

# DECORATION POLICY

## Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

The following dates: **March 1st, September 1st, and December 1st** represent the starting dates of cemetery cleanup at all our locations. Grave Spaces, Mausoleum Crypts and Niches, Garden Crypts and Columbarium Niches will have decorations removed from these areas dependent on weather conditions to prepare the Cemetery Grounds for the upcoming seasons.

The cemetery takes no liability for decorations placed on our grounds. You may choose to place decorations at your risk.

### THE CEMTERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DECORATIONS STOLEN OR DAMAGED.

As these dates approach, we ask that you refrain from placing new decorations. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them before the established clean up periods begin. The cemetery staff cannot save items for you. All decorations allowed are at the discretion of the cemetery, and prohibited decorations will be discarded. Please see the office for details.

**Only artificial flowers are allowed inside the Mausoleum or Chapel on Crypts and Niches.** These locations are the only artificial decorations throughout the year and should adhere to the seasonal changes. Approved vases are available for purchase in the office.

### SPRING AND SUMMER: GROUNDS SPACE REGULATIONS (APRIL 1ST - SEPTEMBER 1ST)

- Grave decorations are limited to bouquets of fresh flowers. An approved cone or container is one which does not exceed 12 inches in height and has an opening no larger than 8 inches. Only two such decorations are allowed on each grave.
  - St. Joseph Cemetery allows artificial arrangements.
- Flags may be placed on graves only on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. They may be placed three days prior to the holiday and will be removed three days after the holiday.

### FALL: GROUND SPACE REGULATIONS (OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH )

- Fall grave decorations are limited to bouquets of fresh flowers. An approved cone or container is one which does not exceed 12 inches in height and has an opening no larger than 8 inches. Only two such decorations are allowed on each grave. Christmas decorations will remain after December 1st.
  - St. Joseph Cemetery allows artificial arrangements.

### WINTER: GROUND SPACE REGULATIONS (NOVEMBER 1ST - FEBRUARY 28TH)

- During the month of November one vigil light may be placed on each grave in a proper stand. All vigil lights must be removed by the first Sunday of December. The cemetery is not responsible for stolen or damaged vigil lights.
- Per grave only the following are allowed: grave blankets, wreaths, crosses, round topiaries or topiary on a wire easel not exceeding 36 inches in height. Please note, only one item is allowed per grave.
  - St. Joseph Cemetery allows artificial arrangements.
  - St. Joseph Cemetery allows Saddles

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**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**  
25800 W 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48033  
(248) 350-1900

**Holy Cross Cemetery**  
8850 Dix Avenue, Detroit, MI 48209  
(734) 285-2155

**Our Lady of Hope Cemetery**  
18303 Allen Road, Brownstown, MI 48193  
(734) 285-2155

**St. Joseph Cemetery**  
909 N. Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161  
(734) 241-1411

**Mount Carmel Cemetery**  
900 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192  
(734) 285-2155

**Mount Hope Cemetery**  
727 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, MI 48341  
(248) 935-5783

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