

PRIEST SERVICES

The Temple's two priests, Shri Surendra Bhardwaj (Shastriji) and Shri Ram Ram Sastrigal (Panditji), are available to perform religious rituals in your home, your business place, or at the Temple. The two priests and the Board of Trustees are committed to providing these services in a manner that best meets your needs as well as maintains the sanctity, consistency, and effectiveness of these services. To meet these goals, the Board has established the following guidelines for providing priest services.

1. Priest Services are handled on a first-come first-served basis. Therefore, please call and reserve Priest Services for your function as soon as you are able. We strongly recommend that you call Shastriji or Panditji, or send e-mail to the Temple's manager Mr. Chandu Patel at ctempleh@gmail.com, well ahead of your event in order to avoid any scheduling conflict (contact numbers provided below).
2. Depending on the location and event the priest services charges could include:
 - Priest Services for performing religious rituals (services).
Note: The suggested charges for various services are listed in the Table below.
 - Travel cost based on distance (from and to Temple - rate per mile)
 - Travel cost based on time (from and to Temple - rate per hour)
3. Although rare, on occasion, the priest may require overnight stay. In such a case, all costs of accommodations should be covered and paid by the devotee.
4. All charges must be paid by check. Please make check payable to "Bharatiya Temple of Lansing" with the notation "Priest Services" on the memo line of the check.
5. The rate per mile is decided based on prevailing rates published by IRS. Currently, the rate per mile is 50 cents. The cost of priest time to drive to your place and back will be at the rate of \$10 (ten dollars) per hour.
6. **Please note that the Board does not require dakshina/honorarium from patrons in addition to the published rates for these services. Based on their contracts, the priests get up to 25% of the priest services as additional remuneration, which is split evenly between the two priests.**
7. After the religious rituals, please make sure that the priest is allowed to return to the Temple in a reasonable time.

If you have any questions, please contact Temple manager Chandu Patel, priest Shastriji, or priest Panditji.

Priest Services – 2011 Schedule & Contacts

Services	At Temple		Beyond Temple Premises/ In-home	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Archana	\$ 11	\$ 21		
Car Puja	\$ 51	\$ 101		
Ganpati Puja	\$ 51	\$ 71	\$ 101	\$ 151
Abhishekam	\$ 51	\$ 101	\$ 125	\$ 151
Satyanarayana Puja	\$ 101	\$ 151	\$ 125	\$ 151
Poornima Day (Only)	\$ 51	\$ 51		
Maha Satyanarayana Puja (Guru Poornima)	\$ 101	\$ 101		
Griha Pravesh			\$ 125	\$ 151
Homa / Havan	\$ 101	\$ 151	\$ 125	\$ 151
Navagraha Puja	\$ 101	\$ 151	\$ 125	\$ 151
Sanskaras	\$ 101	\$ 151	\$ 125	\$ 151
Wedding	\$ 401	\$ 501	\$ 401	\$ 501

Note: Archana and Car Puja are considered temple-provided services; no priest service charge is needed.

Contact	Home Phone	Mobile Phone	e-mail
Shri Surendra Bhardwaj	517.575.0888	517.944.2100	NA
Shri Ram Ram Sastrigal (Panditji)		517.798.6742	Ramramsai64@yahoo.co.in

Shri Chandu Patel (Manager)	NA	517.214.9609	ctempleh@gmail.com
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