



## *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary R. C. Church*

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### **Arranging Funerals and Memorials**

Dear Brother/Sister in the Lord:

Our celebration of a person's life should reflect our conviction that in Jesus Christ we have life beyond life. Our Assumption Parish Family strives to offer our parishioners and friends the Rites of Christian Burial as a means of consolation for the living and grace-filled assistance for the deceased. These rites include a funeral Mass and a vigil service (wake) at the funeral home. We are here for you, to assist you on this very difficult part of your spiritual journey—giving back to God someone you love.

Funerals are normally held during the week (except Sundays) at times depending on clergy and church availability. Your funeral director will make these arrangements for you.

A vigil is normally held at the funeral home the afternoon before the burial. When the deacon leads the vigil service, he goes in the evening. All of this will be cleared with the funeral home.

Once you have contacted the funeral home of your choice, Deacon Mike will contact you to help you through the planning process for the Mass of Christian Burial. In addition, you can always call the rectory.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Aridas