



ST. ANDREW KIM CATHOLIC CHURCH

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY (연령회) GUIDE



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Catholic Bereavement Preparation Guide

The St. Andrew Kim Catholic Church Bereavement Ministry (연령회 “*yun ryung hweh*”) is a spiritual faith-based organization dedicated to serving our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one. The following is a summary of the steps that the grieving family typically needs to prepare in the Korean Catholic church.

This document is a quick guide for those with pre-arranged funeral plans. Further details are provided on our website: <https://familyfaith.dallaskoreancatholic.org/bereavement-group-english/>

Please review these items and do not hesitate to contact our ministry volunteers if you need any assistance or support.

Immediate Actions Upon Death

Inform the appropriate people to prepare for the funeral announcements and the Funeral Mass.

Parish Contacts

Parish Level Contacts		
St. Andrew Kim	Office	972-620-9150
Bereavement Ministry Coordinator	Lorenzo	813-335-9843
Provide your name, your contact number, relationship to the deceased, name of the deceased, and date of death		
Regional Leader Contacts (구역장)		
Consult the Parish website below to find the regional leader of the deceased individual to prepare for funeral announcements by region.		
https://familyfaith.dallaskoreancatholic.org/parish-regions-2/		

Schedule a Funeral Mass (optional 연도/Viewing/Wake)

- Contact the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator to check for Mass and priest availability based on the availability from the funeral home or to get date options from the parish before meeting with your funeral home.
- If you choose to have a 연도 (“yeon-do”)viewing/wake the day before your funeral Mass, discuss with the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator for proper planning. If you choose to do a viewing on the day of the Funeral Mass, see “연도 Yeon-Do and Viewing Selections” section below.

Official Funeral Announcement

- Provide the following information for an official funeral announcement to the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator to share with the parish community
- See [Appendix A](#) for an example of an official funeral announcement

Required Information for Funeral Announcement	
Information Needed	Special Notes
Deceased’s full name & baptismal name	
Date & cause of passing	
Parish district (구역)	See “Contacts”
Primary contact person of the deceased & primary contact’s phone number	
Cemetery name (burial) or location of columbarium (cremation)	
Portrait photo or a family picture with the deceased	Including a family photo helps parishioners recognize the deceased, though this is optional. High-resolution images are preferred

Submit Mass Offerings

Contact the Parish Office to submit Mass Offerings on behalf of your deceased leading up to the Funeral Mass for daily or Sunday Mass(es). You can also continue Mass offerings after the Funeral Mass. Schedule with the Parish Office.

For notes about honoraria see [Appendix D](#).

Submit Biographical Profile of the Deceased

This information is intended to assist the **presiding priest** and the **memorial leaders** in properly honoring and celebrating the life of the deceased. See examples of a biographical profile [here](#).

Required Biographical Information of the Deceased for Funeral Mass Introduction	
Information Needed	Special Notes
Deceased's full name & baptismal name	
Date of Birth and Location	
Marital Status & Family	e.g., spouse, children, and grandchildren
Date & cause of passing	to be shared at the family's discretion
Parish district (구역)	See "Contacts"
Arrival to Dallas and/or S.A.K.	Year and context for moving to the Dallas area
Employment History	Career path and professional achievements
Contributions to the Church & Community	Service, volunteer work, and spiritual involvement
Notable Personal Characteristics	Values, personality, and the legacy they leave behind

Korean Litany Prayer (연도) & Viewing Service

What is 연도(Yeon-Do)?

Korean Catholic funerals add cultural traditions such as Yeon-do before Mass. Yeon-do is a traditional series of prayers for the dead, most often drawn from the Psalms and accompanied by a distinctive Korean chant. This beautiful ritual reflects the deep reverence Korean Catholics hold for those who have passed, especially the faithful departed.

It began during the 18th-century persecutions, when many Korean Catholics were martyred. The Yeon-do ceremony is a time of communal prayer, as visitors honor the deceased and support the grieving family through shared chanting.

연도(Yeon-do) and Viewing Selections

Once the funeral schedule is confirmed, the family must decide whether and when to hold a Litany prayer service (연도 or “yeon-do”). Yeon-Do is optional. If you choose to have Yeon-Do, your Parish District (구역) may come to your home or the Parish. The viewing can be held in conjunction with the Yeon-Do on the night before the Funeral Mass and/or on the day of the Funeral Mass. The viewing can include open or closed casket. The following table shows the options for Yeon-Do and Viewing selections.

연도(Yeon-Do) Options	
Option 1: No 연도	Only have a Funeral Mass
Option 2: Daily 연도	Begins from the day of death after weekday Masses to the day of the Funeral Mass
Option 3: Short 연도 without Viewing	Held on the Day of the Funeral Mass
Option 4: 연도 with Viewing (day before Funeral Mass)	연도 concludes with the viewing. Visitors will come forward to pay respect to the deceased and the bereaving family. The family is lined up by the immediate family members of the deceased then their siblings in order with their children standing behind them. After 연도 completes, the family and the casket will exit the sanctuary to prepare for the Holy Mass.
Option 5: Short 연도 with Viewing (on the Day of the Funeral Mass)	

Logistics and Preparation for the Funeral Mass

The following items and roles must be prepared prior to the scheduled Funeral Mass to ensure a respectful and organized service.

Please review the following roles and select a family member(s) or other individuals for the roles listed. The church can also provide volunteers if needed.

Funeral Mass Preparation Guide	
Memorial Portrait(영정) (select a family member)	Prepare in 8” x 11” or 11” x 17” size – framed with black ribbon (Appendix C) Family member or volunteer will carry the portrait. Ask funeral home for a set of white gloves.
Pallbearers (select family members)	Choose six pallbearers (family, relatives, or church members). Arrive 30 minutes before the Mass for preparation.
Eulogy & Family Remarks (select a family member)	Eulogy: Occurs after Communion Family Remarks: A representative may give a brief appreciation message and announce any meal reception if applicable.

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Participants for the Rite of the Final Blessing of the Deceased (select family members)	Select up to six people to participate. Ask funeral home for 6 sets of white gloves. Due to candle arrangement in advance, only pre-selected individuals may participate.
Additional Litany Prayer Services (연도)	Additional 연도 (Yeon-Do Litany prayer service) can be held after weekday Masses upon request. This is also an opportunity for family members who have not been active in their Sacramental life to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Guestbook & Condolence Offerings (select a non-family member)	Assign someone to manage the guestbook and collect condolence offerings.
Memorial Mass Offering Arrangements	Plan post-funeral Memorial Mass Offerings to be offered for the soul of the deceased after the funeral with the parish office staff.
Funeral Mass Offerings	Mass honoraria for the presiding priest and those assisting with the Mass preparation. See Appendix D for suggested honoraria
Readers, Ushers, Choir	Church will provide volunteers for these roles; however, if the family prefer specific people to be the reader or ushers, please speak with the parish Sister
Picture slideshow prior to Mass or 연도	Optional: Provide a photo slideshow to play inside the sanctuary before Mass or 연도 starts without sound. Slideshow must be in a format that can be played automatically.
Funeral Mass Program and/or Prayer Cards	Optional: Funeral Mass Program for guest (see Appendix B) Optional: Prayer cards with the deceased information and/or photo for guest

Funeral Mass

Family should arrive at church 1 hour prior to scheduled Funeral Mass.

Format / Flow

General arrangements for the flow and order of services can be found in [this guide](#) . Below are further details per role.

Flow and Order of Services	
Family Seating	Details with diagrams of service order here
Viewing	
Entrance Procession • Details for pallbearers here • Details for portrait bearer here	
Rite of Final Blessings of the Deceased with candles (for details click here)	

Appendix A: Examples of Church Funeral Announcements

- 연도 및 장례공지 -

성명 : 초부송 (율리안나)
 생년월일: 1933년 4월 8일 (89세)
 임종일시: 2022년 8월 30일 오후 7시
 사망원인: 노환
 구역: 케롤론
 상주: 초우찬 마이클
 연락처: 이진원 아네스 (469) 237-8091

연도 및 장례미사

일시: 9월 6일 (화요일) 오전 10시
 장소: 달라스 성 김대건 성당 (레지오장)
 장지: Restland Cemetery
 13005 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX

고인은 레지오 마리아의 로자리오의 모후 단원으로
 활동하셨으며, 초청송 요셉형제님의 부인 이십니다.
 고인과 슬픔에 잠긴 가족들을 위하여 많은 기도
 부탁드립니다.



가족과 함께



프레시디움 단원과 함께

- 연도 및 장례 공지-

고인: 홍 길동 바오로
 생년월일: 1934년 7월 5일 (90세)
 선종일시: 2024년 7월 6일 오전 10시
 사망원인: 노환
 구역: 얼빙
 상주: 홍순행 베드로 (214-456-7890)

연도 및 Viewing

일시: 7월 10일(수) 오후 6시 30분|
 장소: Calvary Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery
 3235 Lombardy Ln, Dallas, TX 75220

장례미사

일시: 7월 11일(목) 오전 11시
 장소: 달라스 성 김대건 성당

고인은 본당에서 오랜 기간 사목위원으로 봉사하시던 홍
 베드로형제의 어머니이십니다.

고인과 슬픔에 잠긴 가족들을 위하여 기도
 부탁드립니다.

Appendix B: Example of Funeral Mass Program

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to come and honor our father. Thank you for your kind words, prayers, and support during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and presence have been a great comfort to our family.

We deeply appreciate your compassion, prayers, and friendship as we navigate through our grief.

- THE FAMILY OF MR KUN SOK OH



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



KUN SOK OH
(FRANCISCO)

March 29, 1939 – February 28, 2026

Catholic Funeral Mass

CELEBRANT
Fr. Je Hyoung Cho (Gabriel)

CON-CELEBRANT
Fr. Edwin Leonard

Sungju

Chief Mourner carrying the portrait
Sonny Swords - nephew

Pallbearers

Grant Swords – nephew
John Swords – nephew
John David Swords – great nephew
Gonzalo Rivera – friend of family
Luke Ahn – friend of family
Danny Kang – friend of family

Eulogy

Jane Mazenko

Yeondo

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After Yeondo completes, the family and the casket will exit the sanctuary to prepare for the Holy Mass. After the eulogy, immediate family members will participate in the final blessing of the deceased before Mass ends.

Repast

Please join us immediately after the funeral Mass for lunch at Sura Restaurant.

ADDRESS:
2240 Royal Ln #106, Dallas, TX 75229.

There will be prepaid set menu to choose from, please let them know you are there for Mr. Oh's funeral reception.

Appendix C: Memorial Portrait



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