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“Helping Each Other Follow Jesus Christ on the Road to Heaven”

Dear Faithful,

May the Peace of Christ be with you! This letter is intended to provide you with the funeral directives to be followed for Catholic services in La Junta:

Family members are welcome to call or come in to the office to choose Scripture readings, reserve the hall, or meet with the Priest. Please note: It is required that those reading at the Mass be trained lectors or Ministers of Holy Communion.

Music in the Church is to be provided by musicians who are trained to sing for the Catholic Mass, and hymns must be selected from Catholic hymnals. Appropriate personal photos and/or other items are fine at the back where guests sign the book. We ask that the service not be filmed or video-recorded (by phone or tablet) out of respect.

Normally, there are no eulogies at the Church. A suggestion is that if the family wishes for a certain person(s) to speak, this could take place at the reception or at the end of the graveside services. Any eulogy given in the Church must be previously approved by the Priest, limited to one person, for approximately five minutes.

When a deceased person’s body has been cremated, the expectation is that the cremated remains must be treated with the same respect as a body in a casket, kept intact in a suitable vessel, and either buried or entombed in a columbarium. It is not permissible to keep the cremated remains at home, to scatter them, to separate them into keepsakes, or to co-mingle them with other cremated remains. These contrary situations place the Priest in a difficult position of not being able to assist either in good conscience or without misleading others. In such a case, it is recommended that a Mass be offered for the deceased as a part of our normal list of intentions for the regularly scheduled Masses during the week. Please note: If several people come forward with cremated remains that need to be buried, but do not have the means to do so, the parish could look into options for all of them to have a proper burial.

Please also make note of the following recommended list of offerings:

For the Parish-----\$100.00 (plus \$50.00 if a vigil is held on a separate day)
For the Clergy-----\$100.00
To use the Parish Hall-----\$100.00
Graveside service only-----\$50.00

Sincerely,
Rev. Henry Wertin, Pastor