



MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY

RULES & REGULATIONS

Since 1911, our deceased relatives and friends from St. Adalbert Church and other Roman Catholic parishes have been laid to rest at Mount Calvary Cemetery. For Catholics, it is our baptismal right to be buried in sacred ground. We encourage you to visit the graves of your beloved, to pray for them, to honor their memory with appropriate tributes. We are committed to ensure that Mount Calvary Cemetery is respected as a sacred space; well maintained and inviting to bereaved family and friends. Parking and vehicular traffic therefore is limited to paved areas. We will provide an environment that is safe and secure for visitors and employees. We honor the tradition of family and friends expressing their love and devotion by decorating the areas where loved ones are buried or entombed.

These Rules & Regulations the cemetery have adopted to:

- ensure that the cemetery is respected as sacred space, well-maintained, healing and inviting to bereaved families and friends;
- protect the rights and the privileges of the deceased, all families using the cemetery, and those having loved ones buried within them;
- provide an environment that is safe and secure for those who visit the cemetery as well as those who work within them.

These Rules & Regulations are subject to revision from time to time and copies can be reviewed or obtained at the cemetery office.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

For Catholics, burial in a Catholic cemetery is a baptismal right; for those who do not possess this right, it is a privilege. Catholic cemeteries are intended for the interment of Catholics, catechumens, and members of their families who have this right to Christian burial according to the rules of the Roman Catholic Church. Questions concerning the burial of a non-Catholic member of a certificate-holder's family should first be referred to the pastor of the owner's family.

Burial arrangements are facilitated through the funeral home selected by the family. The certificate of the right of interment is the governing cemetery document. When an ownership certificate is not already held, selections must be made at the cemetery. When space on an existing lot is available, but a designation of interment form has not been filed with the appropriate cemetery, and the certificate-holder is deceased and has not specifically passed the certificate rights through a will, a legal order of succession is followed. The succession begins with the surviving spouse and the owner's children; in the absence of both then to the owner's parents. If no parents are living, then the succession passes to the owner's brothers and sisters equally, then to the owner's closest next of kin. It is expected that all Catholic committals at our cemetery will be celebrated by a priest, deacon from the parish of the deceased.

PLACEMENT, CARE & ALTERATION OF MEMORIALS

Everyone buried in Catholic cemeteries deserves to be remembered by name. This is typically accomplished with flush markers and upright monuments. Within particular cemetery restrictions, the archdiocesan cemeteries accept flush granite or bronze tablets, and granite monuments according to the following:

The memorial type is determined by the type of grave selected. The Rules & Regulations define who has the authority or legal right to place or alter a memorial. Prior to manufacture of any memorial, monument companies must receive written approval from cemetery management for design, size, and inscriptions. Foundation and permit fees are collected by cemetery management prior to acceptance or alteration of memorials. Any alterations made to memorials require prior approval and authorization from the appropriate cemetery office.

Monuments and memorials are the property and responsibility of the purchaser. Foundations are the responsibility of the cemetery. The cemetery must always have a current contact name and address. Future services may be required for memorials placed in the cemetery, e.g. re-sealing granite/marble components.

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CEMETERY DECORATIONS

Annual flowers may be planted during the growing season (April-October) in beds 12 inches deep in front of monument extending only to the length of the monument. Seasonal artificial or silk flowers are permitted only in a self-draining pin type vase placed in the growing area in front of the monument. Wire in artificial flower stems is a hazard to power motor, trimmers and their operators. Trees and landscape shrubbery, including roses, are not allowed.

Because of the continuous hazard of West Nile Virus, no standing water (such as in jars, bottles, crockery etc.) is permitted.

Enhancement of grave area with landscaping material is not allowed. This includes fencing, bricks, and decorative stone.

Items affixed to monuments or in growing area in front of monument are not allowed. This included balloons, stuffed animals, statuary, rosaries, ornaments etc.

Small American flags are permitted on graves from Memorial Day thru Flag Day and on Veteran's Day.

However, decorating must be done in a way that does not create a safety hazard, impede proper maintenance, diminish the Catholic character of the cemetery, or infringe on other graves or crypts. As such, we offer these general guidelines for the good of all.

MAUSOLEUM

Since votive candles are available for family use in the mausoleum chapel, other candles are prohibited.

Space is very limited for decorating because the areas in front of each mausoleum wall are shared.

Due to space limitations for **outside** crypts, **only one (per crypt)** single potted plant or live flower (6 inch pot maximum) during the growing season (April – October) **or** seasonal artificial or silk flowers in self-draining pin type vases are permitted. Trees and landscape shrubbery, including roses, are not allowed.

Due for the potential for water damage, potted live flowers as well as cut flower arrangements are not allowed for the **indoor** (chapel) crypts. Seasonal artificial or silk flowers are welcomed.

Because of the continuous hazard of West Nile Virus, no standing water (such as in jars, bottles, crockery etc.) is permitted.

Enhancement of mausoleum area with landscaping material is not allowed. This includes fencing, bricks and decorative stone.

Items affixed to mausoleum frontage or in front of any mausoleum wall are not allowed. This includes balloons, stuffed animals, statuary, rosaries, ornaments etc.

Small American flags (one per crypt) are permitted from Memorial Day through Flag Day and on Veteran's Day.

CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

There are four ways in which decorations are usually removed.

Items that are unsightly are removed each week during the growing season (April-October).

All decorations are removed from graves & mausoleum each year on February 1st, June 30th, September 30th and November 25th. Due to the volume of decorations being removed, it is impossible to make provisions to claim items once they are removed. Therefore, should families desire to retain items, they must be removed prior to scheduled clean up dates.

As part of our employees' responsibilities, they are to maintain the beauty and safety of the cemetery. As instructed, they are to remove decorations, which are not in compliance with cemetery regulations.

Regrettably decorations are sometimes removed by wind or theft.

MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSING OR DAMAGED DECORATIONS.

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