

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY-NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED LADY

FUNERAL MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

ENTRANCE, OFFERTORY, AND RECESSIONAL HYMNS (choose THREE):			
	Abide with Me		I Call You to My Father's House
	All Creatures of Our God and King		I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
	All People That On Earth Do Dwell		I Know That My Redeemer Lives
	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus		Jerusalem, My Happy Home
	Amazing Grace		Lord of All Hopefulness
	Ave Maria (plainchant)		O God, Our Help In Ages Past
	Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod)		Precious Lord, Take My Hand
	Ave Maria (Schubert)		Shall We Gather at the River
	Be Still, My Soul		Sing with All the Saints in Glory
	Be Thou My Vision		Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
	Beautiful Savior		The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
	Blest Are They		The Lord Is My Light
	For All the Saints		There is Wideness in God's Mercy
	Holy God We Praise Thy Name		We Walk by Faith
	How Great Thou Art		Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

COMMUNION HYMNS (choose ONE):			
	I Am the Bread of Life		O Sacrament Most Holy
	I Receive the Living God		See Us, Lord, About Your Altar
	Lord, I Am Not Worthy		Shepherd of Souls
	Panis Angelicus (hymn)		Soul of My Savior
	Panis Angelicus (Franck)		Taste and See (Moore)

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS (normally ONE is selected by the organist):	
	Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd
	Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul
	Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation
	Psalm 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God
	Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful
	Psalm 116: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living
	Psalm 130: Out of the Depths, I cry to you
	Psalm 143: O Lord, here my prayer

From the USCCB website:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm>

At the funeral liturgy, the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased **to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery.** The funeral liturgy, therefore, is an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief.

Music for a funeral Mass must serve the above purposes. Secular songs are therefore inappropriate. Pre-recorded music is also inappropriate because it lacks the authenticity provided by a living liturgical assembly.