

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mount Dora, FL

A VIEWING IN THE GATHERING SPACE 7/9/2024

A viewing in the Gathering Space is permissible, although this is not an option the MoC will offer during an interview. A Visitation at the Funeral Home is encouraged in its place.

The casket will typically be opened 30 minutes prior to the Funeral Mass start, closed 10 minutes prior to start, and moved into the Church.

The casket is placed parallel to the glass wall separating the Gathering Space from the Baptismal Font, in front of the desk.

A Funeral Home Director should be near the casket at all times.

Other past occurrences of open caskets in the Church.

If the family wants one last look or to place an item in the casket. When the casket is wheeled into the Church, stop in the west side foyer and open the casket there, with the outer and inner doors closed.

If the family requests Holy Water directly on the body. In the Church, at Mass start, the funeral director opens the casket and the Presider immediately blesses/sprinkles the body, the casket is closed, the Pall placed, and the procession starts.