

FUNERAL PLANNING

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Here at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, it is our privilege to help you at this difficult yet sacred time. We recognize that when a loved one has died, the passing is often accompanied by profound sorrow and distress. At the same time, the passing of a loved one can be a time of deeper connection with Christ who takes us beyond death to eternal life.

The purpose of this book is to provide you with the basic information needed in order to plan and Schedule a funeral. We hope you find this guide helpful and easy to follow, though, should you have questions during any of the planning stages, please feel free to reach out to the church office for help.

We know what a daunting and overwhelming process this is, and if there's anything that we can do on our part to help make this easier for you, it is our pleasure to do so. We are here to help you, not just as your church, but as a part of your family.



Ecclesiastes 12:7-And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Funeral Preparation

Scheduling

Funeral masses are celebrated on weekdays, at a time when most people can attend, and held in the Parish where the community celebrates Sunday Eucharist. They may be celebrated on any day **except: Sundays, Holy Days, and the Easter Triduum.**

In lieu of a Funeral Liturgy (a Mass), a Funeral Liturgy of the Word may also be celebrated as well as a Memorial Mass at a later date. Please contact the Parish secretary for more details and to schedule the funeral.

Selecting the Readings and Music

The following are the readings and music which you may select from for the funeral.

Processional

We Walk by Faith #680

Amazing Grace #645

Holy God We Praise Thy Name #615

Psalm

Psalm 23: Shepard Me O, God

Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life

Psalm 53: To You, Oh Lord, I Lift My Soul

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 34: The Cry of the Poor

Presentation of the Gifts

On Eagles Wings #691

I Have Loved You #588

We Remember #681

You Are Mine #721

Shepherd Me, O God #35

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Recessional

How Can I Keep from Singing #685

Amazing Grace #645

We Walk By Faith #680

Holy God We Praise Thy Name #615



Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Columbarium Questions and Answers

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure comprised of a series of niches (vaults) that accompany urns containing the cremated remains (also known as the cremains) of the deceased.



I thought Catholics could not be cremated, has that changed?

While cremation was once prohibited by the church, current regulations provide for it as an alternative to traditional earth or crypt interment. Ashes must be treated with reverence due to a body, and the Church continues to discourage the scattering, or division of the ashes, or private storage, but rather interring them on consecrated ground. Cremation is in harmony with the Church's oft-repeated reminder that, "*dust thou art, and unto dust thou shall return.*"

What is the cost of a niche?

The price for one niche (which can hold up to two urns) is \$4,800. This cost includes the openings/closings as well as the engravings of the granite faceplate with up to two names. This one-time purchase also includes: the license, a certificate indicating the location of the niche(s), perpetual care, plus policy and operating rules.

How are ashes secured in the niche?

Ashes are secured in an urn supplied by the parishioner. Each niche is designed to accommodate up to two urns. The urn is placed in the niche of your selection after the funeral rites.

Are there regulations about who may be interred in the Corpus Christi Columbarium?

Present and former registered members of any Catholic Church of the Diocese of Charleston, together with their immediate families (including spouses, Catholic or non-Catholic, siblings, parents, and the natural adopted, step or foster children of

members of the Diocese) are eligible persons for the privilege of licensing niches. The Columbarium is intended for the internment of the (non-comingled) cremated remains of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church and the regulations of the Bishop, and non-Catholic spouses of such Catholics.

How can a niche be selected?

A niche locator map and detailed rules and regulations are available through the Columbarium Coordinator.



Photos of our Columbarium at Corpus Christi

Romans 14:8 - For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Greif Support

Our Grief Support program will be coming to Corpus Christi this Spring 2025. Please reach out to the Parish Office in the meantime with any questions (803) 359-4391.



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Revelation 21:4 - He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.