

St. Joseph Cemetery

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St. Joseph Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Description of Cemetery Lots

Lots are intended for single burial, but it is allowable for a maximum of two remains to be buried on one full size grave, using one of the following combinations:

- 1) One (1) Casketed remains and One (1) Cremated remains OR
- 2) Two (2) Cremated remains

Sales of Cemetery Spaces

Parishioner of St. Joseph is entitled to a free lot.

For a new parishioner to be allegeable for a free lot, person must be registered and contributing member of the parish for at least one (1) year.

Price per lot for non-parishioner is \$600.00. The purchase price must be paid in advance of interment/burial.

Perpetual Care Fee

Perpetual Care fee of \$180.00 is charged per each burial, casketed remains or cremains, and not per lot, regardless of parishioner's status. Payment must be made directly to St. Joseph Cemetery in advance of burial.

No lot owner has the right to transfer his/her lot or any part thereof, without prior approval of St. Joseph Cemetery Board. Any transfer of ownership must be completed in writing and filed with St. Joseph's parish office (at St. Michael's)

Grave Opening/Closing Procedures

All burial-related arrangements should be coordinated directly with staff of St. Joseph's Cemetery, in advance of interment. Fees for the opening/closing of graves are set by St. Joseph Cemetery Board. All burial-related fees must be paid directly to St. Joseph Cemetery in advance of burial unless the funeral home guarantees payment to St. Joseph Cemetery.

See attached rate sheet for more information on burial costs.

Winter Burial Policy

St. Joseph Cemetery do not offer burials during winter. Calvary Cemetery offers space to keep casketed remains until burial is possible. The one-time fee is **\$100.00**.

Monuments, Markers, & Memorial Displays

Memorials for marking graves may be erected or set in the cemetery after approval from St. Joseph Cemetery Board. Monuments or markers may not be installed until full payment for burial rights and perpetual care is made.

Repair of any settling of the memorials is the responsibility of the lot owner, his/her heirs, or assigns.

Trees/Shrubs

No tree or shrub shall be planted, removed, trimmed, or destroyed within the cemetery without consent of St. Joseph Cemetery Board.

Decorations Policy

Live and artificial flowers are allowed from Memorial Day until Labor Day. They need to be securely placed in vases, or containers or hung from shepherd's hooks.

ANY LOOSE DECORATIONS /FLOWERS, WREATHS, ETC./ ARE ALLOWED ONLY FOR TWO (2) WEEKS OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. ONE (1) WEEK BEFORE AND ONE (1) WEEK AFTER. AFTER THAT TIME, THEY NEED TO BE REMOVED.

Reason:

Plastic flower arrangements get strewn about by the wind and need to be pickup by the cemetery staff. They also may cause problem for the mower when chopped by the blades.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter to allow the cemetery staff maintain the grounds and keep them dignified.

Disclaimer

St. Joseph Cemetery Board disclaims responsibility for damages or loss caused by thieves, vandals, rioters, and malicious mischief makers, by acts of providence beyond its reasonable control, or for any portable articles left upon any lot or other part of the cemetery.

Modifications and Amendments

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. St. Joseph Cemetery Board reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of the rules and regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions, suspension, or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

Donations Welcome!

St. Joseph Cemetery is a self-sufficient entity and operates on a limited budget. Any donations, memorials, or bequests are greatly appreciated.

Please consider a gift to the **cemetery operating fund** or to the **perpetual care fund**, which would allow a long-term upkeep of the cemetery.

Perpetual care fund is treated like an endowment fund from which only interest earned may be spent on the cemetery operation and maintenance.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our efforts!

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY BOARD

Attachment: St. Joseph Cemetery Rate Information Sheet