



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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As the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and the administrator of Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery I have reviewed the past practices of the cemetery and have determined that certain changes are necessary to protect the sanctity of the sacred ground as well as for the safety of visitors. We must all understand that an easement does not provide ownership of the lot. It only provides the right to bury a Catholic in that lot. Therefore, in respect for all families with loved ones buried in the Cemetery, the following policies will be effective immediately. These changes supersede any previous policies and will be enforced, regardless of past occurrences.

- Only Cemetery personnel or its contracted providers are authorized to do any work within the boundaries of the cemetery, This does include but is not limited to digging for any reason, burials of any type, placement of monuments, planting or removal of trees, shrubbery, grass, as well as any work to "improve" the lot.
- Only the remains of one person may be buried in any one lot, cremains or casket, unless it is a double depth lot which provides burial for two persons.
- Regulation regarding flowers, decorations, benches, trees, shrubbery are attached and clearly state that any unauthorized items will be removed at the expense of the family's responsible party. Please note: The planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, bushes, is not authorized. The placement of benches or any other permanent improvements is not authorized due to limited space. Decorations should not exceed 18" high and 12" wide.

This information is also being published in all parish bulletins so that as many individuals as possible are aware of the changes. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 940-723-5288. I sincerely thank you for your understanding and adherence to these changes. It is for the benefit of all families who have loved ones at rest in the Sacred Heart Cemetery as well as for the Cemetery moving forward.

Respectfully,

Rev. Jeff Poirot
Pastor

Sacred Heart Cemetery Easement Conditions and Limitations

Flowers and decorations

Artificial flowers are permitted October 15 through March 15 in regulation vases. A regulation vase is one that is attached to the monument or recessed in the base of the monument.

- Flowers are permitted 3 days before and one week after:

Easter Sunday

Memorial Day

All Souls Day

Veterans Day

Father's Day

Mother's Day

- Fresh cut flowers are allowed anytime in regulation vases.
- Planting of trees, shrubs, bushes ***is not permitted.***
- Christmas wreaths and other decorations not in regulation vases must be picked by January 15.
- All other holiday decorations not in regulation vases must be picked up 14 days after the Holiday.
- All decorations may not exceed 18" in height and 12" in width.
- The Cemetery does not assume any liability for missing or damaged decorations.

All monuments, grave markers, and containers that are provided and placed by authorized personnel and other items of any type placed on the burial lot(s) shall strictly comply with the Diocese of Fort Worth Cemetery Association's and Cemetery's regulations. ***Benches or seating of any type as well as permanent improvements are not permitted.*** The cost of maintaining approved monuments shall be at the Grantee's sole expense.

Any item placed on the burial lot(s) that does not comply with the rules and regulations shall be removed by the Cemetery at the expense of the Grantee.

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