

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2100 N. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76012

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COLUMBARIUM- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(These answers are provided for general information only. Please see the governing documents for specific information.)

1. What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is the structure that entombs the cremated remains of the departed.

2. Is the Columbarium considered a cemetery?

No, our Columbarium is not a cemetery.

3. Does the Church permit cremation?

The Catholic Church's traditional practice of interning the body still is, and always will be, the Church's normal and preferred manner of internment. The Church does permit cremation with the provision that the remains be properly interned.

4. Are there any restrictions on who may be interned in a niche, or who may purchase a niche?

The Most Blessed Sacrament Columbarium is primarily for the deceased members of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and their families. Family includes a member's children, their children's spouses, and the parents of the member or their spouse. Please see section 9.1 of the Policy for a full definition.

5. What is the cost of a columbarium niche?

Please see the current Price List.

6. How many urns can be interned in each niche?

Each niche is designed to accommodate two urns. Only two urns may be placed in one niche.

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7. When is the payment required and how may it be made?

- The payment is required at the time the niche is purchased and the purchase contract is signed.
- Payment may be made via a check made payable to Most Blessed Sacrament Church, or a credit card payment made via Faith Direct. Please note a \$100 fee will be added to cover credit card fees incurred.

8. Is the payment a tax deductible contribution?

No, you are receiving a service, “Right of Interment in a Columbarium Niche”.

9. Can I return the niche for a refund?

If the niche does not contain an urn and/or has not been inscribed, 50% of the purchase price will be refunded. Please see the Policy for specific details on refunds.

10. If we should relocate, can we return a niche?

If the niche does not contain an urn and/or has not been inscribed, 50% of the purchase price will be refunded. Please note the removal of an urn requires special consideration. Please see the Policy for specific details on refunds and removals.

11. If we select cremation, can we still have a funeral mass?

Yes.

12. Who do I contact for burial arrangements at Most Blessed Sacrament?

Most Blessed Sacrament Liturgy Director, Sarah Moberley.

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13. How are the remains handled after cremation?

The family will receive cremated remains from the funeral home. The funeral home will place remains in the urn.

14. Will the church provide an urn?

To ensure that cremated remains are interred in an urn that fits within the niches provided, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will provide a standard urn. Urns will be constructed of durable, long-lasting materials. Urn dimensions must not exceed L=5.5" x W=5.5" x H=11.5". Occasionally the Church may allow a family to provide a commercial urn at their own expense. The Parish Columbarium Committee will determine if the non-standard urn may be used. This approval process may delay the interment. Please see the Policy for more details.

15. Who will pick up the remains from the funeral home?

The family is responsible for picking up the remains at the funeral home and transporting them to Most Blessed Sacrament.

16. Can the urn go into the church for service?

Yes.

17. Can ashes be combined in one urn?

The mingling of remains has never been an accepted practice and will not be allowed.

18. Are the niches locked?

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19. Can decorations be placed on the front face plate of a niche?

The uncluttered beauty of the columbarium is of utmost importance. Other than the standard engraving of name and dates, nothing can be displayed or attached to the columbarium unit.

20. Who maintains the Columbarium?

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will handle regular maintenance on the Columbarium. Long term maintenance is planned for and funded with a portion of the niche purchase price. Please see the Policy for more details.

21. What hours will the Columbarium be open for visiting?

The Columbarium is in the Memorial Garden with the Stations of the Cross. The Memorial Garden is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

22. What happens to the Columbarium remains if the church is closed?

The Diocese will have the urns dis-interred and placed into storage with a funeral home. The Columbarium will then be removed and placed into the new location as directed by the Diocese. The urns will then be re-interred to their original niche at no cost to the Purchaser.

23. What if I have made prior arrangements with a funeral home or crematorium?

Please contact the entity with whom you have made arrangements and determine your options. We cannot assist in your decisions.

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24. Will Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church store my remains if I die before my niche is available?

No. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is not set up to store remains. However, many funeral homes will often hold the cremains for a period of time until a place is ready. Some may charge a fee. The Diocese has informed us that it is not totally inappropriate for the family members to hold onto them in a respectful place as well, since they have a real and expressed intent to properly inter the cremains once construction is complete.

25. Is the columbarium covered by insurance?

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, its Pastor, the Diocese of Fort Worth, their bishop, successor bishops, priests, employees, volunteers, and agents are not responsible for loss or damage to the Columbarium or its contents. Please see section 8.7 of the Policy

26. What is an indigent?

An indigent is a person who may not have a family to take care of them at the time of their death. Indigent burials must be approved by the Pastor.

27. Has Most Blessed Sacrament established a Columbarium Committee?

Yes. Chairman: Buddy Shepard; Architect: Bill Petrelli; Construction Manager: Ken Dossett; Construction Engineer: Keith Leslie; Coordinator: Ron Clapp.

28. Who is the Most Blessed Sacrament Columbarium Coordinator?

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