

From the Bishop

Bishop Jaime Soto sent the following amendment to priests and deacons on Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Starting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, we will commence committals on a limited basis. Only direct burials will be permitted. We will maintain the steps to ensure the health of the bereaved Faithful, clergy, and our communities.

1. Families will be encouraged to delay services until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted, so, they can hold a vigil, funeral mass and committal.
 2. If a family chooses a Direct Burial, we will accommodate the request.
 3. No family members will be allowed to attend the committal service.
 4. A Priest, Deacon or Designated Lay Minister will perform the committal service.
 5. If the committal is with cremated remains, one grounds man will be in attendance. If the committal is full body, two grounds men will be in attendance.
 6. A Funeral Director/Funeral Arranger will be in attendance.
 7. Families will have the option to view a webcast of the committal.
 - o The details are being worked on presently.
 8. Families who choose Direct Burial will be encouraged to hold a Memorial Mass and a family graveside service once the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.
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