

The Reception of the Body at the Church

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of funerals that have only one ceremony at the Church which is the celebration of Mass preceded directly by a short Reception of the Body at the Church.

The Rite of Reception of the Body at the Church on the evening before the Funeral Mass

1. Greeting (4 choices or option of ad lib words from celebrant)
2. Sprinkling with Holy Water
3. Optional Placing of the Pall (White cloth placed over coffin as a reminder of Baptism)
4. Entrance Procession (Accompanied by music or prayers)
5. Optional Placing of Christian Symbols (Cross, Bible etc.)
6. Invitation to Prayer (2 choices)
7. Opening Prayer (2 choices)
8. Liturgy of the Word (Reading, Psalm, Gospel and Homily)
9. Prayer of Intercession (Litany, The Lord's Prayer and Concluding Prayer)
10. Optional recitation of a Decade of the Rosary

