

ST. ANTHONY



CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Father Lawrence John, *JCL*, Pastor

St. Anthony's Catholic Church is staffed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Please call the parish office during these times when a death occurs. When the parish office is closed, please follow phone prompts for an emergency. After a message is left, the on-call minister will respond to the call as soon as possible. The facilities coordinator will help schedule funerals based on availability of facilities and clergy.

Funerals with a Funeral Director

The standard procedure for a funeral at St. Anthony's Church is that a funeral director (funeral home or mortuary) work with St. Anthony's parish staff to set up the details of the visitation, funeral Mass or liturgy, luncheon and graveside burial. Funeral directors are very helpful to the parish in that they arrange for the times of the events, assist in setting up for the visitation if it is held at St. Anthony's, and help the family in coordinating the luncheon and the graveside burial. They also provide valuable assistance with programs, easels and tables for pictures and memory displays, and guest books. Normally the procedure is that, after news of death, the funeral home is contacted first. The funeral home will then contact St. Anthony's to determine possible times and dates for a funeral Mass/Liturgy. The family will meet with the funeral director and confirm the date/time. Family members should then contact St. Anthony's to arrange for a meeting with the staff/ clergy. This is to choose scripture readings, hymns, and other details of the funeral liturgy.

Vigils Service

Vigils may take place in the church. A prayer service or Rosary may be done for the Vigil. Set-up (flowers, easels, etc.) may take place anytime.

Recommended Funeral Stipends

The following suggested stipends/fees are based on services rendered by St. Anthony's staff.

Church	Donation
Organist	Donation
Cantor	Donation
Servers	Donation
Priest	*\$100 (Mandated by the Diocese of Amarillo, see below)
Deacon:	Donation
Funeral Committee	Donation

While no stipend/fee is expected, families often choose to make a gift as a sign of their appreciation for the pastoral services rendered by the presiding priest and assisting deacon. In addition to the funeral service itself, this may include vigil and burial services. In funerals without a Mass, a deacon usually presides.

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Funeral Committee: Our Funeral Committee can provide a luncheon. They will set-up, serve & clean-up. Complete information is provided at the parish office.

Guest Priest/Deacon

Policy: If the family of the deceased requests a guest clergy, the pastor of St. Anthony's is to be informed. The funeral liturgy will generally be presided over by a St. Anthony's priest or deacon. The guest priest/deacon will always be welcome to celebrate (or assist in the case of a deacon) as long as he is in good standing.

Mass or Liturgy without Mass?

Policy: The standard liturgy for a deceased Catholic who was in good standing with the Church is a Mass, with the body present. A Mass should always be the presumed format. If there is question about whether a liturgy without Mass might be more appropriate, the presider should speak to the family.

Eulogies

The grieving process necessarily includes time to remember the life of the deceased loved one. In the Catholic funeral rite, this is most appropriately done during the time of visitation, at lunch, or even at the Vigil Service. The Funeral Mass is primarily the time for praise and thanks for God's gift of eternal life in Jesus. Therefore, please be sure to plan for eulogies at the Vigil Service.

*Funeral stipend may be found online at www.dioama.org and navigate to Departments, Finance, Diocesan Forms, Policy on Mass Offerings Pg. 2.