



**HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS**

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# *Funeral Planning Booklet*

*We at Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish extend our prayers and sympathies to you and your family in your time of mourning, and we pray that God will give you strength during your grieving. You might have many things to plan at this difficult time, and we hope that this booklet can help you in planning the funeral Mass. Please feel free to choose as many or as little of the options here as you would like. If there is any aspect of the Mass that you do not feel like choosing, the priest or Bereavement Minister can choose an option for you.*

*If they have not already done so, one of our parish Bereavement Ministers will be reaching out to you. The minister will help guide you through the options for the funeral Mass and answer any questions you might have.*

*For the Scripture readings, and the choices are laid out in the following pages of this booklet. You may select one Old Testament (OT) reading, one New Testament (NT) reading, and one Gospel reading. The priest (or deacon) always proclaims the Gospel reading at the Mass. For the OT and NT readings, you can choose two readers (one for each reading), or you can have one person proclaim both readings.*

*You can also have another person read the Prayers of Petition (also found in this booklet). If you do not have someone to do this, the priest (or deacon) can do it. Also, please know that the Prayers of Petition are flexible. You can add or delete prayers if you'd like, e.g., you can add a prayer for other deceased relatives or friends.*

*The last section here lists the songs that may be used at Mass. Generally, there are four opportunities for songs at a funeral Mass: The Processional (when we process into church at the beginning), the Offertory (the preparation of the gifts at the altar), the Communion hymn, and the Recessional (when we process out at the end).*

*Regarding eulogies, please know that Cardinal Cupich implemented a policy for all parishes to follow. As the funeral Mass is primarily a celebration of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead, the Cardinal has stated that pastors may allow only one eulogy at a funeral Mass, and it may be no more than five minutes in length. Please know that there are no restrictions on eulogies given at the wake service or cemetery service.*

*Finally, to help defray the parish costs for providing the funeral Mass for your loved one, we ask for the following stipends:*

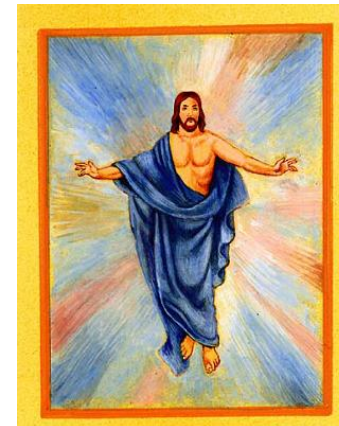
*Funeral Mass - \$450*

*Funeral Mass with visitation in church beforehand - \$650*

*Music Director's stipend - \$200*

*If you write checks, the parish stipend should be made out to "Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish." The Music Director stipend should be made out to "Richard Gersten".*

*If you have any questions, please contact the rectory at (847) 678-0138. May God bless you in this difficult time, and may your loved one rest in eternal peace.*



# SECTION 1

## OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

### #1 Proverbs 31:10-13, 20, 25-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an  
unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all  
the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and  
makes cloth with skillful hands. She reaches out her  
hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.

She is clothed with strength and dignity and she  
laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in  
wisdom and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She  
watches the conduct of her household and eats not  
her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too,  
extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but  
you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and  
beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be  
praised. Give her a reward for her labors and let her  
works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

### #2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time  
for every affair 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.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have  
considered the task which God has appointed for men  
to be busied about. He has made everything  
appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into  
their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from  
beginning to end, the work which God has done. I  
recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad  
and to do well during life.

The word of the Lord.

### #3 Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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 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 his elect.

The word of the Lord.

### #4 Wisdom 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.  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

## #5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain  
the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples.  
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!"

The word of the Lord.



## #6 Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

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, I will 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.

The word of the Lord.



## SECTION 2

# NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

### #7 Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of 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.

The word of the Lord.

### #8 Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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.

The word of the Lord.





## #9 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over to us all, how 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.

The word of the Lord.

## #10 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 that which is corruptible  
clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and that 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.

The word of the Lord.

## #11 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know 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.

The word of the Lord.



## #12 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

So 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.





### #13 Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all,

but in everything, by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving,

make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

if there is any excellence

and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

### #14 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of 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.

The word of the Lord.



## #15 2 Timothy 4:6-7, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

For I am already poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well;  
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.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be  
completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.  
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will  
bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.



## #16 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

The word of the Lord.



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

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I 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."

The word of the Lord.



## SECTION 3 GOSPEL READINGS

### #18 Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When he saw the crowds,  
Jesus went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down,  
his disciples came to him.  
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

## #19 Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus:

"I give praise to you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for your selves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## #20 Mark 10:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

People were bringing children to Jesus  
that he might touch them,  
but the disciples rebuked them.  
When Jesus saw this he became indignant  
and said to them,  
"Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a  
child will not enter it."  
Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing  
his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## #21 John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## #22 John 11:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Martha said to Jesus,  
"Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.  
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you."

Jesus said to her,  
"Your brother will rise."  
Martha said to him,  
"I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."  
Jesus told her,  
"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and  
everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?"

She said to him,  
"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the  
Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into  
the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## #23 John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You have faith in God;  
have faith also in me.  
In my Father’s house  
there are many dwelling places.  
If there were not,  
would I have told you  
that I am going to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come back again and take you to myself,  
so that where I am you also may be.  
Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,  
“Master, we do not know where you are going;  
how can we know the way?”  
Jesus said to him,  
“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## #24 John 14:27-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.



Jesus said:

“Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to  
you. Do not let your hearts be  
troubled or afraid.  
You heard me tell you,  
‘I am going away and I will come back  
to you.’  
If you loved me, you would rejoice  
that I am going to the Father;  
for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens,  
so that when it happens you may believe.  
I will no longer speak much with you,  
for the ruler of the world is coming.  
He has no power over me,  
but the world must know that I love the Father and that  
I do just as the Father has commanded me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



## SECTION 4

### PRAYERS OF PETITION

The response is: **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 the saints. We pray to the Lord.

For our (brother/sister) who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that (he/she) may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

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.

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.

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.

## SECTION 5 MUSIC

You may select one to four songs from this list:

**Amazing Grace**

**Ave Maria**

**Be Not Afraid**

**Hail Mary Gentle Woman**

**Here I Am Lord**

**Hosea**

**How Great Thou Art**

**I Am the Bread of Life**

**Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

**Let There be Peace on Earth**

**On Eagle's Wings**

**Panis Angelicus**

**Prayer of St. Francis**

**Precious Lord Take My Hand**

**Take Me Home**

**You Are Mine**

**You Are Near**

**You Raise Me Up**

If you have any selections, or if you have special requests, please let your bereavement minister know. We will do our best to honor your requests but please keep in mind that non-religious music cannot be used at a Mass. If you have questions regarding the music, you can contact our Music Director, Rich Gersten by phone 708-786-8630 or email at [atenorsart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atenorsart@sbcglobal.net).

# APPENDIX 1

## PARTS OF THE FUNERAL MASS

*These are the standard parts of the funeral Mass.  
If you choose to provide a worship aid to your guests,  
this is a sample to help you create it.*

### RITE OF RECEPTION

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water & Placing the Pall

Entrance Procession                      Be Not Afraid

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading  
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9                      John Doe

Responsorial Psalm - Shepherd Me O God

New Testament Reading  
Romans 6:3-9                      Jane Doe

Gospel Acclamation                      Alleluia

Gospel  
Matthew 11:25-30                      Priest

Homily

Prayers of Petition                      Tom Doe

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song                      On Eagles Wings

Presentation and Preparation of Gifts

Gift Bearers                      Trevor & Anna  
Doe

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn                      Panis Angelicus

Eulogy (Optional)                      Samantha Doe

### FINAL COMMENDATION

Incensing of the Casket/Urn

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

Recessional Hymn                      Amazing Grace



# FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

## OLD TESTAMENT READING – SECTION 1

My choice for the Old Testament reading is # \_\_\_\_\_

The presider can choose the Old Testament reading

Do you have a reader for the Old Testament reading?

Yes                       No

## NEW TESTAMENT READING – SECTION 2

My choice for the New Testament reading is # \_\_\_\_\_

The presider can choose the New Testament reading

Do you have a reader for the New Testament reading?

Yes                       No

## GOSPEL READING – SECTION 3

***The priest or deacon reads the Gospel reading***

My choice for the Gospel reading is # \_\_\_\_\_

The presider can choose the Gospel reading

## PETITIONS – SECTION 4

Do you have a reader for the Prayers of Petition?

Yes                       No

## EULOGY

Do you have a Eulogy?     Yes                       No

## GIFT BEARERS

Do you have someone to bring up the gifts of bread and wine?

Yes                       No

## MUSIC – SECTION 5

My song selections are:

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| <b><i>Processional</i></b>   | _____ |
| <b><i>Offertory</i></b>      | _____ |
| <b><i>Communion Hymn</i></b> | _____ |
| <b><i>Recessional</i></b>    | _____ |

## OTHER NOTES FOR THE FUNERAL MASS:

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