

DECORATION POLICY

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) has been entrusted with the sacred duty of the management and perpetual care for the cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Detroit. CFCS is responsible for the safety of all families and visitors, our workforce, and the good stewardship of resources that are dedicated to these sacred grounds.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAYS BEGIN:

- March 1st
- September 1st
- December 1st

This represents the starting dates of cemetery cleanup at all 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.

Do not tape or otherwise adhere items to granite or marble surfaces at any time. The adhesive will discolor or damage the stone.

Ornamentation is not permitted. Ornamentation includes but is not limited to all memorabilia, decorations, picture frames, statues, benches, shepherd hooks, candles, balloons, cards, crosses, edging, signage, glass, wind chimes, or food.

THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DECORATIONS REMOVED, STOLEN OR DAMAGED.

HOLIDAY DECORATION

Placement is allowed 1 week before the holiday, and clean-up will take place 1 week after each holiday (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July and Halloween).

Christmas decorations are allowed December 1st.

- Winter grave blankets, wreaths, crosses, round topiaries, or topiaries on a wire easel not exceeding 36 inches in height are allowed starting December 1. Please note, only one item is allowed per grave.
- Flags may be placed at any grave only on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day.
- Vigil Lights may be placed only 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 will not store them.

GROUND BURIAL GRAVES

Grave decorations are limited to bouquets of fresh flowers only. 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.

INDOOR MAUSOLEUMS

Only artificial flowers are allowed inside the Mausoleum or Chapel on Crypts and Niches. Approved vases are available for purchase in the office.

- Artificial Flowers will be removed when they become faded, soiled or in any other way unsightly.
- Artificial Seasonal Flowers will be removed according to the seasonal clean up schedule, from vases and tables.
- No decorations or flower vases shall be left on the floor.

MONUMENT LOTS

Decorations surrounding monuments are limited only to cemetery vases. The following items are prohibited:

- Planting of any kind (flowers including annuals and perennials, shrubs, and trees)
- Retaining walls, sand, rocks, or other borders around monuments. Granite vases attached to monuments are allowed to have artificial flowers in them, as they are part of the marker itself.

CFCS reserves all rights to the plant management and trimming of trees, shrubs, and grasses. None of these may be added or removed from the cemeteries.

For your safety it is recommended that you lock the doors to your vehicles. The cemetery is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or vandalization of personal property while visiting the cemetery.

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CANON LAW 1205:

Sacred places are those which are designated for divine worship or for the burial of the faithful by a dedication or a blessing which the liturgical books prescribe for this purpose.

CANON LAW 1210:

Only those things which serve the exercise or promotion of worship, piety, or religion are permitted in a sacred place; anything not consonant with the holiness of the place is forbidden. In an individual case, however, the ordinary can permit other uses which are not contrary to the holiness of the place.

CANON LAW 1243:

Particular law is to establish appropriate norms about the discipline to be observed in cemeteries, especially with regard to protecting and fostering their sacred character.

CFCS Detroit Agreement Terms and Conditions: 12. Design Limitations. The Cemetery specifically reserves the right to limit and approve the size, type and kind of memorials and the size, type and kind of urns and the size, type style and content of any lettering, emblems, floral tributes, photographs or any other object affixed to or placed upon the burial spaces, niches or crypts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or the Purchase Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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