**Greetings**,

I am sorry about the loss of your Loved one.  Father Simon and Father Raj and the Saint Joseph community offer their condolences.  Attached is the information I spoke to you about, I hope you find this helpful.

The following are the instruction for the attachments and the funeral itself:

**Processions in.**

**Rosary 30 minutes before Mass.**

**Eulogy may take place 10 minutes before Mass and must be respectful and no longer than 5 minutes.**

**There is an offertory procession.**

**There is a procession out.**

 **It is very important to fill in all information requested**

The following information is recorded on the MASS INFORMATION doc.

READINGS

Please pick one reading from each of the sections:

1st reading selections

2nd reading selections

Gospel reading selections

The readings given are suggestions.  You may pick other readings out of the bible accordingly: The 1st reading come from the Old Testament minus the Psalms; The 2nd reading come from the New Testament Minus the Gospels; and the Gospel reading come from the Gospels.

SONGS

Please pick one song for each:

The gathering song (opening hymn)

Psalm responsorial response

Preparation of the Gifts

Communion

The send forth song (recessional hymn)

The songs given are suggestions except the Psalm responsorial response, you may choose other songs as long as they are Church songs and it is preferred that they are known to the congregation.

Eulogies are no longer allowed at Mass, a eulogy may be given prior to Mass but be no longer than 5 minutes. The eulogy must be presented for approval 1 day ahead of time for content and length.

A Rosary maybe prayed a half an hour before Mass.

There several ways for family members to participate.

1. The 1st and 2nd reading maybe done by a family member or family friend must be a practicing Catholic. Only the readings given by the church can be read. They cannot be altered and commentary will not be given before or after the reading.
* The Gospel Reading is proclaimed by the Priest or deacon.
1. The prayers of the faithful are done by the deacon if there is no deacon then they maybe done by a family member or family friend.
2. Eulogies are no longer to be given at Mass.  They may take place 5 minutes before Mass, and must be presented for approval 1 day ahead of time for content and length.
* I will go over the entire funeral at the meeting and the other places that family member or friends can participate.
* Family and friends who participate, other than the readers, do not have to be Catholic.

If you have any questions and ready to set a time to meet please contact me any time at 970-482-4148 ext. 230 or on my cell phone at 970-388-9949.

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