

## Funeral Options

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In planning the funeral liturgy, family members have several options which they may exercise as they wish.

- **Music:** Music chosen for the funeral liturgy may be Christian liturgical music (hymns or psalms) or most classical music. Please refer to the music selection sheet for suggestions and return the completed sheet to the Parish Office as soon as possible.
- **Placing of the Pall:** At the beginning of the liturgy while assembled at the Baptismal Font, the pall (a white cloth) is reverently placed over the casket as a reminder of the white garment the deceased received on the day of baptism. It is appropriate for family or friends to place the pall on the casket.
- **Scripture Readings:** The family may choose the Scripture readings from those designated by the church for funerals. If that is your wish, a booklet of selected readings will be provided. Please let the Parish Office know your choices as soon as possible. The family may ask up to two individuals to proclaim the reading(s) at Mass. It is usually best when readers have had some experience reading publicly. Otherwise, the parish will assume the responsibility for this ministry.
- **Presentation of the Gifts:** Family and/or friends may be designated to present the gifts of bread and wine. While there are usually only three items to be presented, any number of persons may participate in the presentation.
- **Distribution of Communion:** Communion may be distributed under both forms (bread and wine) if there are Eucharistic ministers among the family and friends of the deceased who wish to exercise their ministry at the Funeral Mass.
- **Eulogy:** In accordance with the directives from Archbishop Vigneron a eulogy is not allowed during the Funeral Liturgy. Family or friends may be invited to share such a testimony at the end of the Vigil or at the memorial luncheon that often follows the funeral.