

Music Guidelines for Funeral Liturgies

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. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of the funeral rites should be chosen with great care. The music at funerals should support, console, and uplift the participants and should help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory. Music must be chosen carefully so that the participants of the Mass know the music and are able to sing with the cantor and choir if they choose to do so.

St. Joseph Parish will provide booklets that contain an outline of the rite, the texts and songs belonging to the people, and directions for posture to assist the assembly's participation. It is not required, but the family may request hymns from the enclosed list that have special meaning for the family. **Any musical requests must be submitted to the Rectory Office at least 24 hours before the Funeral, in order to allow enough time to prepare booklets.** The family may choose up to 4 hymns and 1 Psalm from the lists below. Requests not on this list are at the discretion of the Music Director and may require extra charges to purchase accompaniments and the proper copyright privileges.

St. Joseph has a full time Music Director, Funeral Choir and cantors who will provide music for the Mass of Christian Burial. The family may request a member or friend who is a trained soloist to sing one solo during the Mass. The Director of Liturgy and Music must approve the solo piece. The soloist must present credentials to the Music Director 2 days before the Mass in order to be considered to solo during the Mass. The organist, other instrumentalists, cantor, and choir should assist the assembly's full participation in singing the songs, responses, and acclamations of these rites.

Arrangements for the organist and cantor are made through the funeral home for a customary stipend of \$125 for the organist and \$85 for the cantor. If an extra rehearsal is required for a soloist or an instrumentalist, this may be arranged with the Music Director for a fee of \$25 per ½ hour.

GATHER COMPREHENSIVE 2 HYMNAL

___ 442 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory
___ 454 - I Know that My Redeemer Lives
___ 457 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
___ 459 - The Strife Is O'er
___ 489 - Crown Him with Many Crowns
___ 492 - To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
___ 515 - We are the Light of the World
___ 519 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
___ 520 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
___ 523 - All Creatures of Our God and King
___ 532 - Sing of the Lord's Goodness
___ 560 - Lord of All Hopefulness
___ 586 - Amazing Grace
___ 590 - You are Near
___ 593 - On Eagle's Wings
___ 596 - Be Not Afraid
___ 613 - Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
___ 614 - What Wondrous Love Is This
___ 616 - Eye Has Not Seen
___ 627 - You are Mine
___ 633 - Come to Me
___ 694 - We Have Been Told
___ 758 - Soon and Very Soon
___ 762 - We Shall Rise Again
___ 790 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
___ 791 - For All the Saints

___ 812 - Take and Eat
___ 818 - Shepherd of Souls
___ 822 - I Am the Bread of Life
___ 826 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
___ 833 - Table Song
___ 842 - Without Seeing You
___ 868 - Go, Silent Friend

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

___ 23 - Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God
___ 24 - Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord
___ 27 - Psalm 25: Remember Your Mercies
___ 29 - Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light
___ 43 - Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting
___ 44 - Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting
___ 45 - Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer Than Life
___ 58 - Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful
___ 62 - Psalm 116: In the Land of the Living
___ 66 - Psalm 121: Our Help Comes from the Lord
___ 68 - Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing
___ 71 - Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy

SONG OF FAREWELL

___ 862 - The Hand of God
___ 867 - Song of Farewell