

## **ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING TO LIMIT THE THREAT OF COVID-19**

*Due to the continuing pandemic and very limited seating available in church, we continue to celebrate a "Private Funeral Mass", although it is for the family to decide who to invite.*

- Funeral Directors and all in attendance must wear face coverings (masks). The priest will wear a face covering entering and exiting church and for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Funeral Masses are live-streamed. The link will be on the parish website [www.littleflowertoledo.org](http://www.littleflowertoledo.org).
- Visitation is not available at the church.
- The casket will be brought straight into the church and placed immediately in front of the altar by the Funeral Directors. Pallbearers will not be used in church.
- Everyone is asked to use hand-sanitizer upon entering the church before being seated.
- Only those who are living together are able to sit together and all others are asked to keep a minimum physical distance of 6'.
- To minimize people in the altar area, the parish will provide lectors to proclaim the Scripture readings and the petitions. *Families still are invited to select Scripture reading and write petitions if you wish.*
- Because congregational singing is discouraged, music selections will be limited with a preference for instrumental and solo hymns.
- There will be no gifts brought forward at the time of preparation.
- Everyone is asked not to hold hands during the *Our Father*, and the *Sign of Peace* will be omitted.
- Only the Sacred Host will be distributed to Catholics receiving Holy Communion and you are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in your hand under the plexiglass screen.
- After the Funeral Mass, the casket will be brought straight to the funeral hearse. Everyone is asked to avoid congregating afterwards in church, instead making your way directly outside.
- Flowers may not be set in the sanctuary.
- Funeral luncheons are not available at the church.