



Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery & Prayer Gardens
RULES & REGULATIONS

For the mutual protection and benefit of plot holders in Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery, as well as the sacred grounds themselves, the following rules and regulations have been designed to encourage visits to this beautiful sanctuary, and to show the respect due to the reliquary of the saints, as well as provide a safe environment for all to come and enjoy.

Cemetery Hours: Following the light of the season, the cemetery will be open from sunrise until sunset. The management reserves the right to fix the opening and closing hours of the cemetery accordingly.

Visitors: “My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” (Isaiah 32:18). We welcome all people to Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery as a place of prayer and contemplation. We reserve the right to ask anyone not respecting the dignity of this sacred space to leave.

Children: We request that an adult accompany children under 16 years of age.

Pets: No pets are allowed in the cemetery.

Smoking or Alcohol: No smoking or alcohol are allowed anywhere on cemetery property.

Motor Vehicles: All vehicles must observe a 15 miles per hour speed limit. No vehicle parking is allowed along the entrance road or the Avenue of the Rosary that is located between the Marian and St. Francis Gardens. It is prohibited to leave any motor vehicle on any road or driveway within the cemetery or to park in such a position as to prevent another vehicle from being able to pass, and if so parked or left, the management may remove the vehicle.

No one is allowed to drive or park their vehicle in any area of the cemetery designated for burials.

Fresh flowers or potted plants: Only fresh flowers/plants are allowed on the graves;-they will be removed once they stop blooming. Artificial flowers are not permitted. Glass, granite, or plastic vases are not permitted. These items will be removed by cemetery management without notification. Above ground containers for permanently holding potted plants must be marble, ceramic or durable pottery and not exceed 15 inches tall. Please refrain from picking any flowers or plants, so that all may enjoy their beauty.

Ornamentation: In addition to planted flowers, no more than two acceptable items are permitted at each traditional burial grave, and no more than one acceptable item at each child grave in the Garden of Precious Love, St. Joseph Baby Garden and Holy Family Baby Garden. Ornamentation and additional plantings are not permitted in the Butterfly Garden or St. Francis Walk cremation burial areas. Cemetery staff reserve the right to remove any decorations at management’s discretion without prior notice. Prohibited items include metal yard art, wind spinners, lighting of any kind, borders, stonework, glass, plastic, shepherd hooks and toys.

See a detailed list of items not allowed in the cemetery in *A Beautiful Vision – Rules & Regulations Addendum* documented under separate cover.

Statues: (Not Incorporated Into Monuments)

Statues placed in the cemetery that are not permanently incorporated into an approved monument, headstone, or tombstone must meet the requirements below.

The maximum height for a statue is 20 inches and must be solid white. Colored, multi-colored, or painted statues are not permitted. Statues must be made of durable, outdoor-appropriate material approved by the cemetery. Recommended materials include white marble, white granite, white limestone, or concrete. Plastic, glass, resin, and metal statues are not permitted.

Final approval of the statue’s material, color, size, and placement rests with the cemetery. Statues that do not comply with these requirements may be removed by the cemetery.

Candles: No candles of any kind are permitted on cemetery grounds at any time.

Trees and Shrubs: No trees are allowed to be planted in any garden of the cemetery. Large growing shrubs and are not allowed in any garden. Plants that are not allowed due to their invasive root system are Texas Sage, Sago Palm and Crepe Myrtle.

Planting of garden plots: Native plants and seeds are highly recommended, as well as perennials and annuals. Plantings must be within 6 inches from the outside edge of each plot to avoid damage to plants during the opening and closing of graves for interment purposes.

Benches: With the increase of interments in the cemetery, Our Lady has also faced an increase in the volume of benches placed by families which has led to important safety and accessibility concerns. To ensure that our sacred grounds remain a serene and beautiful environment for all, a new seating policy is being implemented to help restore order while allowing everyone to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. ALL benches are restricted by lot schematic and burial garden. Benches must be approved by management prior to purchasing to ensure the bench is acceptable. OLOTR management retains full and final discretion and judgment regarding bench restrictions, acceptance, placement, and removal.

Benches: Special Gardens

Butterfly Garden: Only cemetery provided benches are allowed and will be positioned by staff. **Garden of Precious Love:** call the office for space availability; benches can only be placed on the perimeter of the baby garden; never in the interior. The **St. Francis Walk** can no longer accommodate additional Lueders limestone benches; no other type benches are allowed. Benches for the **Circle of Love** are provided in the nearby tree sitting area, no other benches are allowed.

Benches: Remaining Gardens- Marian, St. Francis, Holy Family, Forest, St. John Paul II, Walk of the Rosary

All benches must be placed fully within the owner's **PAID** space. Maximum width for any bench is 48 inches.

1. Owners who own 1, or 2 or 3 adjacent spaces may place 1 bench within the space boundaries.
2. Owners who own 4 adjacent spaces may place 2 benches within the space boundaries.

A bench must be kept in good working order and acceptable appearance as considered by cemetery management (legal lot holder is responsible for condition); benches cannot be permanently affixed to the grounds or raised by any means. Gliders, rockers, swinging benches or ornamental designs such as wagon wheel arms are not allowed in the cemetery.

Approved colors for benches include the following: natural teak or black, brown, dark green or white paint. Benches in the St. John Paul II Garden **MUST BE WHITE.** Approved bench material is Polywood, teak or tropical wood. Due to faster deterioration and paint chipping, metal and wrought iron benches or seating will no longer be allowed in the cemetery.

Note of liability: *the cemetery management and staff are **not liable** for vases, floral pieces, baskets, flowers, plants, trees, ornamentation, benches, or any additional items placed on spaces.*

Conduct in the Cemetery: A Catholic cemetery is a consecrated and holy place; we must all work together to preserve the integrity of this sacred space. Any person or person(s) considered acting inappropriately or offensively by management or whose actions are in violation of the cemetery rules and regulations will be asked to leave the premises. In the event of non-compliance, local authorities will be involved for the parties' removal from OLOTR property.

Picnicking: Picnicking is only allowed in the designated area by the pond. **NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED.**

Solicitation: No soliciting and no advertising in the cemetery.

Improper Assemblages: The management reserves the right to forbid and prevent assemblages that are deemed improper.

Improvements: All improvements or alterations of plots in the cemetery shall be under the direction of and subject to the approval of the management and confirmed in written documentation. The management reserves the right to remove, alter or change such improvements or alterations with no warning and at the expense of the plot holder. **NO BORDERS OF ANY MATERIAL ARE ALLOWED ON THE PLOTS IN THE CEMETERY; EXCEPTION IS THE FOREST GARDEN.**

Outside Workers: No professional landscaping workers will be allowed to work in the cemetery without prior permission from the management to ensure the vision of the cemetery is not compromised.

Security: The management shall have the right to maintain security when necessary but is under no legal obligation to do so.

Loss or Damage: The management disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, especially from damage by an act of nature, the elements, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief makers, unavoidable accidents, error or accidents caused by outside contractors or any cause similar, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

Care: The care of the cemetery is to be understood as the care and maintenance of plots necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear and includes cleaning, planting, cutting, and maintenance of roadways and walks, and keeping the shrines and featured monuments in good order. It does not mean the reconstruction of any marker or concrete work of any section of a plot or part injured or damaged by any cause beyond management's reasonable control. Easements and access shall be granted to management for all walkways, as needed to install/maintain monuments and open/close burial spaces.

Monuments: Monuments to fit every budget are sold exclusively through the cemetery. Only under special interment situations (i.e., disinterment/re-interment) will the cemetery approve an outside commissioned monument. For pre-approved outside monuments, the cemetery MUST receive a design drawing of the monument from the family for cemetery approval, to keep the quality and unity of the cemetery's sacred art. Our Lady approvals for outside monuments are required to pay an administration fee of 35% of the value of the monument. In addition, approved outside monuments must be installed by the cemetery staff/contractors at the current rate of transportation and installation charges.

General Requirements of Monuments: A monument must mark each grave and contain a symbol of faith from the Abrahamic tradition. A couple or family may share one monument with approval of the cemetery. OLOTR Cemetery retains comprehensive design approval on all monuments and markers.

The liturgical color of the Resurrection, white, is the preferred color for all monuments. Acceptable material for all monuments includes white marble, granite, and Lueders limestone. Our Lady does not allow black or dark grey monuments, flat markers or plaques.

Monument Restrictions:

Butterfly Garden – Monuments in this garden are standard flat markers measuring 24 inches long x 12 inches wide x 4 high and made of granite or marble. No uprights or ornamentation are allowed in this garden.

Forest Garden – Monuments in this garden must be natural, flat, Lueders limestone. No granite or upright markers are allowed in the Forest Garden. Government-issued flat granite veterans' markers are an exception to this rule.

St. Francis Walk – Memorial Stones in this cremation burial area are consistent in design and layout to keep the natural look of the burial garden. The selection of shape and size of stone, graphic choice, and text are limited to retain consistency. The monument provider and OLOTR will determine and finalize the design of these memorials based on information provided by the client. Stones are flat, Lueders limestone.

St. John Paul II Garden – Monuments in this garden must be white marble or white granite if it is available. Monuments of any other color are not allowed in the St. John Paul II Garden. Monuments in this garden can be flat or upright.

Marian Garden, St. Francis Garden and Holy Family Garden – Monuments in these gardens can be flat or upright. Monument material selections are assorted colors of granite, Lueders limestone or marble.

Circle of Love Garden – Monuments in this garden are commissioned through Carla Diaz, Magma Studio.

Upright Monument and Flat Marker Specifications:

One monument for a single space must be a minimum of 30 inches tall with a 6 inch tall base. The maximum height for a single monument is 60 inches tall with a 6 inch tall base. Monuments on a single space must be a minimum of 16 inches wide, with a maximum width of 24 inches. Maximum width for a single monument base is 30 inches. Exceptions require the cemetery's approval.

One companion monument for two spaces must be a minimum of 30 inches tall, with a 6 inch tall base. The maximum height for a companion monument is 60 inches tall with a 6 inch tall base. Monuments on two spaces must be a minimum of 22 inches wide, with a maximum width of 42 inches. Maximum width for a companion base is 48 inches. Exceptions require the cemetery's approval.

Standard Flat Markers are 24 inches long x 12 inches wide x 4 inches high. Flat markers can be set in the Marian, St. Joseph, St. John Paul II, Butterfly, Walk of the Rosary and Holy Family gardens. Specifications and design of flat markers are always approved by OLOTR staff.

To help stabilize the upright monuments and flat markers, concrete pads are required in the following sections of Our Lady: Marian Garden, St. Francis Garden, Holy Family Garden, St. John Paul II Garden, Walk of the Rosary, and Circle of Love.

Monument and Marker Delivery:

Domestic granite flat markers may take 2-4 months for completion; special order granite flat markers may take 4-6 months. Upright monuments in domestic granite may take 3-6 months for completion. Imported granite and white marble monuments may take 4-9 months for completion. Custom monuments and statues may require additional time for delivery and installation due to shipping, coordination, and availability of required installers.

OLOTR Monument Regulations:

Notice: OLOTR Cemetery must order your burial marker or monument no later than 21 days after you have signed the provider's monument stencil proof; pending you have paid at least 50% of the cost of the marker or monument; you have paid in full all charges for the interment spaces and corresponding required perpetual care, and you have signed the necessary documentation directing or authorizing OLOTR Cemetery to order the marker or monument. **The burial marker or monument order date is the day the provider receives the signed stencil proof; not the date the burial marker or monument contract is signed.**

OLOTR Cemetery must set your flat marker not later than 15 days after the marker is delivered to the cemetery and you have paid in full all charges for marker and interment spaces, including required perpetual care and any setting fees.

OLOTR Cemetery must set your upright monument not later than 25 days after the monument is delivered to the cemetery and you have paid in full all charges for the monument and interment spaces, including required perpetual care and any setting fees.

If OLOTR Cemetery is unable to set your burial marker or monument by the aforementioned deadlines, OLOTR Cemetery will notify you in writing not later than the 5th day after the date by which your marker or monument is required to be set and inform you of the reason for the delay, and the date by which OLOTR Cemetery expects to be able to set your marker or monument.

Monument Alterations: Families cannot modify their monument(s), such as additional ornamentation, pictures, or statues. **If altered beyond repair, the cemetery will remove any alterations to monuments and/or the monument structure at the expense of the space holder.** Monuments are defined as Lueders limestone flat markers, flat base markers, oval markers, or upright structures.

Monument Maintenance: The Cemetery will be responsible for keeping monuments level as stated in the monument maintenance care assessment included in the purchase price.

Additional Fees:

Payment for Opening and Closing Services and Date of Death Engraving can only be collected at time of need.

These Rules and Regulations may be updated or changed without warning, as the management considers necessary. Please see our website for the most current information.

It is a great honor to be stewards of the natural beauty at Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery and Prayer Gardens. Our Lady strives to create the most inspirational cemetery imaginable.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us through our website at www.olotr.com, or by calling our office at (512) 863-8411 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.