

What to Do When a Loved One Dies?

When a death occurs, you should notify:

- + Emergency services 911 (when a loved one dies at home)
- + A nurse (if you are present when the person dies in a hospital, nursing facility or hospice)
- + Family and friends
- + **The Parish Office (650-494-2496) Emergency (Parish Rectory): 650-327-8222**
- + Funeral home (Spangler Mortuary in Mountain View: 650-967-5546)
- + Catholic cemetery
 - Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos : 650-428-3730
 - Calvary Cemetery, San Jose: 408-258-2940

Meet with the funeral home:

Discuss dates and times for the Catholic Funeral Rite.

Meet with the Funeral Director and arrange the Funeral services:

- + Burial or cremation + Casket or urn
- + Flowers + Memorial folders
- + Guest book + Obituary options
- + Transportation & escorts + Attire of the deceased for the funeral.

Meet with the parish staff:

Nora Lundin (650-494-2496 Extension 14, nlundin@dsj.org) is our parish funeral coordinator. She can help with planning for the funeral liturgy. Nora will assist you with:

- Confirming the date and times of the Catholic Funeral Rite:
 - + Vigil: Prayer the evening before the Funeral Liturgy
 - + Funeral Liturgy: Funeral Mass, or Memorial Mass (without casket or urn), etc. **including arranging for a priest and suggestions on liturgical options (readings, music, etc.)**
 - + Rite of Committal **at the cemetery:** A farewell to the deceased is their final "commendation to God" by the Church.

Meet with the staff of the cemetery:

- + Select and purchase the burial location (if not pre-arranged)
- + Discuss the details of the committal service and confirm the date and time that it will be held.

After Care Process:

Take care of yourself

- + Eat and rest as much as possible—drink plenty of water
- + Spend time with family and friends, accept offers of help
- + Involve yourself with meaningful tasks, delegate to others.
- + Support programs and groups

- Based on "What to do when a loved one dies"
by Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of San Jose.

