

Catholic Funeral Etiquette Guidelines

In the Church:

No food or drink is allowed except water

No gum

No sports caps, jeans, T shirts

Silence phones or other devices

Do not wear sunglasses inside.

Avoid dressing in casual clothing, such as athletic wear, jeans, tank tops, T-shirts, or shorts.

Skip the flip-flops, tennis shoes, sneakers, and stiletto heels.

Dress code for Women:

Dress modestly: Avoid miniskirts, tight spandex pants or leggings, spaghetti straps, too-tight clothing, sleeveless or bare shoulders, stiletto heels.

It's recommended that hems remain at knee-length or below the knee.

Pair a sleeveless dress with a tailored jacket, sweater, or shawl to drape over your exposed arms.

Wear business casual dress slacks paired with a modest blouse (no cleavage) and/or a tailored jacket.

Keep footwear simple, with flat or small heels.

Do not wear strong perfume or scented body lotions that may cause allergic reactions, sneezing, or coughing during the services.

Dress code for men:

For men, the dress code is typically more formal than women.

Men can wear suit or dress slacks with sports coat, with a collared shirt and/or tie.