



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR CEMETERY

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO
CEMETERY RULES AND PRACTICES

HONORING THE TRADITIONS OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Orange was established in 1976 to:

- Serve the People of God in the name of the Bishop of Orange
- Affirm the Church's faith and belief in the hope of the Resurrection.
- Provide blessed grounds for the interment and entombment of deceased members of the Body of Christ at the time of need.
- Provide qualified and caring cemetery staff to assist families with immediate need or advance need arrangements.
- Provide an environment appropriate for the celebration of the burial rites of the Church, for prayer and visitation focused on the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting.



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DIOCESE of ORANGE**

Your BELIEFS, Your WISHES, Your FAITH

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GENERAL RULES

The information contained in this brochure addresses many of the common questions posed by families and visitors to our Catholic Cemeteries. A full text of Cemetery Rules and Regulations is available for you to view at the cemetery office.

FUNERAL FLOWERS

Funeral flowers placed on graves following an interment will be left for a minimum of two days and then be discarded. If you want to keep any of the funeral decorations, please take them with you as you leave.

GRAVE DECORATIONS

Only fresh cut flowers are allowed and must be placed in a cemetery approved flower container. Artificial decorations such as the use of breakable standing vases, potted plants, balloons of any type, solar lights, statues, stones, pinwheels, small trees, etc., are strictly prohibited.

All flowers are removed every Thursday morning to permit tending to the maintenance of the grounds.

Any decorations not conforming to this policy will be promptly removed. The cemetery is a large open space with many visitors. Management is not responsible for items left in the cemetery and is in no way obligated to replace or pay for decorations that are moved, removed, stolen, damaged, or destroyed.

The placing of American Flags on graves will follow the prescribed practice of the National Cemeteries. Flags will be permitted only during the weeks of Memorial Day and Independence Day.

LANDSCAPING

In the interest of maintaining uniform beauty and fair compliance with the Rules and Regulations by all plotholders; the outlining of graves by digging trenches or use of rocks or other materials, planting of other types of grasses is not permitted. All planting and landscaping are restricted solely to the Management for the purpose of extending equal consideration to all plotholders, for better maintenance and for the sake of safety

WALL CRYPTS & NICHES

Fresh cut or silk flowers are permitted for mausoleum crypts and niches. All other non-conforming items, faded fresh flowers, unsightly silk flowers, stickers, glass, floor placements, etc. will be promptly removed.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Exceptions may apply at Easter and Christmas. A special holiday policy and schedule will be posted at the office and at the Catholic Cemeteries official website: www.occem.org.

Management is not responsible for valuables left in vehicles or at the gravesite.

PETS

Pets must be kept in your vehicle. No pets are allowed to walk on cemetery turf or landscape. Assistance animals may be excepted.

CONDUCT

- Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited
- No peddling or soliciting
- No food, picnicking, eating, canopies, barbecues, grills, tents, running, etc.
- Use waste container for trash or waste
- Recreational games and running are prohibited

MEMORIAL MASSES

A Memorial Mass is usually celebrated every Memorial Day and All Souls Day at 10:00 AM at each of the cemeteries listed. These events are publicized throughout the county and the invitation to attend is extended to all.

MEMORIALS

Memorials or 'Headstones' are governed by specific regulations that are published under separate cover. Please inquire at the Cemetery office.

ADVANCE PLANNING

Inquire in the office about cemetery and funeral prearrangements.

WARNING KEEP VALUABLES, PACKAGES, PHONES, PURSES, ETC. SECURE AND OUT OF SIGHT IN YOUR PERSONAL VEHICLE.

OFFICE HOURS

M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm • Sat. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed Sundays and Holidays
Exception: Cathedral Memorial Gardens
M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm • Sat. & Sun. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

VISITATION HOURS

8 am to 5 pm pst and 8 am to 6 pm dst

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CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL GARDENS

13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove • (714) 282-3052



HOLY SEPULCHER CEMETERY

7845 Santiago Canyon Road, Orange • (714) 532-6551



GOOD SHEPHERD CEMETERY

8301 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach • (714) 847-8546



ASCENSION CEMETERY

24754 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest • (949) 837-1331