

A nun prays near the site for the tomb of Pope Francis at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major April 25, 2025, where the pope is to be buried April 26. Pope Francis, formerly Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, died April 21 at age 88. (OSV News/Reuters/Kai Pfaffenbach)



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The Mass begins at 10 a.m. local time in Rome, or 4 a.m. EDT (3 a.m. CDT, 2 a.m. MDT and 1 a.m. PDT) in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, will preside over the Mass. Bishops, cardinals and priests from around the world will concelebrate.

Vatican News will livestream the Mass on its YouTube channel, and OSV News will carry that coverage at OSVNews.com. The Mass will also be livestreamed by The New York Times and other news outlets, and broadcast on many U.S. television networks including ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC. Britain's BBC will also provide live coverage. EWTN will also broadcast the funeral Mass live, with coverage beginning at 3 a.m. EDT.

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The Catholic Channel (Channel 129) on SiriusXM radio will also broadcast the Mass, beginning at 4 a.m. EDT., with Fr. Dave Dwyer and Lino Rulli providing on-location coverage. Relevant Radio will also begin live coverage of the Mass at the same time. Both stations will rebroadcast the Mass later in the day. Other Catholic radio stations are also expected to carry live broadcasts of the Mass.

Francis <u>died Easter Monday, April 21, at age 88</u>. His funeral is expected to draw world leaders and dignitaries, including President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump, a Catholic. Following the funeral, Francis will be interred at a simple tomb in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, per his wishes.

The final rituals of the funeral Mass mark the beginning of the "Novendiales," nine days of mourning and that include Masses for the repose of Francis' soul.

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