

People want an alternative to in-ground burials

Spiritual Site for Final Resting – The columbarium affords church members and their families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the shadow of the church which has been central to their lives, a sacred site where their loved ones can visit at any time they visit the church.

Simplicity of Planning – The purchase of a columbarium niche eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument. Also, there is no need to plan for inurnment and memorial service at different locations and times.

Faithful Stewardship – Significant costs are limited to cremation, the niche and the obituary.

Green Alternative – Many are looking for environmentally friendly options for all aspects of life. Cremation uses fewer resources than burial, and does not tie up land eternally.

Memorial Wall

Those who have already made other plans for burial, or who have loved ones inurned or buried elsewhere, can include their names on the Memorial Wall. Additional information and pricing can be found in the Columbarium Packet.

The columbarium is a church ministry

The events of Christian life are celebrated in churches. New life is granted in holy baptism. A life of loving commitment is celebrated in marriage.

The bread of life is shared in Holy Communion. The life of faith is celebrated in the burial rites of the church. Offering a columbarium fulfills the church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation, from baptism through life to death.

For more information

If you would like more information about St. Mark's Columbarium, stop by the church office and ask for a Columbarium Packet or call the office at 651.777.7451 and ask that one be sent to you.

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St. Mark's Columbarium & Memorial Garden

*A sacred resting place for those
with a connection to our church*



The beautifully landscaped setting provides an atmosphere of peace and tranquility to reflect, grieve, honor and celebrate loved ones.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why build a columbarium at St. Mark's?

There is an increasing awareness of the benefits of cremation. Through the columbarium, St. Mark's provides a final resting place with a special meaning for those whose involvement in the church was an important part of life on earth.

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure providing niches (sacred openings) for the permanent placement of urns that hold cremated remains. Each niche will hold up to two urns.

Where is the columbarium be located?

St. Mark's Columbarium and Memorial Garden is located outside, east of the Sanctuary.



How is it be funded?

The costs for building and maintaining the columbarium are self-funded. Proceeds from the sale of niches and memorials, as well as donations, are used for the perpetual care of the Memorial Garden.

What are the costs?

Each niche, holding up to two urns, cost \$2,950. This cost includes the urn, the niche, the inscription on the niche cover plate, and the perpetual care and maintenance of the columbarium. If a second urn is placed in the same niche a \$300 opening fee will be charged. Inscribing the name of a loved one on the Memorial Wall will be \$300.

How can I reserve a niche in the columbarium ?

Request a Columbarium Packet from the Welcome Center or by calling the church office at 651-777-7451. The packet contains all the information you need to complete the enclosed application. After you have returned your completed application with payment (by either check or credit card), you will be contacted by a member the Columbarium Committee to finalize your niche selection. Upon final acceptance of the application, you will receive your Certificate of Inurnment Rights.

May I select the niche that I want ?

Depending upon the availability at time of purchase, you may select an individual location of niche or niches. Niche location will be recorded on the Columbarium Right of Inurnment Certificate and internal record of purchased locations.

How are arrangements handled for inurnment ?

The church, through its pastors and designated staff, shall arrange with the family of the deceased for the inurnment of the cremains and a committal service. The pastors shall have complete control for all religious services of committal.

Can we place flowers by the niche?

Flower and/or plants shall only be placed by the columbarium at the time of the service and for a maximum of 3 days following inurnment. Flowers for the sanctuary altar are suggested as an appropriate means of honoring the deceased. You may contact the church office to make this request.