

COVID-19 Procedures and Policies for Funeral Masses at St. Paul's Church

Please review the following information and let us know if you have any questions.

******THE CHURCH CAN ONLY ACCOMODATE 100 PEOPLE FOR FUNERALS******

● **Masks, sanitizing, and social distancing are required.** Please put on your mask before entering the building. After you enter the Narthex please sanitize your hands. Additional sanitizer is available throughout the building. The chair groups are spaced 6 feet apart. **Masks must be worn at all times in the building.**

● If you or a guest is ill or does not feel well, please stay home. A live-stream of the funeral will be available at the request of the family.

● Eulogies, remarks of remembrance, or tributes are limited to **one person speaking for five minutes or less** because they significantly extend the amount of time we are all gathered inside together

● No physical contact for greetings, the Sign of Peace, and The Our Father prayer.

● Singing by the congregation is not permitted at this time, due to increased respiratory output.

● Guest books will not be allowed. Check with the funeral home to see if they have online guest book options.

● Let us know in advance if you have any special needs (i.e. gluten free host, someone is in a wheelchair, someone needs a chair with arms).

● Everyone will be seated immediately upon arrival. There will not be a receiving line.

● Assistance will be provided by the usher(s) to find a seat. Please do not move any seats. The seat covers are for your protection, please do not remove them.

● **No one should congregate in the greeting area, narthex or anywhere in the church.**

● At the end of mass, please stay seated. Dismissal will be with the family first and the guests should exit as directed by the the ushers.

● If you wish to visit with others, please do so outside.

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