

## **ARRANGING A FUNERAL AT OLM**

The death of a loved one is marked by the grief and solemnity over the departed and in the Catholic Church the celebration of their receiving God's forgiveness and eternal life. This message of hope can be a comfort when arranging a Catholic funeral service at Our Lady of Malibu. We strive to provide the family and loved ones with compassionate support in planning a Catholic Funeral or Memorial Liturgy to celebrate and honor the life of the deceased loved one.

A Catholic Funeral officiated by a priest consists of:

1. The Funeral Vigil, aka a wake or memorial, often held in the Church, and may or may not have the remains of the deceased present.

The Rosary, when family, loved ones, and friends gather together in the home or the Church to pray the traditional eight days of Catholic prayers for the deceased customarily follows the viewing or Funeral Vigil.

2. The Mass of Christian Burial, where the remains of the departed must be present, is the liturgical service to honor your beloved in the Church, and it includes the Eucharist (Communion). You may (or request that the priest) choose liturgical readings, music, readers, etc. OLM offers the services of a musician and vocalist.

3. The Rite of Committal (graveside service) follows the Mass.

From the funeral flowers to the graveside service, OLM will spiritually assist you to offer a Catholic funeral service as the departed may have wished.

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