



SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Frequently Asked Questions - Funerals

Can we display pictures of our loved one?

Yes. For funerals in the cathedral, pictures may be placed in the Narthex, in Memorial Hall, and at the reception. For funerals in the chapel, pictures may be placed in the hallway outside Saint Martin's Chapel and at the reception. There will be no pictures displayed in any worship space.

Can we have a friend or family member speak at the funeral?

Yes. One eulogy can be delivered by someone who is close to the deceased. The eulogy will be delivered within the context of the service and should be no more than 5 to 7 minutes in length (approximately 500 to 700 written words). The priest can then follow with a homily (short sermon), if desired. Other speeches and remembrances should be saved for the reception. Please have the eulogist speak to the officiating priest or the sacristan if they have any questions.

Can we play recorded music during the service?

No. Only live music is to be played in a funeral service – we have both an organ and piano in both the cathedral and Dagwell Hall (during cathedral construction. If music is desired for a service in Saint Martin's Chapel, we are able to accommodate an instrumentalist and/or vocalist. Dr. Michael Boney, our Director of Music, can help coordinate any special musicians you may desire. Recorded music can be played at the reception.

Can we livestream the funeral?

Yes. We can live-stream the service in the cathedral or Dagwell Hall (during cathedral construction). We cannot live-stream any services in Saint Martin's Chapel or committals on All Souls' Walk, and we do not allow any outside vendors for live-streaming. There are a number of considerations and restrictions associated with live-streaming: we need 24-48 hours to confirm availability on the service day and time. There is a \$750 fee to cover the costs of AV techs and equipment. Please contact Evans Ousley, Director of Communications, at evans@sjcathedral.org to discuss these options.

How is our loved one present in the funeral?

In the Episcopal Church, we do not have viewings or open caskets. Should you desire that, please schedule it through your funeral home at another location prior to the service at the cathedral. Closed caskets are welcome, as are ashes. All caskets and cremains will be covered by a pall. Though not normative, it is also possible to have a service without the deceased present.

Funeral Fees

These fees are effective as of June 15, 2021.



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❖ Music	
○ Organist	\$250
○ Additional instrumentalist	\$TBD
○ Soloist	\$TBD
❖ Flowers	
○ Special flower arrangement request	Wholesale price
○ Flower arrangement from Sunday services	No charge
❖ Leaflets	
○ Up to 50 leaflets	No charge
○ Each leaflet over 50	\$0.50
❖ Reception in Dagwell Hall	\$150
❖ Crypt on All Soul's Walk	
○ Family crypt for members and retired clergy only	\$4,000
○ Common crypt for members and others by request	\$400
❖ Suggested donation to cathedral's annual budget:	
○ Burial service only	\$500
○ Funeral and burial service	\$1,000

Please note that these fees are subject to occasional change and the fees applicable will be in effect on the date of the ceremony.

Additional fees may be applicable to accommodate special set up requests.

An invoice will be sent following the funeral and/or burial service.