

Cemetery Guidelines

Decorum

The cemetery is a sacred space. A sense of reverence should be displayed at all times. Pets, food & drink, smoking, and the like are not permitted on cemetery grounds.

Outside Receptacles

An outside receptacle is required for full-sized casket burials. The minimum requirement is a concrete liner for the grave. A concrete or steel vault is recommended.

Headstone Markers

Headstone markers must be made of granite, marble, bronze, or other durable and dignified material and should be set upon a concrete pad. Markers should be permanently set within one year of burial. Individual markers should be no more than 48 inches wide. No monuments or other memorials, trees, plants, shrubs, or other embellishments of any kind may be placed upon the grave space.

Marker Placement

Monument companies should first contact the cemetery's caretaker beforehand in order to oversee the setting of all markers. Holy Trinity Parish will not be responsible for damages unless negligence on the part of the parish can be proven.

Cremation & Infant Burial

It is not permitted to inter cremated remains on top of a casket. Cremated remains must occupy their own grave space. Up to two cremation interments may be done on a single grave space. Written permission of the owner of the grave space is required before the second burial. Burial of infants or pre-born children is permitted on top of the remains of a full-body burial but only with the written permission of the owner of the grave space and only after the burial of the full-body interment.

Footstone Markers

Footstone markers indicating a second burial in a grave space must be placed at the foot of the grave and be flush with the ground.

Vases & Accessories

Permanent vases and other accessories should be placed no closer than six inches from the border of the adjacent space. All permanent or quasi-permanent accessories should be placed adjacent to the marker so as to facilitate mowing. Glass vases/objects are not allowed.

Grass & Seeding

It is the responsibility of the family of the deceased to seed or sod grave space after interment.

Decorations

Appropriate decorations may be placed on graves one week prior to a holiday and removed no later than three weeks after the holiday. After three weeks, items may be discarded without notice. Decorations contrary to the Catholic faith will be removed immediately and without notice. The parish will not be responsible for loss of or damage to personal property placed on cemetery property.

Returns/Transfers

The owner of grave space may return it to the parish as a donation. The parish office must be contacted in order to effect a transfer of grave space to another owner for proof of transfer.

Burial Records

For recordkeeping purposes, the parish office must be notified when an interment is to take place in the cemetery. Burial of non-Catholics is permitted if Catholic family members are buried in the cemetery.

Disinterment

Nebraska State law requires that a disinterment permit be obtained from the State prior to disinterment of remains. A licensed funeral director must be present for disinterment.

Purchasing Space for Burial

Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish may purchase space for burial for themselves and for family members. It should be understood that those who purchase space for burial in the parish cemetery are purchasing a right to interment in a specific plot. The physical land does not become the property of the purchaser; rather, it remains the property of Holy Trinity Parish.



Costs & Fees

For Parishioners:

Single Plot..... \$250
Interment Fee \$125

For Non-Parishioners:

Single Plot..... \$300
Interment Fee \$175

Payment in full is required at the time of death and must be made prior to burial. In other cases, a purchase agreement must be completed if payment is not in full at the time of purchase.

*Eternal rest
grant unto
our beloved dead,
O Lord,
and
let perpetual light
shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

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Rules, & Regulations**

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