

REGULATIONS

MOUNT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY

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In order to facilitate ease of maintenance and preserve spirituality and an orderly and neat appearance of the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery-Bryan, Monsignor Gleissner Memorial Mausoleums-Bryan, Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery-Smetana, and Old Smetana Cemetery-Mount Calvary (hereinafter referred to as the "Cemetery"), the following Regulations have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Cemetery. The Cemetery is owned by the Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, and any Cemetery space purchased is a "Right of Burial" only.

In its most recent doctrinal statement (March 20, 2023) *On the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains*, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, while reiterating the Church's preference for burial of the human body, does allow cremation with the requirement of showing proper respect to the ashes of the deceased. The entirety of the cremated remains of the deceased are to be laid to rest in a sacred place such as a Catholic cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium as soon after the funeral services as possible. The cremated remains may not be scattered, encased in jewelry or other mementos, kept at home, or divided among family members and friends. Burial of the body or cremated remains of a person shows respect for the deceased and manifests our hope in the resurrection of the body.

1. Only (1) one flower arrangement may be placed at the head of the grave in an approved container at least six (6) inches above ground to protect flowers from string trimmers and mowers. Anything except the flower arrangement (flowers only) will be removed. No items that are not a part of the permanent monument are allowed.
2. Seasonal flowers are to be removed within two weeks from date of holiday, and flowers from a new gravesite are to be removed within one week from date of burial. Flowers should be changed often to keep insects from nesting and petals from becoming faded and brittle. Remove old flowers before placing new flowers. American flags may be properly placed in vases or containers for commemoration of Memorial Day and Veterans' Day only, and will be removed within one week of holiday.
3. If the headstone is constructed with its own vase or vases, they are to be used instead of an additional flower container or saddle. Vases must be properly adhered to the monument or they are subject to removal. Vases that are broken or damaged will be removed. Approved monument vases for flowers are preferred over any other type flower holder.
4. After two (2) years from date of death, if no monument is placed on the burial space, then no container or flowers are allowed until a monument is erected, preferably with a vase(s) for flowers.
5. All persons and vehicles must leave the Cemetery by posted times. No driving or parking on Cemetery lawn or gravesites is allowed. Driving and parking is permitted on paved areas only. Speed limit is 15 mph on all roads in the Cemetery. Unauthorized persons will be reported to the Bryan Police Department and prosecuted.
6. Not allowed are: loitering, playing, picnicking, littering, eating, drinking, smoking, consuming or leaving alcohol, drugs or tobacco, exercising, biking, bringing pets, playing of music, sitting or playing on monuments, disturbing gravesites, climbing fences, gates or walls, or any other activities not conducive to respecting the Cemetery. Congregating in large groups other than for funerals is not allowed. The Cemetery is a sacred place, consecrated as holy resting grounds so that visitation by others for prayer and sacraments may be accomplished in a quiet, respectful, and appropriate manner.
7. No curbs, walkways, benches, ground mausoleums, ledgers, corner markers, or any other types of structure are permitted, including but not limited to borders of any material, such as concrete, rocks, marbles, paving stones, or fencing.
8. The Cemetery has control of all landscaping, plantings, and/or removal of any plants, bushes, shrubs or trees. No trees, plantings or flower beds of any kind will be allowed without a Board-approved landscape plan.

9. All graves must be maintained flush with the top of the ground for mowing purposes. The lot owner/family, contracted lawn company, and volunteers may fill in sunken graves as needed. The owner/family may plant grass at ground level only. The mowing company will maintain the grass at the same height for the entire Cemetery.
10. No entrenchments are allowed around grave spaces or lots. No water hoses may be left at the Cemetery, or they will be removed. No sprinkler systems may be placed in the Cemetery.
11. A Monument/Shutter Approval Permit is required to create and install a monument and to level, engrave or add to an existing monument. All monuments and foundations must be installed by an approved vendor. See *Memo for Monuments on the Cemetery website listed above for more detailed information.*
12. No date of death inscription may be placed on a monument or shutter until after the deceased has been buried in that space, nor may a monument or shutter be installed for a deceased person who is not buried in that space.
13. Existing monuments may not be changed, except by a living record owner. All monument care and maintenance are the responsibilities of the owner/family.
14. Trash containers in the Cemetery are for Cemetery use only—not for personal use or dumping. Any individual found using these containers for personal use or dumping will be liable for prosecution.
15. Fees may be set and collected by the Cemetery as deemed necessary.
16. Major violations, such as installation of concrete or other unauthorized monuments, erection of benches, curbing or borders, or raised lots, which are not removed by the record owner/family, heir(s) or authorized representative(s) when notified by any means of communication by the Cemetery will be corrected by the Cemetery at record owner's expense, and the expense will be added to the next cemetery transaction requested by record owner/family, his heir(s) or authorized representative(s).
17. Cemetery Perpetual Care does not include the purchase, erection, repair or replacement of monuments, headstones, markers, shutters, vases, statues, photos, emblems, or any other item in the Cemetery. The Cemetery is not responsible for vandalism, theft or breakage.
18. An outer concrete, metal or equivalent container is required for all ground casket interments. No wooden vaults are allowed. An outer container is also required for a cremation burial when it will be stacked with a casket burial on top of the cremation burial. Casket trays are required for all crypt entombments.
19. The Cemetery shall have the right to remove anything and everything, including grandfathered items that have become broken or an obstruction to maintenance, that may have been erected or placed in the Cemetery that is contrary to these Cemetery Regulations. *The Regulations, Policy, and By-Laws are revised periodically. Any cemetery actions are subject to revisions or amendments.*
20. Visiting the Cemetery is a privilege, not a right. A Criminal Trespass Affidavit has been filed with the Bryan Police Department. All Cemetery Representatives and Bryan PD Officers are authorized to advise any person to leave the Cemetery premises, including parking lots and vacant areas. Failure to vacate the premises after being so instructed by a Cemetery Representative or Bryan PD Officer may result in an arrest for trespass after warning.

For additional questions, please email the Cemetery at the email address listed above.

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