

## Reception

Sacred Heart Parish is happy to provide a reception for the family and their guests. Special dietary needs are not always possible to meet and need to be communicated to the parish office well in advance. Equipment is available for the viewing of picture slideshows. Contact the parish secretary during the funeral planning process for more details.

### Suggested Reception Donation

Up to 50 guests	\$75 - \$100
50 - 100 guests	\$100 - \$200
100 - 180 guests	\$200 - \$360

## Other Considerations

### Flowers

It is customary for the family to leave one floral arrangement for the church altar to commemorate the deceased at the Sunday Mass following the funeral. Please let the office know if you will be doing so.

### Worship Aid

Sacred Heart Parish provides a worship aid for the Funeral Mass. The family is encouraged to provide, in digital format, a favorite photo, a copy of the obituary or other appropriate memorabilia.

### Fees

Musician	\$100
Soloist	\$100 (If available)

Other fees may apply for services not listed in this brochure.

### Stipends

Church	\$150
Altar Server	\$15 each (if a child)

## Sacred Heart Parish

### Sacred Heart Church



### St. Joseph the Worker Mission



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*Sacred Heart Church  
St. Joseph the Worker, Mission*

## Funeral Planning Guide



**"I am the  
*resurrection*  
and the  
*life.*"**  
JOHN 11:25

*“Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just.”*

*(Order of Christian Funerals, #5)*

## Funeral Planning

If possible, we encourage parishioners to do pre-planning to make this difficult time easier for your family. Contact the parish office to receive information about pre-planning the funeral Mass.

Upon the death of a loved one, contact a funeral home first. They will assist you in making the necessary arrangements for burial. Contact the parish office to schedule the funeral Mass.

## Scheduling a Funeral Mass

When it comes to scheduling funerals, we do everything we can to accommodate family needs. Please know that the church may be in use during the time first chosen. We do not typically schedule funerals on Saturdays.

Once the date and time have been decided, an appointment with the pastor or his delegate is necessary to plan the Mass of Christian Burial and other funeral rites. This involves choosing readings, music and

discussing how family and friends might be involved in the funeral liturgy. A book will be provided to assist you with these decisions.

## Mass of Christian Burial

The funeral liturgy is the central celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. At the funeral liturgy the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery. The funeral Mass includes the reception of the body, the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and final commendation and farewell.

## Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

The Order of Christian Funerals provides for the possibility of a member of the family or a friend speaking in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins. Only one family member or friend is to speak and for no longer than three to five minutes. Please submit the words of remembrance to the pastor, in writing, at least 24 hours in advance.

Other people speaking and the sharing of

stories and other remembrances is more fittingly reserved for the reception.

## Rite of Committal

The Rite of Committal, the conclusion of the funeral rites, is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member. In committing the body to its resting place, the community expresses its hope that, with all who have gone before marked with the sign of faith, the deceased awaits the glory of the resurrection.

We are often asked the Catholic Church’s position on cremation. It is in accordance with Catholic teaching to choose cremation for the disposition of the body after death.

“The cremated remains of the body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which it comes. . . The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. . . (The Order of Christian Funerals #417:)”

The family may choose to inter their loved ones at any cemetery they wish. For information about grave availability at Sacred Heart “Dublin” Cemetery and the benefits of burial in a Catholic cemetery, contact the parish office.