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Funeral Arrangements at Holy Name Catholic Church

Generally, funeral arrangements at Holy Name are coordinated through the deacon. Please read this information to assist you in making the plans for the funeral arrangements for your loved one.

Rosary Vigil Service

Many Catholic families include in the funeral arrangements for their loved one a Rosary Vigil Service held at the funeral home on an afternoon or evening prior to the funeral. It is often led by a deacon although a family member or friend may lead the recitation of the rosary. When lead by the deacon, this service normally includes Scripture readings, the Rosary, and prayers. You may wish to provide special music (including secular music), present a slide show, and include a eulogy and the sharing of memories. Please discuss the service with the deacon. The Archdiocese of Denver guidelines state that a rosary usually is not recited immediately prior to a funeral Mass, however, there are circumstances where this is possible. If the size of the funeral home is not large enough to accommodate the Vigil Service, the use of the Church may be considered.

Funeral Liturgy

Funeral liturgies may be one of the following:

- A Funeral Mass with the body or cremated remains present. (The Church prefers the body be present.)
- A Memorial Mass with no body or cremains present. (See information about cremains below.)
- A Funeral Service Outside of Mass (either with or without Communion) with the body or cremains present or not, as the situation warrants; this service is usually conducted by the deacon.

We do not have recording or livestreaming capabilities, however you may use your own devices if you desire.

Timing of the funeral is often affected by the availability of the cemetery to handle the committal service, especially if burial is at Fort Logan National Cemetery, and the availability of a priest to celebrate the Mass. Burials at Mount Olivet or other cemeteries located a distance from the Church take place after a reception, if one is held in the St Agnes Center. The deacon usually conducts the Committal Service at the cemetery. The Committal Service may occur on a later date if the cemetery cannot accommodate burial on the date of the funeral or if the body will be cremated after the funeral. **The Church emphasizes that cremains should be buried; they should not be scattered, retained at home, divided among family members in memorial containers or jewelry, or mixed with other ashes. The dignity of the person is paramount.**

Eulogies provide an opportunity to share memories and express the sentiments of the family as they mourn their loss. Because of the deeply personal and emotional nature of eulogies, we recommend that they be offered at the Rosary Vigil Service or at the Reception, where there will be more time and a better environment for that kind of sharing. However, a eulogy of five minutes by one person may be given prior to the beginning of the funeral Mass (or in some cases at the end of Mass). Please keep in mind that the person delivering the eulogy should have it written out. The eulogy should provide dignified and appropriate information about the deceased; remember, it will be delivered in a sacred environment. Consequently, no off-color or insensitive stories or inappropriate language should be used. Mentioning something about the person's faith-life is most appropriate.

Receptions: The St. Agnes Center may be available for a two-hour reception. If you desire a reception, the reception coordinator will be advised and will contact the family. The "Marthas" group usually prepares and serves at receptions.

- ***If the deceased was a parishioner, the dependent child of a parishioner, or a former parishioner who moved away due to health or other reasons,*** there is no charge for the use of the Church or the St. Agnes Center. However, a donation is requested for the "Marthas" to help pay for the food of future receptions. Family members may be asked to help with cleaning up in some cases. Make checks payable to Holy Name Church and include "Marthas" in the note line. Please discuss food arrangement with the coordinator.

- ***If the deceased was not a parishioner but family members attend Holy Name***, there is a charge for the use of the Center which includes coffee service and lemonade. Special catering arrangements must be made; discuss this with the deacon or the coordinator. Families will be asked to assist with the clean-up.
- **We do not have the staff to provide receptions for anyone not associated with Holy Name Church.**

Music for Funerals at Holy Name Church

All music for a funeral Mass must be appropriate for a liturgical celebration – it should be beautiful, prayerful, and reverent. No secular music may be played during the Mass, (e.g. love songs, movie tunes, etc.) nor may recordings of any kind be used. Holy Name provides the organist and cantor for funeral Masses (for information about stipends, see Fees below), however, in some cases a family member or friend who is a musician and wants to participate in the Mass can be included in the service; discuss this with either the deacon or the music director. Hymns for your selection are listed below. Please select one Entrance Hymn, one Offertory Hymn, one Communion Hymn, and one Closing Hymn. If there is a song you would like that is not on the list, please talk to the music director or deacon. Music is normally provided from the choir loft, except for the Responsorial Psalm.

Scripture Readings for a Funeral

The family is invited to select an **Old Testament** reading, the **Responsorial Psalm**, and a **New Testament** reading. During the Easter season, instead of an Old Testament reading, a second New Testament reading is used. You may suggest a Gospel reading although the priest or deacon may elect to use a different one. A book with the various common readings is available for review. See the list of some of the frequently used readings below, however, you may request other readings from Scripture. We use the New American Bible version for the Scripture readings (see www.USCCB.org). We encourage you to invite actively practicing Catholics to be readers of the Word if possible. If you have no one who desires to read, we will provide a reader.

Fees: There is no charge for the use of the Church if the deceased was a parishioner of Holy Name. If the deceased was not a parishioner, a donation of \$150 is requested. There is a fee for the organist and/or cantor based on the community rate. It is traditional to provide a stipend to the priest and deacon. Future Mass intentions may be arranged at the office for a stipend of \$10. Sometimes, the funeral home handles these fees. All fees should be paid prior to the funeral Mass. Make checks out to the church or the individual. Place checks or cash in separate envelopes and give to the deacon or the sacristan.

Frequently Used Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

Job 19:1, 23-27

Wisdom 3:1-9

Wisdom 3: 4, 7-15

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

Lamentations 3:17-26

Daniel 12: 1-3

II Maccabees 12:43-46

Isaiah 43: 1-4

A line in the verse is listed below; please read the entire selection.

For everything there is a season, a time for every matter...

I know that My Redeemer lives.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God.

A blameless life is a ripe old age.

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth, many awake.

It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

I have called you by name: you are mine.

Responsorial Psalm:

23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

103: The Lord is kind and merciful.

27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

25: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

122: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

New Testament Readings

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

Romans 5:5-11

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

Romans 8:14-23

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 12-13

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.

Having been justified by His blood, we will be saved...

Let us walk in newness of life.

We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.

Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

If I have not love, I have nothing.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.

II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
Philippians 3:20-21
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
II Timothy 2:8-13
II Timothy 4:6-8
II Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
1 John 3:1-2
I John 3:14-16
Revelation 14:13
Revelation 21:1-5, 6-7

We have an everlasting home in heaven.
Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies to be like his.
We shall stay with the lord forever.
If we have died with Him, we shall live with Him.
I have fought the good fight; I have kept the faith.
All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.
We shall see God as He really is.
We have passed from death to life.
Happy are those who die in the Lord.
There will be no more death.

Gospel Readings:

Matthew 5:1-12a
Matthew 11:25-30
Matthew 13:24-43
Matthew 25:1-13
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 12:35-40
Luke 17: 11-19
Luke 22: 33, 39-43
Luke 23:44-46, 50,52-53
Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35
John 5: 24-29
John 6: 37-40
John 6: 51-58
John 11:21-27
John 11:32-45
John 12:23-26
John 14: 1-6
John 17: 24-26

The Beatitudes + Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
Come to me all who labor and are weary and I will give you rest.
Let them grow together until the harvest.
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
Be prepared.
He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.
Today you will be with me in paradise.
Father, I put my life in your hands
Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer so to enter glory?
Whoever hears my word and believes, passes from death to life.
All who believe in the Son will have eternal life; I will raise him...
All who eat this bread will live forever & I will raise them up...
I am the resurrection and the life.
Lazarus, come out.
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground & dies....
There are many rooms in my Father's house.
Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am.

Entrance Hymn:

Antiphon: "Eternal rest grant unto him/her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her."
All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure
Amazing Grace
Holy, Holy, Holy!

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The Strife is O'er

Offertory Hymn:

Abide with Me
Ave Maria
Be Not Afraid
Be Still, My Soul
Be Thou My Vision
Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today
Eye Has Not Seen
For the Beauty of the Earth

Here I Am Lord
In the Garden
Lead Kindly Light
O Sanctissima
Old Rugged Cross
On Eagle's Wings
Precious Lord Take My Hand
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Communion Hymn:

Antiphon: "Let perpetual light shine upon him/her, O Lord, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful."
Beautiful Savior
Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

O Sacrament Most Holy
Panis Angelicus
Prayer of St. Francis
Soul of My Savior

Closing Hymn:

Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above
Holy God We Praise Thy Name
How Great Thou Art

Immaculate Mary
Lead Me Lord
Lift High the Cross

Now Thank We All Our God
O God beyond All Praising