

# Funeral Planning

## Have you planned your funeral?

Have you made such plans? We encourage you to do so. Like everything else related to our passing from this world to the next, it is a benefit to family and friends to do some planning of how you would like your funeral to be celebrated, and then communicate that to all who you think need to know: family, friends and parish.

## About the Ceremony

Obviously you need to follow the rituals of the Church, but there is room for planning according to your wishes and as an expression of your faith.

For example:

- What readings from scripture would you like? The Liturgy of the Word follows the Sunday format with an Old Testament reading, a responsorial Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel Reading. While there is a selection of readings appropriate for a funeral, any scripture passages you and your family might think appropriate can be used.
- What music would you like done (and perhaps, what music do you not want done)?
- Who would you like to read the scriptures, lead the Prayers of the Faithful, and bring the gifts to the altar?

Normally the pastor or one of the deacons can meet with family members with only a day or two of notice to make all these decisions. So, while final decisions don't have to be made far in advance (although they can be), some indication of your wishes is very helpful. Call the parish office at 982-4891 for more information.