

- **Funeral Mass Times**
 - A funeral Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas may be scheduled at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday.

- **Liturgical Ministers**

We encourage you to select family members and friends to serve as liturgical ministers. If there are not sufficient trained ministers, qualified members of the parish are available to serve.

 - **Lector (reader)** The lector should have the ability to read publicly, and the faith to believe what they are reading. You will need 2 or 3 lectors:
 - **First Reading**
 - **Second Reading**
 - **Prayer of the Faithful**
 - **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** It is our practice to distribute Communion under both species at all Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please choose as many approved Eucharistic Ministers as needed. Family and friends who have been trained and commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at their home parish are welcome to minister during the Funeral Mass.
 - **Musicians** St. Thomas Aquinas music ministers are most often used to provide the music ministry for a Funeral Mass. Any other arrangements should be made through Dr. Brad Bodine, the St. Tom's Music Director.
 - **Gift Bearers** These persons bring the bread and wine to the altar for the Preparation of the Gifts. They may be friends, family members, etc.
 - **Words of Remembrance.** One person may offer words of remembrance during the funeral Mass, following the distribution of Communion. Other family members or friends are encouraged to share their memories during the viewing or at a reception following the Mass.

- **Flowers.** Floral arrangements may be used in the sanctuary. They must not obstruct the view or movement in the sanctuary or other parts of the church, and **MAY NOT BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR.**

- **Music.** A list of suggested songs can be found on the last page of this booklet.

- **Visiting priest.** Any visiting priest needs to obtain permission from the pastor, and if outside the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, must provide a letter of good standing from his bishop.

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of God, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

(or: Sisters and brothers, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and lives to guide us with His love. Confident that God hears the voices of those who call on Him, we pray...)

Lector: Our response is, "Hear our prayer."

In baptism (name) received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister (name) was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer.

Those who trust in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. And for those whose faith is known to you alone, we ask that you give refreshment, rest, and peace. Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer.

The family and friends of (name) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence in you O God. Strengthen our hope so that we can continue to do your work on earth as it is in heaven.....Hear our prayer.

[one additional petition may be added by the family that is pastorally appropriate for the circumstance of death or themes/vocation/passions of the deceased]

Presider: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers that we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sin and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.....Amen.

(or: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers that we offer for our departed brother/sister. Grant him/her the joy of eternal life with You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.....Amen.)

Musical Suggestions

Songs:

All Creatures of Our God and King #533
All Will Be Well #5 (St. Tom's Hymnal)
Amazing Grace #612
Be Not Afraid #608
Behold the Lamb #823
Blest Are They #659
Eye Has Not Seen #638
For All the Saints #793
Hosea #386
How Great Thou Art #494
I Am the Bread of Life #828
I Have Loved You #504
I Know that My Redeemer Lives #854
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace #726
Now the Green Blade Rises #444
On Eagle's Wings #611
Resucito #432
Shall We Gather at the River #774
Shelter Me, O God #636
Soon and Very Soon #770
Take and Eat #831
The Cloud's Veil #58 (St. Tom's Hymnal)
The King of Love My Shepherd Is #635
We Live a Mystery #595
We Remember #593
We Shall Rise Again #772
We Will Rise Again #71
Within the Reign of God #79 (St. Tom's Hymnal)
You Are Mine #649

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God #31
Psalm 23: Nada Me Falta #33
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul #36
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul – handout
Psalm 25: Levanto Mi Alma #36
Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation #39
Psalm 63: I Long for You #63
Psalm 69: Turn to the Lord (handout-Bodine)
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful #99
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful #100
Psalm 116: In the Land of the Living (Refrain III) #110
Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing #120
Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy #127

Gospel Acclamation:

Celtic Alleluia #258 (Recommended)
Easter Alleluia (Verse 1 or 2) #424
Alleluia! Give the Glory – handout
Alleluia from Mass of Angels and Saints – handout
Glory to You #188 (During Lent)

Song of Farewell:

This Day in New Jerusalem – handout (suggested)
Song of Farewell (by Grayson Warren Brown) – handout
Saints of God #862