FUNERALS SERVICES
Holy Faith Catholic Church
Christian Burial
Gainesville, Florida

CHECK LIST &
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Information & decisions you will need at some point:

- General information about the deceased (date of birth, social security, address, etc.)
- Biographical information for an obituary
- survivors and primary contact person
- funeral with body present or cremation
- how many family members will you be expecting
- will there be children attending the funeral
- has the person been a practicing Catholic
- are there non-Catholic members in the family
- choosing a coffin or container for the cremains
- financial arrangements with the funeral home
- any special need or wish from the deceased person or their families
- Will there be a “viewing” or Vigil in addition to the Funeral Mass?
- Will this “viewing/Vigil be celebrated in the Church or the Funeral Home?
- Will the person be buried in Gainesville, Florida or in a different city or state?
- any other question or concern you may have

- **Before the Death (if possible)**
  - First: Contact Holy Faith Church to arrange for pre-planning
    *(with the priest)*
  - Second: Contact a Funeral Home of your choice

- **After Death (with or without pre-planning)**
  - First: Contact Holy Faith Church to notify us of the death of your loved one
  - Second: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice
    *(to initiate or finalize the funeral arrangements)*

- **Meet with the priest to discuss or finalize the church funeral services:**
  - How did your loved one died? Was there anyone with them?
  - How would you like to remember your loved one? What was significant about them?
  - Date, time, & place of the Funeral service (Mass – Vigil/viewing)
  - Will the body or the cremains be present during the service?
  - Will there be someone speaking at the service? *(optional—not a eulogy—at Mass only one)*
  - Any special church/music you would like to include?
  - Choose: two or more people to present the gifts of Bread and Wine at the offertory
  - Pictures or mementos you would like to bring to display in the vestibule *(optional)*
  - Any voluntary donation you would like to make to cover the expenses of the service?
  - Any special concern, questions, or request?