

Preparing to Celebrate the Funeral Mass with Cremated Remains at St. Mary Queen of Creation

In most cases, families planning a funeral Mass work with a local funeral home in order to best coordinate the many details involved. For those families preparing without a funeral home, this outline should assist you in the planning process.

St. Mary Queen of Creation provides a table (45" x 16") that will be placed near the sanctuary. The cremated remains are placed on the center of this table. A photo of your loved one in an 8 x 10 frame and a small floral arrangement may be placed on each side of the cremated remains. These items should be brought with you the day of the funeral Mass.

We invite the family to select the Scripture readings and hymns from the "Planning the Funeral Mass – Readings and Hymns" document. A selection sheet is provided to record your selections. We request this form be turned in 48 hours prior to the funeral Mass. The form may be dropped off at the parish office, faxed to 586-725-3647, or emailed to info@smqoc.com.

Eulogies are not permitted at Catholic funeral Masses.

Visitation – The gathering area in the church is available for families and friends to meet 30 minutes prior to the funeral Mass. A stand is available if you choose to purchase a guest or registry book for guests to sign in and you may place one or two memorial photo display boards here.

Note on Cremated Remains

The cremated remains must always be treated with respect, the same respect we attribute to the body. After the funeral **they are to be interred or entombed**, preferably in a Catholic cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium. The Rite of Committal should accompany this action. They should never be separated or scattered or disposed in any way other than a dignified interment or entombment.