

Reception

Just as it is important to gather and pray for our deceased loved ones, it is important to gather and remember their lives and tell the stories of happier days. Receptions provide a wonderful setting. Please check with the Parish Office for scheduling possibilities. Arrangements for food delivery will be made with the Funeral Reception Coordinator.

The Funeral Reception Committee will set up, serve and clean up for the funeral reception. The parish supplies Coffee, Tea, and Punch. Any food is the responsibility of the Family.

For receptions with under 200 people, the Parish Hall is used. Lanigan Gym will accommodate receptions of 200 to 400 people. Often the Parish Center Dining Room is used for small receptions of 30-45.

Items provided by Holy Rosary:

- Paper plates
- Paper coffee cups
- Paper napkins
- Paper tablecloths
- Coffee urns
- Punch bowl
- Plastic cups
- Plastic utensils

Families are responsible for food and any items not listed above. The food must be on serving trays or dishes and ready to put on the table upon arrival. Refrigerator space and/or oven space is very limited. Several local caterers can be recommended, and are familiar with our practices.

Families are asked to return any equipment or dishes to the caterer. The Funeral Reception Committee will be happy to have these and personal serving pieces, etc. cleaned and ready for pick up immediately following the reception.

Costs

Fee for the Pianist/Organist and Vocalist.....\$460
Servers from the School (usually 2-3).....\$10 each
Honorarium to the Church in honor of your loved one.....*optional*

*Honorariums and fees are to be paid to Holy Rosary in advance of the funeral. Stipends for servers can be turned in at the same time, separately as cash in an envelope, or brought the day of the funeral and left in the Sacristy before Mass.

Funeral Planning Guide



Holy Rosary Parish
Seattle, Washington

Planning a Funeral at Holy Rosary Church

Know that as you grieve the loss of your loved one—we are praying for you. That is one of the gifts of community: we are never alone, but in times such as this, we rely and support one another for strength. This Funeral Planning Guide is intended to assist you in planning the Liturgy in which we will commend your loved one to the mercy of God, as well as seek comfort and consolation for those who grieve as we find comfort in the love of our God.

Scheduling

You, your family, the funeral home, the cemetery office and Holy Rosary will reach a decision concerning the day and time of the funeral and burial. Scheduling is subject to availability. It is absolutely necessary to make scheduling determinations with the Parish Office.

Planning the Funeral Mass

You will determine with the Parish Office when you and/or your family will meet with the parish ministers to plan the funeral Mass. You will be guided through the order of the funeral Mass, including the selections for music and the readings. There will be opportunities for family and friends to participate in the Liturgy.

Music

Music is a very important aspect of the any Catholic Liturgy. Holy Rosary Church is blessed to have many accomplished and experienced musicians who can assist you in choosing the music. In planning the funeral it is important that appropriate music be selected. As this is a time of common worship and prayer, only liturgical music found in the hymnals is appropriate. One should consult with the parish minister before deciding which songs or hymns are to be included.

The following hymns are among those frequently sung at funerals:

- * *Abide With Me*
- * *Amazing Grace*
- * *Ave Maria*
- * *Be Not Afraid*
- * *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

- * *How Great Thou Art*
- * *I Am The Bread Of Life*
- * *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*
- * *Jerusalem My Happy Home*
- * *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*
- * *Now Thank We All Our God*
- * *On Eagle's Wings*
- * *Shepherd Me, O God*
- * *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)*
- * *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Occasionally, family members or friends will ask or be asked to perform a solo. The solo musical selections must also be of a sacred nature and chosen in consultation with the organist. The appropriate placement of the solo within the Mass or service is an important matter to discuss with the parish ministers as music is always to be at the service of our common prayer. In all cases the soloist must contact the organist to schedule a rehearsal. Only one solo selection is ordinarily allowed in the service. Holy Rosary's organist/pianist is available for all funerals.

Readings

In and through the Scriptures, God speaks to His people. The Church has set aside different options to be used at the Funeral Liturgy which speak of the central themes of this time, of Death, Resurrection, New Life, and hope in Christ. You are given the option to choose from amongst these readings if you wish, or you can leave it to the discretion of the priest.

You may choose:

- ONE Old Testament Reading AND/OR ONE New Testament Reading
 - During the Easter Season, there are special instructions as one of the readings always come from the selections from Acts or Revelation*
- ONE Psalm
- ONE Gospel