

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

“We Remember, We Believe”



MISSION STATEMENT

This Catholic Cemetery is a holy place. It is blessed by the Church and dedicated to God as a place of worship, prayer and reflection upon Divine truth and the purpose of life. It is the resting place until the day of Resurrection for the bodies of our faithful departed, once temples of the Holy Spirit whose souls are now with God. It is a final and continuing profession of faith in God and membership in the Church by those have chosen to be buried with fellow believers of “The Household of Faith”.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord.

Holy Cross Cemetery Office 979-335-4071

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY GUIDELINES

Holy Cross Cemetery, owned and operated by Holy Cross Catholic Church of East Bernard, Texas maintains cemetery grounds at no cost to burial certificate holders. This includes mowing, trimming, landscaping and any other maintenance deemed necessary as long as there are funds available to do so. Families of deceased loved ones are expected to also maintain their gravesites by removing seasonal flowers and keeping decorations to a minimum. Gravesites enclosed by borders must be maintained by families forever.

Our rules and regulations may be amended from time to time with the approval of our residing Pastor and Bishop. All burial certificate holders shall be subject to said rules, regulations, amendments or alterations adopted.

Rules and regulations are incorporated in your right to burial contract. They are designed to maintain a safe, orderly and clean cemetery as a permanent memorial to our loved ones and descendants trusted to our care until the end of time. You can help the Church achieve this obligation by observing the following policies governing the operation of the cemetery:

Sale of Cemetery Plots, Mausoleums Crypts and Niches:

The cemetery administrator will direct the selling and sequencing of grave spaces and crypts. This is done with maintenance and accessibility in mind. The administrator will go over rules and regulations with certificate holders and help answer any concerns or questions.

Opening and Closing of Graves:

Holy Cross contracts with a grave digging service to open and close all graves and mausoleum crypts. The cemetery administrator will assist families in their time of need by making arrangements with the digging service to open and close graves and mausoleum crypts. At the current time the fee for opening and closing is collected by the funeral director conducting the funeral service.

All graves in the newly opened Ruppert Section must be lined with an outside container (or vault). A container (or vault) provides stability for graves, reduces sinkage and allows a better base for heavy memorials.

Monuments, Memorials, Borders and Ledgers:

The cemetery administrator must be consulted before ordering grave markers or memorials. The administrator will supply grave dimensions for memorial purposes. Please make sure your monument company knows that they must notify the church before memorials are placed. This will ensure that the monument company has the right specifications and directions in our many cemetery sections. Holy Cross Cemetery has the right to refuse any monument or crypt engraving not in keeping with our Catholic values or that has not been approved by The Church.

MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS MAY NOT BE USED TO STORE NUMEROUS CREMATED REMAINS. Their design is for interment of one or two full body burials, just as they were sold for that purpose. Either two full body burials or one body burial and one cremated remains burial is allowed. There are cremation niches and a newly opening cremation area designed for burial of cremated remains.

Memorials and monuments taller than 36” are not allowed. Granite ledgers must be the appropriate length for grave dimensions and may not extend out into the walkway. Monuments, memorials, borders and ledgers may not extend further than plot dimensions or encroach on other certificate holders’ spaces.

ANY COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL doing concrete work/repairs, pouring borders or setting memorials must first get permission and approval from the cemetery before starting work.

Concrete borders may be poured with the understanding Holy Cross Cemetery nor the digging service is responsible for damage done while digging within the enclosed grave space. Borders must not overlap the grave dimensions and must allow ample room for opening and closing. Borders may not have a thick cement covering that must be broken through to open a grave. **If borders are erected around a gravesite, the family of the deceased is solely responsible for the care and maintenance of the enclosed gravesite.**

All monuments in the newly opened back Ruppert Section must be placed on the northern end of the grave plot, facing in towards the altar in the center of the cemetery.

Engraving on all mausoleums owned by Holy Cross Cemetery must be done through the cemetery administrator. This is to insure lettering is uniform in appearance and according to regulations of our cemetery.

A flower vase **OR** perpetual light may be mounted in the lower right hand corner of the crypt only. Engraving should be off-center slightly to the left to allow room for the vase or perpetual light. Pictures and small military plates are allowed to be attached to crypts by monument.

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Not Responsible – The cemetery will take reasonable precaution to protect right to burial certificate holders within the cemetery from loss or damage BUT it disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its’ control and especially from damage caused by weather elements, thieves, vandals, unavoidable accidents, or Act of God.

- ✓ Caretakers must be able to safely mow our cemetery property. Decorations should be kept to a minimum and be placed near the monument head only. Items that drift onto walkways are subject to removal.
- ✓ Funeral flowers should be removed after they become wilted and unsightly. Remove all banners, trinkets and keepsakes from funeral flowers at the time of burial for the safety of such items. Cemetery caretakers may remove funeral flowers as necessary.
- ✓ Wire hooks, fasteners, glass vases, jars, bottles, rocks, unsecured urns, shepherd hooks and similar objects are too dangerous to be allowed. If hit by the mower, they can damage equipment and monuments or injure our caretakers and visitors. The caretakers and representatives of the cemetery have the right to remove unsafe objects without notification.
- ✓ Holy Cross Church is not responsible for stains or damage to memorials caused by candles, artificial flowers, or potted plants.
- ✓ Landscaping is to be done only by Holy Cross Cemetery. No additional planting of shrubs or trees is permitted. Rosebushes are not permitted on gravesites.
- ✓ Parking on the grass or sidewalks is not permitted. Sidewalks are provided as convenient walkways to different sections of the cemetery but not designed for heavy automobiles.
- ✓ Cemetery representatives and caretakers have the right to clean unattended graves of unsightly decorations and out of season flowers. Unauthorized shrubs, bushes, etc. will be removed.
- ✓ Fill dirt is provided to assist families in adding dirt to graves in need of attention.
- ✓ Trash barrels are provided for rubbish removed from graves.

These rules and regulations are designed so that Holy Cross Cemetery remains a lovely final resting place for our beloved ancestors and relatives. The cemetery earnestly solicits your cooperation in observing these guidelines.

Families of our deceased loved ones and ancestors are encouraged to participate in Holy Cross Cemetery's remembrance rites such as All Souls Day, Memorial Day, Wreaths Across America and any others throughout the year.

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