



CHURCH OF THE GESU
A CATHOLIC, JESUIT PARISH

Funeral Policies

Effective November 9, 2016

Contact – Contact the Parish office at 414-288-7101 to begin the process of scheduling a funeral at the Church of the Gesu.

Date & Time – We schedule funerals based on the availability of the church, priests and staff. Our preferred days are Tuesday through Friday, with Mass at 10am. Alternate time is Mass starting between 2pm and 4pm (2pm-3pm on Fridays). Saturdays are usually not available.

Visitation – Visitation is allowed in the church prior to the funeral Mass. Visitation hours are to be arranged with the Director of Liturgy. No food or drink other than water is allowed in the church during visitation or Mass.

Portraits – Portraits and picture boards are allowed for the visitation, but may not be placed in front of the altar.

Video or Slide Shows – Gesu does not have equipment to display videos or slide shows during a visitation. If desired, the funeral home needs to provide equipment. This type of display is limited to the back of the church.

Funeral Planning – The Director of Liturgy and Director of Music are available to help plan the funeral, including selecting readings and music, people to minister during the funeral, and other church details.

Worship Aid – Gesu can prepare and print up to 100 worship aids, given sufficient lead time. Music is printed for the Song of Farewell; all other music is selected from the hymnal.

Music – Gesu provides an organist and cantor, included in the funeral fee. All music during the funeral Mass must be live; recorded music is limited to the visitation, if any. Additional singers and/or musicians need to be approved by the Music Director. Payment for outside musicians and singers is not included in the church fee.

Eulogies – One eulogy is allowed before Mass begins. Words of remembrance must be prepared and written, no longer than five (5) minutes.

Visiting Priests – Please let us know if the family has arranged their own priest for the funeral. These policies still apply.

Fee – We have a standard funeral fee which pays for the church, priest, organist and cantor. Please make check payable to *Gesu Parish, Inc.*

Military – We appreciate the service of our men and women in uniform, and encourage military honors in these situations. Funeral homes can generally make arrangements for an honor guard. Any rifle volleys (“gun salutes”) must be done at another location.

Fr. Jim Flaherty, S.J.
Pastor