

Holy Cross Cemetery

Grave Decorations Summary

The Church of the Holy Cross is charged with the performance of Christian burial, a sacred trust. Along with this sacred trust is the responsibility to maintain Holy Cross Cemetery with the same dignity as any deserving function of the Roman Catholic Church.

Catholic cemeteries have been designated, and rightfully so, as "reliquaries of the Saints." To ensure the sacred character of Holy Cross Cemetery and to maintain good order, these rules and regulations have been established.

The Church of the Holy Cross, with recommendations by the Holy Cross Cemetery management, reserves the right to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind, or add to these rules and regulations. These rules and regulations, along with any amendments, shall be binding and are for the mutual benefit of all certificate holders, their heirs, and assigns.

FRESH CUT AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

Fresh cut and artificial flowers in monument attached vases or self-supporting plastic vases placed close to the monument are permitted. Cut flowers should be refreshed or removed one week after placement by the individual placing them. To maintain an appropriate and attractive appearance in the cemetery, artificial flowers should be seasonal whenever possible (e.g. spring, summer, fall, winter, Easter and Christmas). Artificial flowers that become tattered or faded should be removed or replaced by the individual placing them. Flowers not removed when appropriate will be removed by cemetery management. Permanently mounted monument vases can be obtained through the parish office.

POTTED PLANTS

Potted plants are only permitted to be placed close to the monument one week before and two weeks after Easter, Mothers' Day, Memorial Day and Fathers' Day. Potted plants should be removed by the individual placing them. Potted plants not removed when appropriate will be removed by cemetery management.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Christmas decorations including wreaths, blankets, artificial flowers, poinsettias and potted plants, are permitted from December 1st through March 1st. Decorations, except artificial flowers, should be removed by March 1st by the individual placing them. Decorations not removed when appropriate will be removed during the post-Christmas clean-up the first weekend in March.

LANDSCAPING, PLANTINGS AND DECORATIONS

To maintain the integrity and uniform appearance of the cemetery, no permanent landscaping, plantings or decorative items of any kind are permitted on a grave. This includes, but is not limited to, borders, shrubs, trees, planted flowers/plants, candles and lights, benches, statues and decorative ornaments/figurines of any kind. The management reserves the right to remove such items without notice.

FLAGS

American flags and organization flags, such as VFW and Lions Club, are permitted; decorative flags are not permitted. Flags must not exceed 12 by 18 inches in size and should be removed or replaced when tattered or discolored by the individual placing same. Flags not removed when appropriate will be removed by cemetery management. American flag holders are available through the parish office.

GENERAL CLEAN-UP

In addition to the preceding sections on flowers and decorations, a general clean-up of the cemetery will be conducted as outlined below. Families are responsible and encouraged to remove items they wish to keep in advance of the scheduled clean-up.

Artificial flowers should be seasonal whenever possible and removed or replaced when out of season, faded or tattered.

- Post-Christmas clean-up – the 1st weekend of February (includes all Christmas decorations except artificial flowers)
- Post-Holiday clean-up – 2 weekends after Easter, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and Father’s Day (includes decorations and potted plants)
- Fall clean-up – the last weekend of October prior to All Soul’s Day
- Pre-Christmas clean-up – the 1st weekend of December

Clean-up notices will be posted in the parish bulletin and on the parish website – www.holycrossdover.org.

ITEMS REMOVED, LOST OR STOLEN

The cemetery management is not responsible for items removed, lost or stolen.

The preceding are excerpts from the Holy Cross Cemetery Rules & Regulations. The entire publication can be found at www.HolyCrossDover.org or at the Parish Office.