

*“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”*  
John 11:25



# ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FUNERAL PLANNER

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We, at St. Pius V Catholic Church, would like to extend our deepest condolences to you for the loss of your loved one. We are here for you and are praying for the repose of the soul of the deceased. We thank God for the gift of this person in our lives. We look forward to ministering to you in preparation for this sacred Funeral Mass.

## **First Steps**

1. Complete the Funeral Registration Form at: <https://stpiusvbp.org/sacraments> with a few options for Funeral Mass dates.
  - We will then check the schedules of the Church and priests to find a date that works. Please wait to finalize the date with us prior to finalizing arrangements with the funeral home.
  - St. Pius V holds funerals on **Monday-Friday at 10:00am and 12pm.**
2. Review this Funeral Planner to ensure you are aware of the guidelines with regards to planning the Funeral Mass and are in accordance with the Church.
3. If you wish to speak with a Priest, please schedule an appointment by calling our Parish office at 714-522-2193.

## **The Funeral Mass**

The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. The Funeral Mass includes the reception of the body, if this has not already occurred, the celebration of the liturgy of the word, the liturgy of the Eucharist, and the final commendation of farewell. The Funeral Mass takes roughly one-hour.

We invite you to pick out the readings to be used at your loved one's Funeral Mass from the selections provided herein. We encourage you to pick persons to deliver the readings without the effects of deep emotion. If you do not have anyone to read at the Mass, we will provide someone for you.

Where eulogies are not permitted during the Funeral Mass, we encourage you to provide a brief biography to the priest to integrate memories of your loved one into his homily.

There is a time for eulogies at the graveside, visitation or rosary or at a reception following the funeral. Doing at these times, enables more freedom of expression to celebrate the memories of your loved one. We also encourage you to create prayer cards and or a program with information about the person's life that guests may keep upon conclusion of the services.

## *Order of the Mass*

### Opening Rites

Greeting and Placing of the Pall (in the Gathering Area)  
Procession into the Church  
Opening Prayer (*then all sit*)

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm (*to be sung by the Cantor*)  
Second Reading  
Gospel (*stand*)  
Homily (*sit*)  
Prayer of the Faithful (*stand*)

### Eucharistic Prayers

Holy Communion  
Prayer after Communion

### Final Commendation

Song of Farewell  
Incensing  
Procession out of Church

## **Music**

Parishes are pastorally responsible to provide liturgical music at all Funeral Masses that is approved by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Diocese of Orange. Preference should be given to the congregational singing of the acclamations, the responsorial psalm, the song of farewell at the final commendation, and appropriate entrance and communion songs.

We shall provide a cantor and musician for the service. To select the music for the Funeral Mass, please reach out to Rochelle Paz, of our Music Ministry at (714) 905-6992 or [rochellep@stpiusvbp.org](mailto:rochellep@stpiusvbp.org).

Non-liturgical songs may be reserved for other gatherings outside of the sacred Mass such as at a vigil, reception or the cemetery.

## Guidelines and Agreement

- Funerals at St. Pius V may be conducted with a casket, urn, or with no body present.
- **Eulogies are not permitted.** The funeral liturgy is not the best time for a eulogy because the focus of the funeral **is to pray fervently for the deceased** that they may enter into eternal happiness. The family will be able to provide a brief remembrance about your loved one so the presiding priest can add personal memories during his homily.
- All music during the Mass must be of a non-secular nature and approved by the Music Director. The Church will designate a Cantor and musician.
- The readings may be conducted by a family member or by our Sacristan and will need to be selected by you from the readings offered in our Funeral Planner.
- All flowers and pictures are to be placed in the gathering area and must be removed following the Funeral service. Pictures and flowers are not allowed inside the church or Sanctuary area. A 6ft table and easel is provided in the welcoming area for your use.
- When an urn is present, a 5x7 picture and a small flower arrangement may be placed with the urn on a special small table (3.5ft x 1.5ft) next to the Paschal Candle at the base of the sanctuary.
- **A slideshow of pictures or video is not permitted in church;** a slideshow of pictures or display of memorabilia is better displayed at the vigil. The vigil or reception is a time to remember the earthly life of our loved ones while the funeral liturgy looks forward to heaven.
- Any vigil activities (e.g., rosary) will occur at the funeral home, not the church.

## Fees

The donation for the funeral is \$400, which includes the music.

Payment is required prior to the funeral and may be made by credit/debit card or check. *None of this donation goes to the Priest who celebrates the Mass. It is used to cover the administrative costs. Should you feel that you would like to make a gift or donation to the Priest, it should be separate from the above.*

Payments made by the family should be made 5 days before the funeral.

- To pay online please visit [www.stpiusvbp.org](http://www.stpiusvbp.org) / Donate Now / Online Donations
  - Please include Funeral date & your loved one's name.

If you are working with a Mortuary and they are paying the fee please let the office know in advance. Payments coming from the Funeral Home by check can be given to the Sacristan or Priest the day of Funeral.

*Please note:* if would you like the priest to conduct a graveside blessing following the Funeral Mass, please let us know at the time of booking the service. A stipend may be paid directly to the Priest or Deacon in appreciation for his time for the graveside blessing.

## **Mass Readings**

We invite you to pick out the first and second readings to be used at your loved one's Funeral Mass from the selections provided below. Please provide your selections to the priest to input on our Funeral Planning Guide.

You may select lectors to do the readings or the church will provide one for you. Please provide us with the name/s of your reader/s prior to the service.

## FIRST READING

Please choose one reading from the three on this page and provide us with your selection.

### **Option #1 - Wis. 3: 1-6**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

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 of Himself. As gold in the furnace, He proved them, and as sacrificial offerings He took them to Himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with His holy ones, and His care is with the elect.

### **Option #2 - Wis. 4: 7-15**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

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 the LORD, 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. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

### **Option #3 - Isaiah 25:6-9**

#### **A Reading from the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He 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 he has saved us.

## SECOND READING

Please choose one reading from the three on this page and provide us with your selection.

### **Option #1 - Thes. 4: 13-18**

#### **A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, 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 caught up 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.

### **Option #2 - II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

#### **A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters: 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. 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 Him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

### **Option #3 - Romans 5: 5-11**

#### **A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

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 his 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 from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his 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.

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Priest:** God the Almighty Father raised Christ, His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save His people, living and dead.

**Reader:** Our response will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

For \_\_\_N\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of saints, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have reward of their goodness, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again: that they may see God face-to-face, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister, \_\_\_N\_\_\_ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of His friend, Lazarus, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** God, our Shelter and our Strength, You listen in love to the cry of Your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them from their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **Area Catholic Cemeteries**

### **Holy Sepulcher Cemetery**

7845 E Santiago Canyon Rd.

Orange, CA 92869

Phone: (714) 532-6551

### **Good Shepherd Cemetery**

8301 Talbert Ave.

Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Phone: (714) 847-8546