

## **Funeral Planning**

Have you planned your funeral?

Have you made such plans? We encourage you to do so. Like everything else related to our passing from this world to the next, it is a benefit to family and friends to do some planning of how you would like your funeral to be celebrated, and then communicate that to all who need to know: family, friends and parish.

## **About the Ceremony**

Obviously you need to follow the rituals of the Church, but there is room for planning according to your wishes and as an expression of your faith. For example:

- What readings from scripture would you like? The Liturgy of the Word follows the Sunday format with an Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading which can be selected from readings appropriate for funerals by the USCCB.
- What hymns would you like sung? Our Music Ministry is available to assist with these decisions.
- Who would you like to read the scriptures and bring the gifts to the altar?

Normally a Minister of Consolation can meet with family members with a few days notice to make all these decisions. So, while final decisions don't have to be made far in advance (although they can be), documenting your wishes is very helpful. Call the parish office at 352-383-8556 for information and guidance.