

REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

We welcome your membership in the spiritual family of Saint Joseph's, further bonded together by a sharing of Christian burial within the parish. To preserve the spiritual heritage and beauty of our historic cemetery, the parish's Cemetery Commission has developed procedures governing our cemetery's operations. Through this sheet, we wish to highlight the key rules and regulations coordinating the operation of Saint Joseph's Cemetery. These guidelines are designed for both your adherence and protection. More detailed information on all cemetery requirements is contained in the Rules and Regulations for St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, adopted August 29, 1994 and revised February 13, 2014, and may be viewed on the Parish website www.stjosephsjax.org link to the Cemetery Commission. All "Right to Inter Holder(s)" are required to comply with these regulations.

Ownership

Cemetery plot/niche ownership is transferable in writing only to immediate family members, and requires the approval of the Pastor or Cemetery Commission, and issuance of a new certificate by the Commission. Cemetery plots may be resold only to Saint Joseph's Parish, through the Cemetery Commission.

Gravesite Appearance

- a. All fencing, curbing, timber, structures, and enclosures are strictly prohibited. Also prohibited are ground covers other than natural, perennial lawn grass. This includes, but is not limited to stones, rocks, mulch, chips, ivy, plastic sheeting, etc. Corner marking stones must be flush with ground. Any stone cover plates, monuments, placed over the entire grave must be flush with ground elevation.
- b. All bushes, plantings, memorials, monuments, urns or decorations must be in keeping with both the historic and scenic appearance of the cemetery. More specifically:
 - i. No trees may be planted except by the parish or with the specific written concurrence of the Cemetery Commission.
 - ii. All statues, mementoes, and both artificial and potted live plants must be placed immediately adjacent to the front of each grave's headstone, and must be trimmed to be no higher than the height of the headstone itself.
 - iii. Only non-invasive dwarf varieties of plants are permitted to be used. These must be placed immediately adjacent to the sides of each grave's headstone, and must be trimmed to be no higher than the height of the headstone itself.
 - iv. No planting or placement of any item is permitted anywhere else – beside, behind, or along the length of the burial plot.

Non-standard items or items not placed within the boundaries of the cemetery plot are subject to immediate removal, should they fail to receive the approval of the Cemetery Commission.

- c. All monuments must be placed at the head of the appropriate grave, with the exception of Veteran plaques, which may be placed at the foot of the grave and must be flush with the ground.
- d. Neither the Cemetery Commission nor St. Joseph's Parish will be responsible for any damage to grave sites due to vandalism.
- e. Ongoing maintenance consists of mowing the grass on occupied and unoccupied plots, and maintaining the general overall appearance of the cemetery. Living flowers and plants will be moved to facilitate mowing if placed in approved-type, movable containers.
- f. Vehicular traffic within the cemetery is restricted to established driveways. Driving or parking on cemetery grass, is strictly prohibited.

Rule and Regulations

The above rules and regulations have been established to facilitate perpetual care and the overall appearance of the facility.

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