

# CALVARY CEMETERY

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## *RULES AND REGULATIONS*

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REFERENCE

1. The care of the burial lots at Calvary Cemetery is perpetual and is paid for at the time the lots are purchased.
2. The charge for the opening of graves shall be as set by the Cemetery Board from time to time according to the cost of labor and material at the time the grave is opened. The cemetery sexton shall not open any grave until either all costs – including the purchase price of the lot, or any other specific charges against the lot – are paid in full or satisfactory financial arrangements have been made.
3. The purchaser or assignees of any lots or graves in Calvary Cemetery shall *not* acquire by purchase the right to change the grade, to erect or maintain any fence, roping, curbing, or wall; nor to designate the boundaries of any lot. Nor shall any tree, shrub, bush or plant already existing in the cemetery be cut down, moved, trimmed or destroyed by anyone without the consent of the Cemetery Board.
4. Whenever any existing tree, shrub, plant, or evergreen shall, by means of its roots, branches or general condition or appearance, becomes detrimental to any lots or avenues, or shall for any reason become unsightly or inconvenient to the public or to the caretakers of the cemetery, it shall be the right and duty of the cemetery board to enter upon the lot and remove or trim any such tree, shrub, evergreen, or other plant, and the lot owner shall have no right to object thereto.
5. No one except the employees of the parish cemetery board will be allowed to disturb the sod on any grave or lot. Flowers or plants in the proper container must be set directly against the edge of the marker and not be put out in the aisle or anywhere over the length of the grave. Flower arrangements may not be put on top of upright grave markers at any time. No urn, vase, basket or receptacle shall be placed on a lot that cannot be readily lifted and set aside by one person for the purpose of mowing and trimming. All cut flowers must be put in metal containers. Glass jars, tin cans, pottery or similar containers must be prohibited as they cause constant litter, multiply maintenance work and costs, and through rust, sharp edges, and breakage create an untenable injury hazard to people and equipment.

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6. No artificial flowers will be allowed from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. With the exception of the time immediately following burial, graves may not be decorated with any more than one flower arrangement or one wreath at any time.
7. In order to preserve the dignity of Calvary Cemetery, which is consecrated ground, and for purposes of maintenance, graves and lots may not be decorated with statues of any kind, hanging baskets, so-called grave blankets, birdhouses, whirligigs, stuffed animals, toys, sports insignia, personal memorabilia, banners, posters, photographs, or the like. Such items will be removed by cemetery staff without notification. The staff cannot be held responsible for maintenance or storage of these items. *Again, as noted above, flowers, plants, bushes, trees, etc. may not be planted in the ground around a grave or lot.*
8. A veteran marker may be used in addition to family marker. Graves in Section 10 of the cemetery must be flush with the ground. Monuments and markers must be cut of natural granite or marble, or be made of standard bronze, and shall not be less than four inches thick. Temporary markers will in no case be allowed.
9. Foundations for markers will be installed only by the cemetery personnel.
10. All orders for foundations must be placed with the parish office at least 15 days prior to the date that the setting is to be done. No foundation will be installed until all monies owed for burial space and service have been paid in full, or suitable financial arrangements have been made for payment.
11. All settings of monuments and markers shall be under the direct supervision of the cemetery sexton. All work relative to the setting shall be done by the dealer, and he shall furnish all equipment for doing the work properly, including planks, rollers, boards, sand, cement, level, cord, and other necessary equipment. The dealer shall carry the necessary materials to clean the marker when the work is finished. Any damage to lawn, markers, shrubbery, etc. shall be the responsibility of the dealer.

The Calvary Cemetery Board  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
& St. Mark's Catholic Church  
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