

PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE SICK AND DECEASED

The following practices are followed for the prayerful remembrance of sick and deceased parishioners, family members and friends:

General Intercessions at Weekend Mass:

- When the parish ministry center is notified, the **names of sick** parishioners, their family members, friends or co-workers will be announced individually within the General Intercessions at weekend Mass for two weeks, after which these individuals will be remembered in a more general way within the General Intercessions by the use of the phrase: “and all those whose names are listed in this week’s parish bulletin.”
- When the parish ministry center is notified, the **names of deceased** parishioners, their family members, friends or co-workers are announced individually within the General Intercessions at weekend Mass for two weeks.

Prayer Corner in the Parish Bulletin:

- When the parish ministry center is notified, the **names of sick** parishioners, their family members, friends or co-workers will be listed individually in the weekly parish bulletin for one month, after which it falls upon the requesting parishioner to contact the parish ministry center again to have the individual’s name included in the parish bulletin for another month.
- The **names of deceased parishioners and the immediate family members of parishioners** are announced in the weekly parish bulletin for one week; for this purpose, “immediate family members” include a spouse, child, parent, sibling, direct in-law, grandparent and an individual sharing the same household as the parishioner making the request.

Note: It is helpful for those making a request for prayers to notify the parish ministry center when the sick person recovers or passes away, so that the prayerful remembrance might be adjusted in a timely manner.

Pastoral Care for the Sick and the Bereaved:

- When the parish ministry center is notified that a **parishioner is sick or hospitalized**, the sick person’s name and contact information is forwarded to the **Pastoral Care Team** for follow-up visitation, Holy Communion and/or other supportive services.
- When a **parishioner has died**, an email notification is sent to the full-time parish staff and a Mass card is sent to the family, designating the deceased for a specific Mass Intention on the closest available date to the first anniversary of the individual’s death; if the individual’s funeral services are being arranged through the parish, the deceased’s name and contact information is forwarded to the **Bereavement Ministry Team** for their assistance with funeral preparations.
- When the parish ministry center is informed that an **immediate family member of a parishioner has died**, a Mass card is sent to the parishioner, including the deceased by name in the next available *Parish Memorial Mass*, usually scheduled on the first Saturday of each month; normally a maximum of 12 individuals are included at each Memorial Mass. The Mass stipends for deceased parishioners’ first anniversary Masses and for the monthly Memorial Masses are drawn for the parish account at the end of each month.
- A list of deceased parishioners and the immediate family members of parishioners is maintained at the parish ministry center and shared with the **Bereavement Ministry Team**, so that the families of the deceased are included in the various events sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry Team throughout the year.

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