

St. Francis Xavier Parish:

MUSIC GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS

Sacred music is an important part of Catholic funeral rites. The songs and hymns chosen should express the mystery of our salvation in Christ, namely, the saving power of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Funeral music should support, console, and uplift those present and help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory. Secular songs (popular/non-religious songs), even though they may have been meaningful to the deceased or the family, do not always capture the Gospel message of hope nor the sacred quality of Christian worship, and therefore are not appropriate for funeral services. Below are some hymns and song titles offered for your consideration. Other appropriate selections can be made from additional parish resources. Please review this list and consult with the Director of Music, Nick Garza, if you have any questions. He can be reached at 480-212-4507 or via email at nick.garza@sfxphx.org.

Gathering Songs (select 1)

All Hail Adored Trinity
Amazing Grace
Because He Lives
Be Not Afraid
Be Thou My Vision
Christ Is Risen
Here I Am, Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy
How Great Thou Art
I Can Only Imagine
Strength For The Journey

Preparation of The Gifts (select 1)

10,000 Reasons
Amazing Grace
*Ave Maria
Be Not Afraid
Come to the Water
Eye Has Not Seen
God I Look To You
Goodness of God
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Here I Am (Booth)
Here I Am, Lord
*Holy is His Name
Hosea
How Great thou Art
How Great Is Our God
I Will Rise
In Christ Alone
Lead Me Home
Lord I Need You
Only In God
Open My Eyes
Prayer of St. Francis (Make me a channel of Your peace)

Communion (select 1)

Behold, the Lamb of God
Bread of Life
Do This In Memory of Me (Muglia)
Here I Am, Lord
I Am the Bread of Life (Talbot)
I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Make Us A Eucharistic People
Miracle Of Grace
One Bread, One Body
O Sacrament Most Holy
Pan De Vida
Remembrance (Maher)
We Come To You (Blakesly)

Sending Forth (select 1)

Amazing Grace
Holy God We Praise Thy Name
How Great thou Art
I Can Only Imagine
On Eagles Wings
Your Grace Is Enough

***Optional Post communion hymn**