

PARISH LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

St. Peter's-Rocky Ford, St. Peter's-Ordway, and Mary Queen of Heaven-Fowler
These guidelines are to preserve the integrity and sanctity and to prevent abuses of the Catholic liturgy.

1. The Parish or Mission schedules the Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for liturgical ceremonies. This does not include gift bearers.
2. If family members wish to provide their own Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors at the liturgy they need to present a **letter of confirmation** that they are current Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors from their parish at least two (2) days in advance of the event. No one may be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister if they are not currently commissioned or if they have left the Catholic Church.
3. If **eulogies** at funerals are to take place, they are not to be turned into opportunities for preaching by others. They are to be brief memories about the deceased.
4. All music at the wedding or funeral Mass will be Catholic/Christian liturgical music. **No cd's** will be played during the liturgy. If songs are to be rendered by anyone for the deceased, the piece to be sung or played will be submitted and approved by the parish music director. No secular music is allowed at Catholic liturgies.
5. Funerals and weddings performed by the Catholic Church will be entirely catholic. No other faith/denomination will be allowed to assist during Mass. For a funeral this is from the Holy Mass to the cemetery for the internment.
6. All funeral directors, family members or planners must make arrangements with the parish office/Priest before any dates for the funeral or weddings are set. Permission must be obtained before any other priest is to celebrate the Mass.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT OF THE LITURGY!