



SAINT BONAVENTURE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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Saint Bonaventure Parish Guidelines for Funeral Arrangements

Scheduling a funeral:

- ❖ Call the Parish office to schedule with Fr. Bob

What to expect:

- ❖ Visitation or a viewing of the body takes place in the Gathering Area of the church (the Fireplace Room) from 10-11 a.m. before the Funeral Mass.
- ❖ The Funeral Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m.

Regarding Cremation:

- ❖ Cremation is acceptable by the Church but having the body at the funeral Mass is preferred.
- ❖ There are two options for final disposition of cremated remains: in-ground burial and above ground interment.

Planning the Funeral Mass:

- ❖ Fr. Bob will schedule a meeting for the family with himself and Karen.
- ❖ Select the scriptures and music (all vocal music must be sacred).
- ❖ Offer insights into the life of the deceased to be incorporated into the homily.
- ❖ Family members are invited to put the white pall on the casket at the church doors, proclaim the readings (except the Gospel), lead the petitions (Prayer of the Faithful). Commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.
- ❖ The parish provides music for funerals with a cantor. You may bring in a family member or friend for a solo, but the details must be arranged with the parish musician. If you prefer to bring in your own musicians, they will be required to lead all the songs, acclamations, and Mass parts and to abide by Catholic Church guidelines.

Eulogies:

- ❖ One brief (3-5 minute) eulogy may be given by one person in church at the beginning of Mass.
- ❖ Opportunities for sharing memories or stories are encouraged at the vigil or funeral luncheon.

Fees:

- ❖ Church \$300 (Payable to Saint Bonaventure)
- ❖ Presider \$150-300 (Payable to Presider, suggested)
- ❖ Cantor \$150 (Payable to Cantor)

Special Requests: Any special requests should be made in advance to the priest/deacon, who will be presiding at the funeral.