

# Cemetery Grave Pricing

## Considerations:

1. Pricing:
  - a. Price is for each grave.
  - b. Price includes “Perpetual Care”. Each parish will determine the percentage to go to perpetual care not less than 20%.
  - c. Price does not include opening and closing of grave.
  - d. Only one casket and one cremains, or two cremains on each grave.
  - e. Additional cremains on a grave already purchased will cost 75% of all current price levels plus opening fee.
  - f. A certificate and receipt will be issued for each grave purchased.
  - g. Graves may not be sold to third parties. If a purchased grave is no longer wanted it may be sold back to the cemetery for the price at which it was originally purchased.
  - h. In the case of a parishioner who suffers the loss of a baby before birth, please contact the pastor for guidance with regards to the burial. No charge will be levied.
2. No “self-service” burials.
3. Appeal may be made to the pastor for those who are unable to pay in full.

### **Cemetery Plot Fees:**

Plot sizes 40” x 10’

Parishioners	\$300
Former Parishioners	\$600
Non-Members	\$1200

2<sup>nd</sup> “Urn” placement on plot, additional 75% at all price levels

Cremation Plots 40” x 5’ located in older section of cemetery nearest to church

Parishioners	\$200
Former Parishioners	\$400
Non-Members	\$700

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**Definitions:** “**Parishioner**” is a currently registered, supporting member of the parish. Children who have moved out of the home permanently are no long considered parishioners unless they have registered and are supporting the parish; in this case that child would be considered a “former parishioner”.

“**Former Parishioner**” is a person who was raised in the parish or was formerly a registered, supporting member.

“**Non-Parishioner**” is one who has never belonged to the parish.

“**Grave**” is one plot intended for one casket. Grave dimensions are 40”X10’.

“**Cremation Grave**” is one plot & may accommodate 2 remains. Cremation grave dimensions are 40”X5’.

# Cemetery Regulations

The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy and an important witness to the Church's belief in the resurrection of the dead on the Last Day. All regulations regarding the use and maintenance of our cemeteries are formed with due regard to the virtue of charity and an understanding that our practices regarding the burial of the dead and the maintenance of their final resting place is a continuing witness to the Truths of our Catholic faith. These regulations also contribute to the efficient and sustainable care of our cemeteries and ensure their neat and orderly appearance.

1. Markers
  - a. All new footers of either granite or concrete must be installed at ground level and extend four (4) inches beyond the edge of the marker. It must have a hole drilled completely through on either side to accommodate the placement of flower urns and flag holders.
  - b. Veteran's and other organizational plaques must be attached directly to the back of the marker.
  - c. All markers, monuments, decorations, and insignias must be in keeping with Catholic teaching. Decorations should reflect the Church's teaching on our hope in the resurrection of the body and eternal life; these should not give evidence of undue attachment to the things of this world or to mere sentimentality or superstition which is antithetical to revealed Truth. If there is a question the pastor is to be consulted.
  - d. "Perpetual Care" is intended to ensure the continued care of the cemetery grounds. The parishes through their cemetery committees are responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Because markers are the property of the decedent and his or her estate, we encourage and recommend maintenance of such markers as they deteriorate, begin tipping, etc. is the responsibility of the family. The cemetery committee is not liable for damage of headstones due to regular maintenance.
2. All decorations and flowers must be on a stand attached to the footer or stone. If there is no hole for these, they must be inserted into the ground aside of the footer, in line with the marker (i.e. not in front or behind the marker).
3. No planting of flowers, trees, or other vegetation is allowed. If this is attempted these will be removed.
4. The cemetery committee and its agents are not liable for markers, stands, flowers, decorations, flags, baskets, urns, etc.
5. Cremains must be interred in a durable container (urn). A durable container is defined as one made such that it will stand up to burial in the ground without disintegrating over time so as to maintain the integrity of the cremains. If the container is not durable it must be enclosed in a vault.

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