

Funeral Guide

We are so sorry for your loss and our hope is that the service will provide comfort and peace. Planning the service can bring added stress so we have developed these guidelines to help the process run more smoothly.

Basics:

- Funerals may be held on weekdays at 10:00 A.M.
- A visitation may begin as early as 8:30 A.M. the morning of the service.
- Please provide the parish secretary with the following information for the deceased: Full name, age, date of birth, date of death, survived by, date of burial, attending priest, and cemetery.
- Planning the Funeral Mass:
 - Work with Father to choose scripture readings. Or let us know if you would like Father to choose.
 - If you choose to have a eulogy, this will be done before the procession at the beginning of the funeral Mass. It is recommended to limit this to about 5 minutes.
 - Select one or two readers for scripture readings and petitions.
 - Select two – three people to bring the gifts forward.
 - Select one or two Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers to assist with communion.
 - Provide all details to the parish secretary and she will prepare the program. All details must be provided to her 2 days before the service, so she has time to review and gain approval from the priest and the music director and complete the typing, formatting & printing.
- We have a social hall that can hold up to 180 people, which may be used for a luncheon after the service.

Costs:

- The following costs are simply to cover the hard costs the parish incurs for the service and lunch.
 - Cantor: \$125
 - Pianist: \$175
 - Kitchen Staff: \$100
- If you are working with a funeral home, they will generally take care of these costs.
- If you are not working with a funeral home, a check for \$400 may be made out to St. Lawrence and we will pay those listed above.
- Many families choose to make an additional donation to the parish.

Parking:

- The parish parking lot is accessible from 6th street and will hold about 60 cars.
- You or your guests may also park in the lot on the corner of 6th street and 12th Ave. This is a pay lot, however, for funerals there is no charge.
- Once these areas are full, guests may be able to find street parking or may choose to pay to park in the parking garage located at the “Venue” building on the corner of 5th street and 13th Ave.