



Funeral and Memorial Mass Guidelines

Effective June 20, 2020

To ensure the health and safety of families at Cathedral of Christ the King, their guests, celebrant, and Cathedral volunteers and employees, the following guidelines will apply beginning June 20, 2020, until further notice.

Funerals may have up to 70 people in attendance, including the bereaved family, given the following conditions:

- A Christ the King sacristan is available to assist the celebrant.
- Cathedral staff members or trained volunteers are available to assist for the memorial or funeral Mass.

If these conditions cannot be met, funerals are limited to a total of 25 people per city and state health and safety guidelines. Families will be advised as soon as feasible if these conditions can be met. Musicians/soloists do not count towards the total number of people.

- Guests will be seated by a member of Christ the King's staff or trained volunteer. If desired, bereaved family members may stand outside the entrance to the Cathedral to greet guests after the liturgy.
- Processions will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the preference of the celebrant.
- Pastoral Care will provide the readings to the family for distribution to the Readers (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Prayer of the Faithful).
- There will be no presentation of the gifts.
- There will be no contact for the Sign of Peace.
- Only the host will be distributed to guests during communion. All guests are asked to come forward to the procession during communion.
- At the conclusion of the funeral, the family is required to take all gifted funeral arrangements with them.
- The bereaved family must provide a seating chart for any family they want seated in a particular way. This seating chart should be provided to Pastoral Care at least 36 hours prior to the funeral. They must also provide a list of all attendees and a contact phone number.
- Families should advise their guests that we are asking everyone to wear masks inside the Cathedral. Guests must provide their own masks.
- No one should arrive at Christ the King any earlier than 1 hour prior to the start of the funeral.