

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016

(Revised July 2, 2020)

- 1. PURCHASE AND SALE OF GRAVE SPACES / CRYPTS:** Persons desiring to purchase grave spaces / crypts in the Sacred Heart Cemetery must contact the parish office. Upon full payment of the purchase price of a grave space / crypt, Sacred Heart Cemetery Association will issue a deed for the grave space / crypt. If the owner desires to sell the grave space / crypt, the grave space / crypt must be sold back to Sacred Heart Cemetery Association for the original purchase price.
- 2. USE OF GRAVE SPACES:** All interments shall require permission from the grave space owner or grave space representative(s). The interment of two bodies in one grave space will not be permitted in the cemetery except when one or both bodies are cremated and permission is granted by grave space owners or their heirs. Only human interments and human cremains will be permitted in the cemetery.
- 3. GRAVES:** Sacred Heart Cemetery must approve the location of all interments. The parish secretary shall mark all grave locations in conjunction with family and or funeral home representatives. The mound of a grave shall not exceed the height of the surrounding land when thoroughly settled.
- 4. REMOVALS:** Removal of bodies from graves will only be made in accordance with the rules and requirements of the State of Texas and regulations of the Diocese of Victoria. Grave space owners or their heirs desiring graves to be opened shall secure permission from the Sacred Heart Cemetery Association.
- 5. MONUMENTS:** Monument companies or anyone else doing the actual work in the cemetery are to contact the parish office at least 48 hours **BEFORE beginning any work in the cemetery**. The parish secretary shall mark the placement of all monuments. A fee is charged for this service. Please contact the parish office.

Single or double monuments may be used. A single grave monument shall be a maximum of 36 inches long with a maximum height of 42 inches (base included). The single grave base shall not exceed 18 inches width and 42 inches in length. A double grave monument shall be a maximum of 68 inches long with a maximum height of 42 inches (base included) and the base not to exceed 18 inches width and 80 inches length. The monument base must be placed within the confines of the grave space lot. Any infringement on adjoining lot or lots must be corrected at the expense of the lot holder or the company installing the monument. Veterans' markers can be used as a headstone grave marker. Any other placement should be approved by the parish office.

- 6. TREES & SHRUBS:** No trees, shrubs or flowers may be planted in the cemetery except by Sacred Heart Cemetery Association.

7. **FLOWERS AND PLANTS:** Two floral items are allowed per grave space and must be placed at the base of the monument or on top of the monument. Floral arrangements will be removed when they become discolored, wilted, seasonally inappropriate or unsightly in manner.
8. **CURBING COMPOSED OF STONE, LANDSCAPING TIMBERS OR ANY OTHER MATERIALS SURROUNDING THE GRAVE SPACE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. A GRAVE SHALL NOT BE COVERED IN WHOLE OR PART BY CONCRETE, SAND, ROCK, BROKEN STONE, CINDERS OR OTHER SUBSTANCE.** Curbing and ground cover in place prior to August 1, 2016 may remain but once removed they cannot be replaced.
9. **SOLAR POWERED CROSSES AND LIGHTS:** One solar powered cross OR light is allowed per grave space and must be placed at the base of the monument.
10. **DECORATIONS:** Statues, crosses, novelty items such as toys, balloons, breakable knick-knacks, beverage containers or yard art are NOT PERMITTED. Wire easels and flags are permitted for floral decoration during a funeral service or for other special occasions such as Easter, Christmas and All Souls Day. These must be removed within 2 weeks of the occasion.
11. **METAL, WOOD OR CONCRETE BENCHES WILL BE PROHIBITED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016.** Those in place prior to August 1, 2016 may remain but once removed they cannot be replaced.

12. CEMETERY LOT PRICES:

Per Grave Space for Parishioners: \$500.00

Per Grave Space for Non-Parishioners: \$1,000.00

13. MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS

	Parishioners	Non-Parishioners
Top & Lower Rows – Outside Chapel.....	\$2,500.00.....	\$3,000.00
Center Row – Outside Chapel.....	\$2,700.00.....	\$3,200.00
Top & Lower Rows – Inside Chapel.....	\$3,100.00.....	\$3,600.00
Center Row – Inside Chapel.....	\$3,400.00.....	\$3,900.00

14. USE OF MAUSOLEUM CHAPEL BY “NON-OWNERS” OF CRYPTS:

Parishioners will be charged \$100 and “non-parishioners” \$150.

A PARISHIONER is defined as one who is a registered member of Sacred Heart Church in Flatonia, Texas for at least 1 year. Registered parishioner families are those who are at least part time residents of the Flatonia / Cistern area, are participating in Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia (SH), and are contributing at least \$100 / year to SH and \$100 / year to the Diocesan Services Appeal through SH.