



Church of the Holy Eucharist

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Funeral planning at Holy Eucharist

The Church of the Holy Eucharist is available for funerals every day of the week (based on availability), except Tuesdays, Sundays and Holy Days.

The service may be celebrated either in the main Church or in the Chapel. The location you choose will depend on the number of people attending and the desired style of worship. The Chapel seats about 50 people and provides a more intimate setting.

The Church of the Holy Eucharist provides the following:

- The use of the atrium for visitation, the main Church or Chapel for service
- The use of Hoffman Hall (if available) for a reception. (Food for reception is arranged by the family)
- The Church of the Holy Eucharist funeral staff
- A Funeral Minister to guide you through your decisions and schedule musician.
- A Funeral Coordinator who will prepare the church and assist with the funeral
- Refreshments are offered during visitation.
- Musicians for your ceremony
- A worship booklet designed for each funeral (see enclosed sample)
- A Compassion Choir

The funeral rites

There are three aspects to the funeral rites according to the Catholic tradition:

1. **The Vigil for the Deceased:** this service is part of the visitation when held the night or day before the funeral.
2. **The Funeral Liturgy:** this service may happen with or without the celebration of the Eucharist.
3. **The Rite of Committal:** this ceremony happens at the cemetery at the time of interment.

Cremation is allowed by the Catholic Church. The cremated remains should be treated with as much respect as the body. Although not mandatory, it is preferred that the body be present for the funeral services and that cremation take place afterward.

If the body or the cremated remains are present, then a funeral Mass is celebrated, unless liturgical/pastoral reasons suggest a funeral liturgy outside of Mass.

If neither the body nor the cremated remains are present, then a memorial service is celebrated, either with or without a Mass.

Participants in the funeral liturgy

- **The funeral party** will be seated in the first row of pews.
- **A priest or deacon.** Guest priests or deacons are welcome to preside. We ask that they abide by The Church of the Holy Eucharist's liturgical customs.
- **Pall bearers.** Family and friends may be invited by the funeral director to carry the coffin or urn in and out of the church and to the place of burial.
- **Lectors (readers).** Family or friends may proclaim the readings and read the intercessions.
- **Gift bearers.** Family or friends may bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.
- **Eucharistic ministers.** Family or friends who are installed as extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion may help distribute communion.
- **Musicians.** Only Holy Eucharist's musicians may be used. This ensures a beautiful, high quality liturgy as our musicians work together frequently and know the specific demands of our space.

Memorial table & guest book

During the visitation and reception, TV monitors, easels and tables for photo/memento display, and dvd player can be provided. A podium will be provided for guest signing book if needed.

Funeral decorations & flowers

The liturgical furnishings will reflect the season and cannot be moved, removed or replaced.

- Artificial flowers or plants are not allowed.
- After the service please take your arrangements home or bring them to the cemetery.

Funeral Timetable

Morning Funeral

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am or 10:00 am – 11:00 am: visitation
- 11:00 am: beginning of funeral
- 12:00pm: end of funeral
- Lunch following funeral if the reception is in Hoffman Hall or our Café.

Visitation on the evening before the funeral may be requested anytime between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.

Fee Structure

1. Use of the Church of the Holy Eucharist

A free will offering may be given to the church. Checks may be made out to "Church of the Holy Eucharist"

2. Musicians fee (paid through the funeral director)

Keyboardist (piano/organ): \$150

Church cantor/singer: \$150