



Celebrating  
the  
Funeral Rites

St. Joseph - St. Lawrence Parish  
EASTON, KANSAS

*Dear friend,*

The parish family of St. Joseph-St. Lawrence extends to you and your loved ones our love and sympathy. We are here to walk with you through this overwhelming time. As the Church embraces us in baptism and throughout life, it also embraces us in dying and death.

Your loved one is a gift from God who knew the Lord in faith, but now sees God face-to-face in Heaven. The Scriptures tells us that death separates us temporarily, but one day you'll be reunited with your loved one in the dwelling place prepared by Jesus. This is our rock solid faith.

When a Catholic dies we celebrate a set of Funeral Rites which helps us in our grieving and loss. These prayers bring comfort and express our love. The Church's rituals profess deep faith, and leads us to pray for the one who died.

This booklet, along with the parish minister assisting you, will help you plan the Funeral Rites. There are some things set by Church and parish policy, but you will find parts of the ritual where your preferences are requested.

Again, please know we want to assist you through this time. And, after the funeral, we are here to help you spiritually in any way we can. Don't hesitate to call upon us. The death of a loved one is a sad time, filled with difficult emotions. But it is also a celebration of eternal life for those baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.

*Father Bill*

Funerals are part of the worship life of the Church, and St. Joseph - St. Lawrence Parish strives to make these rites truly prayerful and dignified experiences for all who join us. To this end we will provide the following:

- assistance in planning the services
- ministers for all the Funeral Rites
- music
- prayerful support

## The Funeral Rites

**The Funeral Rites of the Catholic Church** have three parts:

- the **Vigil service** the evening before with either the body or ashes present.
- the **Liturgy** (Funeral Mass) with either the body or ashes\* present.
- the **Burial** with the interment of the body or ashes.

Another option is a Memorial Mass or service with no remains present. These can take place shortly after the time of death or at some convenient time for the gathering of friends and family.

## THE VIGIL

The Vigil is a time of communal prayer, ordinary taking place in the early evening (usually between 6:00pm and 7:00pm) the day before the Funeral Mass. The service coincides with the visitation, and customarily takes place at the funeral home. On occasion, a family may receive permission to conduct the visitation and service at the church. The visitation may also immediately precede the Funeral Liturgy in the church.

The Archbishop has asked that if there is to be a eulogy or if a family member or friends wishes to speak in remembrance of the departed, then these remarks are to be done at the Vigil.

There are two options for the Vigil:

- A **Vigil prayer service**, which includes scripture, brief homily, intercessions, and a blessing.
- **Recitation of the Rosary**, which can be led by a family member of the deceased.

## THE FUNERAL LITURGY

When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the Funeral Rites be performed

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\* The ashes of the deceased may be brought into the church when celebrating the Funeral Rites. An urn containing the ashes will be placed on a table near the sanctuary before the Liturgy begins. The prayers of the Liturgy are adapted slightly, but the rituals remain the same.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church strongly recommends the proper disposition of the ashes of the deceased. The first choice would be to place the ashes in a columbarium – or place designated for the interment of ashes. The second choice would be to bury the ashes in a cemetery as we would the body of the deceased. Whatever is chosen, the ashes must be given respect and dignity, and not be placed anywhere that is not sacred.

within the celebration of Mass, although it is not required. The Funeral Rites apart from Mass may be celebrated at church or gravesite.

The family is encouraged to invite family members or friends, if qualified, to undertake the following roles:

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** An currently-active Eucharistic minister may assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion.
- **Readers** (1, 2 or 3). Readers are needed for the 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and for the Prayers of the Faithful (Petitions).
- **Servers** (up to 3). Servers from the parish will be provided if none are available.
- **Gift Bearers** (up to 4)
- **Ushers** (up to 2). They may hand out a family provided worship aid to people as they come into the church.

## Placing of the Pall

After the body is blessed with holy water at the beginning of the Liturgy, family members or friends may assist in the placing of the pall over the casket. The pall, which is a large white cloth, symbolizes the garment of baptism and the dignity of the Christian person.

## Music

Music is an important part of our ritual. It helps us express our deep faith and comforts us. We encourage families to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources. To ensure the quality and sacred nature of the Funeral Liturgy, we recommend that musicians be assigned from those already trained within this parish. If outside musicians are selected, the parish musician may still need to be present to ensure the proper functioning of our sound system and to oversee the flow of the Liturgy.

If the family of the deceased does not have an experienced liturgical musician and/or singer that would lead the music for the funeral, please contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406, [kjunebugL@yahoo.com](mailto:kjunebugL@yahoo.com).

The hymns may be chosen from the following list:

### Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress  
Abide With Me  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
Amazing Grace  
At the Name of Jesus  
Be Thou Vision  
Because the Lord is My Shepherd  
Come to Me  
Come to the Water  
Gather Your People  
Give Me Jesus  
Glory and Praise to Our God  
How Can I Keep from Singing  
I am the Bread of Life  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus  
I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
In Every Age

Lord of All Hopefulness  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Morning Has Broken  
On Eagle's Wings  
Shall We Gather at the River  
Sing a New Church  
Soon and Very Soon  
There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy  
Though the Mountains May Fall  
We Walk By Faith

### **Responsorial Psalm**

How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place  
In Every Age  
Like a Shepherd  
Loving and Forgiving  
Shepherd Me, O God  
The Cry of the Poor  
The Lord is My Light and Salvation  
This is the Day  
To You O Lord  
With the Lord

### **Offertory**

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Be Thou My Vision  
Because the Lord is My Shepherd  
Come to Me  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Give Me Jesus  
God Will Wipe Every Tear (solo)  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Here I am Lord  
Hosea (Come Back to Me)  
I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
Isaiah 49  
Lord of All Hopefulness  
O God, You Search Me  
Only a Shadow  
Only This I Want  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Remember Your Love  
Shall We Gather at the River  
Shelter Me, O God  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Path of Life  
There is a Longing  
This Alone  
To Everything There is a Season  
We Will Rise Again  
What Wondrous Love Is This  
You Are Near

### **Communion**

All My Days  
Be Not Afraid  
Blest Are They  
Bread of Life  
Center of My Life  
Christ Be Our Light  
Eat this Bread  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Here I am Lord  
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place  
Like a Shepherd  
On Eagle's Wings  
Panis Angelicus  
Parable  
Taste and See  
The Cry of the Poor  
The Supper of the Lord  
There is a Longing  
We Have Been Told  
We Remember  
You Are Near  
Gift of Finest Wheat

### **Recessional**

A Mighty Fortress  
Be Thou Vision  
Blest Be the Lord  
Canticle of the Sun  
City of God  
Crown Him With Many Crowns  
For All The Saints  
Give Me Jesus  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
How Can I Keep From Singing  
How Great Thou Art  
I am the Bread of Life  
Lead Me, Lord



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!"

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1 OT-5                      Lamentations 3:17-25  
*It is good to wait in silence  
for the Lord God to save*

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, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 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.

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1 OT-6                      Maccabees 12:43-46  
*It is a good and holy thing  
to think of the dead rising*

Judas, the ruler of Israel, 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.

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1 OT-7                      Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
*There is a time for everything*

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens. A time to be born, 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.

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#### *During the Easter Season*

1 NT-1                      Acts 10:34-36, 42-43  
*Jesus is judge of the living and the dead*

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He 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 him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

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1 NT-2                      Revelation 14:13  
*Let their good works go with them*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them

find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

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1 NT-3 Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7  
*He will wipe away every tear*

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. He 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.”

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## SECOND READING

2 NT-1 Romans 6:3-4,8-9  
*We too might live in newness of life*

Brothers and sisters: 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 of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. 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.

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2 NT-2 Romans 8:31b-35,37-39  
*Nothing can separate us from God’s love*

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he 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 Jesus 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.

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2 NT-3 I Cor 15:51-57  
*The dead will be raised incorruptible*

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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2 NT-4                      Romans 14:7-9,10c-12  
*The dead will be raised incorruptible*

Brothers and sisters: No one 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 accounting of himself to God.

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2 NT-5                      II Timothy 4:6-8  
*I have kept the faith*

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

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2 NT-6                      II Cor 4:14-5:1  
*We have a dwelling from God eternal in heaven*

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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2 NT-7                      II Cor 5:1,6-10  
*We walk by faith, not by sight*

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.

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2 NT-8                      I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
*We shall always be with the Lord*

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.

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2 NT-9

I John 3:1-2

*We shall be like Him*

Beloved: 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.

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2 NT-10

Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7

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"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."

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## GOSPEL

*The presiding priest will select the Gospel passage to be proclaimed.*

## Homily

Father Bill asks that you compose thoughtful, personal information about your loved one to help him as he prepares the homily. He requests a family member provide him with three paragraphs about the departed:

- 1) Write about his/her faith in God.
- 2) Tell about his/her love of family.
- 3) Share whatever you wish about your loved one, perhaps something the congregation doesn't know.

You may send your writing to him via email: Fr.Wm.McEvoy@gmail.com. He would like to receive it 24 hours before the Funeral.

## Prayers of the Faithful

The priest or other person assisting you may help compose petitions, with a special focus on personalizing them.

## THE BURIAL

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the body is taken to the gravesite where a brief service will be held before the remains are buried or interred.

If you're looking to lay to rest your loved one at St. Joseph of the Valley Cemetery, please call Herman Sachse at 913-775-3353.

In you wish to contact someone for burial at St. Lawrence Cemetery please call Bernie Brose at 913-773-8334.

## *After the Funeral Rites*

### Meal

The Altar Society offers the family of our parishioners a meal following the Funeral for family and friends at parish hall at either site. The family furnishes the meat, cheese, bread and any condiments they desire, and the Altar Society furnish either potato salad or cheesy potatoes, a variety of salads and desserts, tea and coffee.

## Bereavement

The death of a loved one is very painful, and the loss can affect everything — your faith, your personality, your life. If you find you're not coping well, please contact Father Bill. We will do everything we can to help. We wish to support you as you heal.

## Ongoing Prayer

It is an ancient Christian practice to offer Masses for the repose of the soul of your loved one. At every Mass, though, in the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest and congregation prayerfully remember the departed, and we ask our merciful God to grant them a place in Heaven with all the saints. November 2nd is All Souls Day, and the Mass that day is offered for all the departed. In fact, during the entire month of November, we have special remembrances and prayers for the deceased.

