Dear Friends,

The staff of the Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community has prepared this booklet to help you plan your loved one’s funeral. It is not intended to be a comprehensive guide, but a resource to assist you. We understand that the death of a loved one can leave you feeling overwhelmed with loss and unprepared for the journey ahead. We hope that our staff can help to lessen your burden and support you during this difficult time.

Remember that funeral rites are for the living. It is a time for family and friends to gather in prayer, mourning, and remembrance. We may believe intellectually our loved one is with God, but emotionally we may also feel a tremendous loss and emptiness. As a community of faith, we are here to support you and your loved ones on your journey through grief.

As you go through the funeral planning process, do not hesitate to call us to ask questions or make requests. We are here to help and support you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastoral Care Staff
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If you experience the death of a loved one, contact our Parish Center at 612-823-8205 to be put in touch with a priest, or a member of our pastoral care staff.
An Overview of Catholic Funeral Rites

“If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.”
Romans 6:8

Funeral Rite

Christians celebrate a funeral rite to offer thanksgiving and praise for the gift of life. Through liturgy and prayer, we celebrate the life of our loved one, while proclaiming the faith that brings us into communion with Christ’s death and resurrection. This celebration strengthens our faith, comforts those who mourn, and professes hope in the face of death. The funeral rite is divided into two parts; a Funeral Liturgy, which includes a visitation held one to two hours before the liturgy, and the Rite of Committal. Any of these parts may be adapted to accommodate the wishes of the deceased or their family.

Funeral Liturgy

The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the celebration of the funeral liturgy at a Mass. When Mass cannot be celebrated, a funeral liturgy outside Mass can be celebrated at the church or in the funeral home.

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. The funeral liturgy, therefore, is an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief.

Rite of Committal (Burial or Interment)

The Rite of Committal is the community’s final act in caring for the body of its deceased member. It should be celebrated at the place of committal, that is, beside the open grave or place of interment. The Rite of Committal is an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.
An Overview of Funeral Planning

**Funeral Costs**

The Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community welcomes everyone, including non-registered members, or individuals not able to contribute financially to the parish. We believe that money should not be the determining factor in providing a funeral. During funeral planning, our staff can discuss the presider honorarium, musician fees, and luncheon costs.

**Funeral Luncheon**

A luncheon for family members and friends will be coordinated through Saint Joan of Arc’s Funeral Ministry. The food must be catered or purchased from a deli or restaurant. During funeral planning, the family will be asked for an approximate number of guests to be served. The pastoral care staff can help with this discernment, as well as, provide a list of local caterers, delis, and restaurants if needed. Saint Joan of Arc will provide: coffee, juice, plates, napkins, silverware, and volunteers for setup, serving, and cleanup.

**Memorial Offerings**

If you would like to honor your loved one through donations to the parish in lieu of flowers, please ask that contributions be made to Saint Joan of Arc. Our staff can provide envelopes and signage that can be placed near the guest book. Other memorial preferences are welcome.

**Memorial Garden**

The Saint Joan of Arc Memorial Garden provides a final resting place for cremated remains. Located on the north side of the church, the Memorial Garden is a place for loved ones to pray, meditate, and find serenity and solace. Loved ones who are interred in our Memorial Garden are honored by having their names engraved in the brick wall of the church.

You can also memorialize your loved one by purchasing a paver in the Memorial Garden. There are two options for pavers: three lines or five lines. The three-line paver includes the person’s full name, date of birth, and date of death. A five-line paver typically includes the person’s full name, along with four lines that embody the person’s character.
An Overview of Scripture Readings

Reading from the Old Testament

* Full readings can be found on pages 6-7

1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46: “Thus he made atonement for the dead.”
2. Job 19:1, 23-27a: “And from my flesh I shall see God.”
3. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9: “The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them.”
4. Wisdom 4:7-15: “The just man, though he dies early, shall be at rest.”
5. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9: “The Lord will wipe away all tears.”
6. Isaiah 43:1-2, 4: “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.”
7. Lamentations 3:17-26: “The favors of the Lord are not exhausted; his mercies are not spent.”
8. Daniel 12:1-3: “And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

Readings from the New Testament during the Easter Season

2. Revelations 14:13: “Let them find rest from their labors.”
4. Revelations 21:1-5a, 6b-7: “Behold, I make all things new.”
Readings from the New Testament

* Full readings can be found on pages 8-12


2. Romans 5:5-11: “Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts.”

3. Romans 5:17-21: “Through the obedience of one, many will be made righteous.”

4. Romans 6:3-9: “We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.”

5. Romans 8:14-23: “The sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed.”


7. Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12: “If we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.”

8. 1 Corinthians 13:4-13: “And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love.”

9. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23: “Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.”

10. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57: “We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed.”

11. 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1: “We have a building from God dwelling not made with hands, eternal heaven.”

12. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6:10: “We walk by faith, not by sight.”


15. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: “So that you may not grieve like those who have no hope.”

16. 2 Timothy 2:8-13: “I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen.”

17. 2 Timothy 4:7-8: “I have fought the good fight.”

18. 1 John 3:1-2: “Beloved, we are God’s children now.”

19. 1 John 3:14-16: “Whoever does not love remains in death.”


Gospel Readings

* Full readings can be found on pages 13-17

1. Matthew 5:1-12: “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

2. Matthew 11:25-30: “No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son.”


4. Matthew 25:31-40: “Whatever you did for the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”


9. John 5:24-29: “Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.”

10. John 6:37-40: “Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.”

11. John 6:51-58: “Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise then up on the last day.”


15. John 14:1-6: “In my Father’s house there are many dwellings.”

16. John 17:24-26: “I wish that where I am they also may be with me.”

Old Testament Readings

1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46: Judas then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

2. Job 19:1, 23-27: Then Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that God will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

3. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9: The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy. As gold in the furnace, God proved them, and as sacrificial offerings God took them to Godself. Those who trust in God shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with God in love: Because grace and mercy are with the holy ones, and God’s care is with the elect.

4. Wisdom 4:7-15: The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported—snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to God, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.
5. Isaiah 25:6, 7-9: On this mountain, the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain, God will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; God will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD, has spoken. On that day, it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that God has saved us!"

6. Isaiah 43:1-2, 4: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through waters, I will be with you; through rivers, you shall not be swept away. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, nor will flames consume you. Because you are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you.

7. Lamentations 3:17-26: My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, God’s mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is God’s faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in God. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

8. Daniel 12:1-3: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever; others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

9. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12-13: There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God.
New Testament Readings

1. Acts 10:34-36, 42-43: Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. You know the word (that) God sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Jesus Christ all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

2. Romans 5:5-11: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves God’s love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of God’s Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

3. Romans 5:17-21: For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one-person, Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. Romans 6:3-9: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory God, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Christ through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with Christ, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person, has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know
that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

5. Romans 8:14-23: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

6. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39: If God is for us, who can be against us? God, who did not spare God’s own Son but handed him over for us all, how will God not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7. Romans 14:7-9, 10-12: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

8. 1 Corinthians 13:4-13: Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or cruel. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see Face to Face. Now I know only in part, then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now these three remain: Faith, Hope & Love. But, the greatest of these is Love.

9. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23: But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

10. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

11. 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1: Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

12. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10: For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with
hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know
that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we
walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather
leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please
God, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

13. Ephesians 3:14-21: For this reason I kneel before God, from whom every
family* in heaven and on earth is named, that God may grant you in accord
with the riches of God’s glory to be strengthened with power through the
Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend
with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be
filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God who is able to accomplish far
more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to God be
glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

14. Philippians 3:20-21: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a
savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with
his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into
subjection to himself.

15. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest,
who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will
God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we
tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until
the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an
archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and
the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
captured together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus
we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these
words.

16. 2 Timothy 2:8-13: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a
descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the
point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore,
I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too
may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.
This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if
we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us.
If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.
17. 2 Timothy 4: 7-8: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

18. 1 John 3:1-2: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

19. 1 John 3:14-16: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in God. The way we came to know love was that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

20. Revelation 20:11-21:1: I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6-7: I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God). God will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."
Gospel Readings

1. **Matthew 5:1-12a**: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

2. **Matthew 11:25-30**: At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, God, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by God. No one knows the Son except God, and no one knows God except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

3. **Matthew 25:1-13**: Jesus told his disciples this parable: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

4. **Matthew 25:31-40**: Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will
place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by God. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

5. **Mark 15:33-39:** At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

6. **Luke 7:11-17:** Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

7. **Luke 12:35-40:** Jesus told his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
8. **Luke 23:33, 39-43:** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

9. **Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53:** It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hand I commend my spirit;" and when he said this he breathed his last. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, thought he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

10. **John 5:24-29:** Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as God has life in Godself, so also God gave to God’s Son the possession of life in himself. And God gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

11. **John 6:37-40:** Jesus said to the crowd: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it (on) the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day."

12. **John 6:51-58:** Jesus told the crowd: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to
them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

13. John 11:17-27: When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (But) even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? "She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

14. John 11:32-45: When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.
15. John 12:23-28: Jesus told his disciples: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

16. John 14:1-6: Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

17. John 17:24-26: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

18. John 19:17-18, 25-30: And carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."
Music for a Funeral Liturgy

Music is an integral part of the funeral rite and has the power to express feelings that words fail to convey. During funeral planning, your liturgist and musicians will help you find the right music to honor your loved one. Remember that music is a way for the living to remember their loved one, and has the power to comfort and uplift, as well convey the love and support of the community. We have included a sample of songs and hymns used frequently at Saint Joan of Arc funerals and welcome your suggestions.

## Favorite Songs and Hymns

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Prayers of the Faithful — Sample

Our Response is: “Lord, hear our prayer”

We pray for ______________, who passed through the waters of baptism into eternal life, that he/she is now forever held in the palm of God’s hand.

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer.)

For our family and friends, may they be consoled in their grief;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer.)

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially ________________________, may they have peace and joy in Christ;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer)

For all of us gathered here to worship in faith, may we be gathered again in God’s kingdom;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer)

For all who have helped us, may they be rewarded for their goodness;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer)

For the conservation of the water and care for our great lakes, rivers and all sources of life for this planet;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer)

For Peace in our hearts, Peace in our families, Peace within our community and Peace in our World;

Let us pray to the Lord:

(Lord, hear our prayer)
Funeral Mass Planning

Funeral Mass For: ______________________________________________________

Gathering

Prelude Music: _______________________________________________________
Blessing of the Body/Cremains
Welcome
Gathering Song: ______________________________________________________
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: ______________________ Read By: _______________________
Second Reading: ______________________ Read By: _______________________
Meditation Song: ____________________________________________________
Gospel Read By Priest: ______________________________________________
Homily
Eulogy*: __________________________________________________________
Song of Reflection: __________________________________________________
Prayers of the Faithful Read By: _______________________________________

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession: ________________________________________________
Gift Bearers: _______________________________________________________
Eucharistic Prayers
Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Communion Song(s): _________________________________________________
Prayers of Commendation
Final Blessing
Sending Song: _______________________________________________________

* Approximately 3-4 Minutes per eulogist
Memorial Service Planning

Memorial Service For: ________________________________

Gathering

Prelude Music: __________________________________________

Blessing of the Body/Cremains

Welcome

Gathering Song: ________________________________________

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: ______________________  Read By: ______________________

Second Reading: ______________________  Read By: ______________________

Meditation Song: ________________________________________

Gospel Read By Priest: ______________________________________

Homily

Eulogy*: _____________________________________________

Song of Reflection: ______________________________________

Prayers of the Faithful Read By: ______________________________

Prayers of Commendation

Final Blessing

Sending Song: ________________________________________

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