

SAINT MARY CEMETERY

Regulations for Decorations

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The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption has developed this set of regulations for decorations at St. Mary Cemetery. The intent of these regulations is to preserve the beauty of the consecrated grounds that we have to honor the memory of our loved ones.

1. Artificial decorations must either be securely placed in containers which are attached to the monument or securely attached to the lot no further than 12 inches from the monument on the same side of the monument on which your loved one is buried. Artificial decorations that fit tightly on the top of the monument are also permitted.
2. Planting of live flowers is permitted on the same side of the monument on which your loved one is buried. The planting may not exceed the width of the monument or extend further than 12 inches from the base of the monument.
3. All decorations must be located entirely on the lot on which your loved one is buried. Please remember that depending on the section of the cemetery, a loved one may either be buried in front of or behind the monument. Do not place decorations or flowers on a lot not owned by your family.
4. Flower plantings must be maintained (weeded and trimmed).
5. No curbing, fencing, edging, border or enclosure of any type is permitted on any lot.
6. The planting of bushes and trees is prohibited.
7. For safety reasons, the use of marble chips or any material other than peat moss or wood mulch/bark chips is prohibited.
8. All spring, summer and fall decorations must be **removed by November 1.**
9. All Christmas decorations must be **removed by March 1.**
10. **Any decorations deemed nonconforming by the cemetery committee will be removed.** This includes jars, bottles, Styrofoam, crockery, statuary, cans, vigil lights, ornaments, and similar items.
11. Maintenance of decorations is the responsibility of the deceased's family. Decorations will be removed when they become worn or unsightly. The Cemetery Committee will make this decision as thoughtfully as possible.
12. Since the cemetery is open to the public, the church will not be responsible for damage to or disappearance of decorations.

All work (except mowing) is done by volunteers. Help in maintaining the cemetery is always appreciated.