

## Safety Guidelines for Funeral Attendants

### 1. Rites/Mass:

- Opening rite: no pall bearers, only celebrating priest and two staff from the funeral home (or one family member for the ashes) remain at the entrance of the church. All other family/guests stay in their pews, facing the entrance of the church for the Opening Rite.
- Reader: only one reader for both readings. Reader will meet with Funeral Planner 20 minutes before Mass to go over their parts.
- Procession of the Gifts by family is omitted. No gifts bearers
- Communion: at the usual time; follow the direction of the celebrating priest and the usher
- Order of Recession: priest, following by the casket/ashes and immediate family, after the casket goes into the Hearse, usher directs everyone else to exit, pew by pew.
- (No Eulogy: per existing liturgy guidelines, it is not a part of Mass. The proper place for eulogy is at the graveside service or visitation.)

### 2. To Family and Guests Attending Funeral Mass:

- Church opens 30 minutes prior to the service.
- Under current safety recommendations, attendance shall be no more than 25 (does not include clergy or ushers). Please send family's guest list to planner no less than 2 days prior to the service so seating arrangements may be planned in advance.
- Please do a self-assessment for Covid19 symptoms before coming to Mass, wear a mask throughout the service, use provided sanitizing pump and practice social practices at Mass. Follow our usher directions.
- Do not gather in the breezeway or parking lot before and after Mass.
- At arrival: check in at the Welcome Desk, let staff know the number of people planning on receiving Communion. An usher will greet you at the door and walk you to your seat. Once being seated, please minimize your movement.

### 3. Other Planning Aspects:

- One framed photo, no larger than 11 x 14 may be placed on a side table at the church entrance.
- Flowers: for casket, one spray may be placed on each side of the altar front; for ashes, one arrangement in front of the urn table. Up to four flowers may be placed on the sides of the entrance.
- Live stream service is not available. However, attendants can use their phone to livestream the service from their seat.
- Music/musicians will be provided only by the parish liturgy staff.
- No guests book signing. No printed programs at Mass. Prayer cards or other remembrance can be passed out at the end of Mass either by family or the funeral home.