

Verging a Funeral Service at Trinity, Baytown

*If possible get a service bulletin and familiarize yourself with the planned service before hand. Arrive an hour early and vest in black cassock. Check inside the church for lights, soundboard, altar guild preparations, ushers, and acolytes. Discuss the service with the acolytes highlighting their participation. Check in with the ushers and answer any questions they have. Check in with the altar guild and see if they have any questions or need any help.

Touch base with the organist to see if they have any questions.

Nick+ prefers there be no oblationers unless the family requests.

*Introduce yourself to the funeral home directors and help them with any questions. For most questions, the final authority rests with the principal celebrant, i.e., Father Nick+.

*The family should be seated about 5 minutes before the service is scheduled to begin. The procession formation should be:

Crucifer
LEMs
Gospel Book
Celebrant
Casket
Pall Bearers

*During the service sit with the acolytes.

*The procession out should be in same order as procession into the church. Be ready to cue the LEMs as they may be waiting for a choir. After the service, make your rounds offering your help to the altar guild, etc.

***Every funeral is slightly different as it reflects the deceased and their family's choices. There may or may not be communion. There may or may not be a casket. That is why it really helps to get a service bulletin in advance.

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