

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

GENERAL RULES

- **RULE ONE: SCOPE AND EFFECT OF RULES**

All visitors to the cemetery and all graves sold shall be subject to these rules and to such other rules, amendments, or alterations as hereafter shall be adopted by St. Paul Catholic Church. The reference to these rules in any receipt, written evidence of interment right, or other certificate of ownership shall have the same force and effect as if these rules were set forth in full therein.
- **RULE TWO: NATURE OF OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS OF OWNERS**

Ownership of a grave consists of the right of interment. The grave can be used for no other purpose and cannot be divided. The owner cannot sell the grave to another party and the Church does not reimburse the owner if the owner no longer wishes to be buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Only St. Paul Catholic Church has the legal right to sell any portion of St. Joseph's Cemetery. If an individual no longer wishes to be buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, the Church will give the owner a letter acknowledging the purchase price as a donation to the church for income tax purposes. The letter will be provided after the owner has returned all church documents regarding the grave.
- **RULE THREE: PROHIBITION AGAINST RAISING OR DEPRESSING SURFACE OF GRAVES**

Grave owners are prohibited from raising or depressing the surface of the same, above or below the surrounding ground.
- **RULE FOUR: USE OF CEMETERY ROADS AND WALKS, ACCESS TO CEMETERY GROUNDS**

No easement or right of interment is granted to any grave owner in any road, drive, alley or walk within the cemetery. Such road, drive, alley, or walk may be used as a means of access to the cemetery or grave, as long as St. Paul Catholic Church devotes it to that purpose. Grave owners and their families and friends shall be allowed access to the cemetery grounds at all times in accordance with the rules adopted for the regulation of visitors.
- **RULE FIVE: LOSS OR DAMAGE**

St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Cemetery disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond their reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief makers, and unavoidable accidents or any similar causes beyond the reasonable control of St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Cemetery.

▪ **RULES REGARDING MARKERS AND DECORATIONS**

- **RULE SIX: A temporary marker is placed on a burial space. This marker will be maintained for six (6) months as a courtesy.**

All permanent memorials shall be subject to the following rules:

1. Only one memorial shall be allowed on a plot.
2. The size of the memorial is to be governed by the size of the plot and shall not exceed half the length of the rear line of the lot.
3. **No artificial stone of any kind is permitted.**
4. **All memorials must be of the flat bronze marker variety. (4 inch granite base with bronze marker with or without a retractable vase.)**
5. **All cremation memorials must be of the flat bronze 12 x 12 inches with 16 x 16 inch Georgia Marble base.**
6. All memorials delivered to the cemetery require a three (3) day notice.

- **RULE SEVEN: RIGHT TO REMOVE OFFENSIVE CONDITIONS, MONUMENTS OR INSCRIPTIONS; CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

If any memorial or inscription is determined by St. Paul Catholic Church to be offensive, improper, or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding plots or grounds, the Church reserves the right to enter such plot and cause the removal of the offensive or improper object or objects. Furthermore, St. Paul Catholic Church may take any appropriate steps to correct any other obnoxious or improper condition.

- **RULE EIGHT: REPAIRS**

If it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any memorial, or any portion thereof, St. Paul Catholic Church may direct that the repairs be made.

- **RULE NINE: CURBING, TREES AND SHRUBS, ETC.; REMOVAL**

If any tree or shrub on any plot encroaches or otherwise disturbs in any way the adjoining plot, avenue, or walk, St. Paul Catholic Church reserves the right to enter said plots and remove the tree or shrub, or any part thereof. No tree growing on any grave or border shall be injured or removed by any person without consent of St. Paul Catholic Church. Furthermore, **no coping, curbing, or fencing of any kind shall be allowed around a grave**, and St. Paul Catholic Church reserves the right, without prior notice, to remove the same if erected or placed.

- **RULE TEN: PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ARTICLES**

The placing of photographs (except for those professionally bonded to memorialization), boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood, or iron cases and similar articles on graves is prohibited; and, if placed, St. Paul Catholic Church will be removed. Flowers or plants in the ground are not permitted. No ground covers are permitted whether artificial, mulch, stone, etc.

▪ **RULE ELEVEN: FLOWER RECEPTACLES AND FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS; REMOVAL**

St. Paul Catholic Church will remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, or plants of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Church's designee, they become unsightly or diseased, or do not conform to approved standards. The Church shall not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, or frames in which or to which such floral pieces are attached. Floral frames removed from the grave site, unless called for within three (3) days by those entitled to them, may be disposed of by the Church.

The following are permitted: Flowers (fresh or silk) in approved, non-breakable vases. Plants (maximum height 24") in approved, lightweight, non-breakable containers. **ONLY ONE (1)** floral arrangement or plant allowed per burial location except for the week immediately following a burial.

At least thirty (30) days prior to Easter, Memorial Day, All Soul's Day and Christmas, a general cleanup of the grounds will commence.

▪ **RULE TWELVE: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Everyone performing a service of any type within the cemetery grounds must submit to the cemetery a current certificate of insurance for the following types of insurance coverage.

1. Workman's Compensation.
2. Comprehensive automobile, bodily injury, and proper damage liability coverage in the amounts of \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$25,000 respectively.
3. Standard comprehensive general liability insurance policy covering operation, products, and completed operation coverage in the amount of \$300,000 aggregate and \$100,000 per occurrence.
4. The Cemetery is to be notified by the installer's insurance carrier thirty (30) days in advance of any cancellation or material changes made in your company's coverage.

▪ **RULE THIRTEEN: RIGHT TO AMEND OR SUPPLEMENT RULES**

St. Paul Catholic Church reserves the right to amend or supplement these rules for the purposes of insuring the beauty and orderly development of our parish memorial garden without prior notice to owners of interment rights in St. Joseph's Cemetery.