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Planning for the Funeral Liturgy

The Clergy, the Staff and the Parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish join you in prayer at the time of your loss. You are in our prayers at our Holy Masses.

As the family and the clergy meet and plan for the Funeral Liturgy, it is our hope to make every effort to honor your wishes to have proper Catholic funeral services, as guided by the document of the Catholic Church "**Order of Christian Funerals.**"

We will work with you and the funeral home to plan the services and schedule the priest (or Deacon) and other liturgical ministers. We will work with the church's calendar and set a time together. It is also helpful if you provide us with the names of the surviving spouse and next of kin with their contact phone number.

VIGIL

Vigil for the deceased: is normally held in the evening before either in the Chapel in the Funeral Home or in the Church. At St. Anthony's Parish it has been an established tradition to gather for the Vigil Prayers in the Church. Parish does not provide music for the prayers.

Lectors: Proclaiming the Word of God is an integral part of the Funeral Liturgy. It is a norm for the family to provide names of Readers who will read at the Vigil prayers and at the Funeral Mass.

Vigil: one Lector.

Eulogies: are permitted at the Vigil. Please, discuss the appropriate time with the Presider. The eulogies are also permitted during the luncheon.

FUNERAL MASS

Funeral Mass: Usually, there are two readings to be read and the Prayers of the Faithful. The Gospel is proclaimed by the Presider. If you find it difficult to arrange lectors, the Parish will provide them.

The White Pall: the rich symbolism of this ritual, which is linked to Baptism, is better expressed, if family members place the pall on the casket.

Offertory Gifts: At the Funeral Mass we request two or three members of the family or friends of the family to bring the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory time.

Music: Our Parish provides approved music for the Funeral Mass/Funeral Liturgy. Our musician for funerals is John Morgan.

For better participation for the Congregation, we use the music from the Books “Breaking Bread” and Catholic Book of worship, which are found in our pews.

Soloist: If the family requests a selection of music requiring a soloist, efforts will be made to arrange one through John Morgan, our parish music director.

Funeral Luncheon: St. Anthony’s Parish “Martha’s Table” Committee looks after the luncheon. Normally the luncheon is held in the Parish Hall soon after the Mass and before the procession to the burial site. The Parish will need to know a calculated guess of the number of people who may be attending the luncheon.

For any other information you may find necessary, please do not hesitate to call Father Jack Pereira or the Parish Office at 403-252-1137. Father Jack’s cell number: 403-608-4355.

Funeral Liturgy:

Placing the Pall: _____ No placing the pall if cremated

First Reading: _____ Lector: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ Cantor: Sung by the Choir

Second Reading: _____ Lector: _____

Prayers of the Faithful: _____ Lector: _____

Gift Bearers: _____