Ritual of the Church, which the Funeral Director can lend you a copy of. Please note that some families choose to plan a great deal, other families less or nothing at all leaving the decisions to the Priest. Please fill in as much as you care to and the Priest will take care of the rest.

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time of Service: _____

Music Requests: Check any desired selections on accompanying page.

Liturgy Of The Word

There is a selection of Scripture readings available to the family for use at the Funeral Mass on the next page. You are invited to select an Old Testament passage and an optional New Testament passage if you wish a second reading to be proclaimed. Please indicate at least the scripture passage number and book name below. You may also invite a capable family member or friend to proclaim the readings. If no person is indicated below, then the priest will proclaim them.

First Reading (Old Testament): # _____

Reading To Be Proclaimed By: _____

Optional Second Reading (New Testament): # _____

Reading To Be Proclaimed By: _____

Deceased Relatives Or Close Friends To Be Prayed For In The Prayer Of The Faithful: (Optional)

Who Will Carry The Bread & Wine From The Table To The Priest At The Offertory?

If a family member or friend wishes to speak briefly about the deceased's life or extend gratitude to those who consoled the family during the recent difficult days, it can take place during the wake service in the Funeral Home or at the beginning of the Mass. That person should inform the priest prior to either service that he or she wishes to speak and their remarks should be prepared in writing, be concise and no more than 2 minutes.

Memorials: With regard to donations of sacred vessels, vestments, etc., as memorials for the deceased, the Church gratefully receives these but often passes them along to the missions since we have complete sets. If you wish to arrange a memorial donation specifically for St. Mary Gate of Heaven Catholic Church, please speak to a Priest to learn of what the church is in need of at that particular time.

Suggested Scripture Readings For A Funeral Mass

Old Testament

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| 1) Maccabees 12:43 – 46 | He had the resurrection of the dead in mind. |
| 2) Job 19:1, 23-27 | I Know that My Redeemer lives. |
| 3) Wisdom 3:1- 9 | As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. |
| 4) Wisdom 4:7-15 | A blameless life, the attainment of old age. |
| 5) Isaiah 25:6a, 7- 9 | The Lord God will destroy death for ever. |
| 6) Lamentations 3:17- 26 | It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord. |
| 7) Daniel 12:1 – 3 | Of those who sleep in the dust of the earth many shall awake. |

New Testament Readings

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| 1) Romans 5:5 – 11 | Justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger. |
| 2) Romans 5:17 -21 | Where sin increased, there grace overflowed all the more. |
| 3) Romans 6:3 -9 | We too might live in newness of life. |
| 4) Romans 8:14-23 | We groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies. |
| 5) Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 | What will separate us from the love of Christ. |
| 6) Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12 | Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's |
| 7) 1 Corinthians 15:20 – 28 | So too in Christ shall all be brought to life. |
| 8) 1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 57 | Death is swallowed up in victory. |
| 9) 2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1 | What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal. |
| 10) 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6 -10 | We have an everlasting home in heaven. |
| 11) Phillippians 3:20–21 | Jesus will transfigure our wretched bodies to be glorious like his. |
| 12) 1 Tesselonians 4:13-18 | We shall stay with the Lord for ever. |
| 13) 2 Timothy 2:8 - 13 | If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. |
| 14) 1 John 3:1 – 2 | We shall see God as he really is. |
| 15) 1 John 3: 14 -16 | We have passed from death to life, because we love them. |

During Easter Season

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| 16) Acts 10:34 – 43 | Go has appointed Jesus to Judge everyone, alive and dead. |
| 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 |

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Name of Deceased _____

Date of Funeral _____

Suggested Musical Selections For Your Loved One's Liturgy

(You are invited to check one from each category.)

ENTRANCE HYMNS

- Be Not Afraid
- Morning Has Broken
- O God Our Help In Ages Past
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- For All The Saints (not during Lent)

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

- On Eagle's Wings
- You Are Near
- Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God
- Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord
- Psalm 91: Be With Me, Lord

HYMNS AT PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

- Eye Has Not Seen
- Come to Me
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Amazing Grace
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- I Heard The Voice Of Jesus
- Ave Maria (*Schubert*) (*cantor solo*)

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

- I Am The Bread Of Life
- How Great Thou Art
- Prayer Of St. Francis
- We Remember
- Only This I Want (*cantor solo*)

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

- The King Of Love
- Shall We Gather At The River
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name