

## **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Praha, Texas

### **CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **1. CEMETERY DEED**

Purchase of a cemetery lot or gravesite entitles the lot holder, or those designated by the lot holder, to the privilege of burial in the designated area. All cemetery land is legally owned by the Diocese of Victoria. If the owner desires to sell the plot, they must sell it back to St. Mary's Cemetery Association for the original purchase price with proof of a receipt.

Cemetery lot owners must contact the Parish Office BEFORE contracting ANY work to be done in the cemetery. This is to insure the proposed work plan meets cemetery specifications and regulations.

#### **2. CEMETERY LOT PRICES**

\$400 per lot for parishioners  
\$800 per lot for non-parishioners  
Perpetual care is included.

A parishioner is someone who is a registered member of St. Mary's parish for at least six months, and who participates in the life of the parish by worshipping, contributing and being involved in ministry of the church.

No family lots will be sold – two lots per couple.

An interment fee of \$150 (subject to change) for maintenance is to be paid by all who own lots at the time the lot is to be used.

The Parish Office should be contacted before ANY interment at the gravesite. A priest or deacon must be present at the interment.

Each gravesite shall be for one casket interment only. One additional interment of cremated remains or infant remains may be added to the gravesite.

No burial of cremated remains in the cemetery is allowed without permission.

#### **3. MONUMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

Single or double grave markers may be used. A single grave marker should be a maximum of 2 ½ feet wide with a maximum height of 2 feet. A double grave marker

should be a maximum of 5 feet wide with a maximum height of 2 ½ feet. The base for each monument should be one foot bigger.

The monument base must be placed within the confines of the holder's lot. Any infringement on adjoining lot or lots must be corrected at the expense of the lot holder or the company installing the monument. It is the responsibility of the lot holder to advise monument dealers of these regulations and specifications.

Veterans VA markers can be used as a headstone grave marker. Any other placement should be approved by the Parish Office.

No new curbing, cradles, granite, concrete or gravel is allowed to be added to any section of the cemetery. Curbing/cradles already in place shall remain as grandfathered into the laws of the cemetery.

Planters/vases must be placed on the marker (as part of it) and not in the ground.

Monument companies or anyone else doing actual work in the cemetery are to contact the Parish Office at least 48 hours BEFORE beginning the work.

#### 4. LANDSCAPING AND CARE OF GRAVES

There shall be no planting of shrubs or trees. The cemetery management shall have the right to remove any such trees or shrubs which in their opinion violate these rules or are detrimental to the general appearance of the cemetery.

Grave will be leveled within six months after burial to allow for settling. The cemetery personnel are responsible for leveling and for filling in with dirt the graves that sink in. If the grave is sealed with cement or gravel which has sank in, the lot holder is responsible for the repair.