

Saint Mary
Help of Christians

Calvary Cemetery

Established 1952



Hours of Operation

Calvary Cemetery is open for visitors during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset).

Rules and Regulations

All persons purchasing an Interment (burial) Right in Calvary Cemetery shall be given a copy of these rules and regulations with the Certificate of Interment Rights. The land in Calvary Cemetery remains the property of the Diocese of Charleston, SC.

Persons who are of the Roman Catholic faith, their spouse and/or their children, may be buried in Calvary Cemetery. The Pastor of Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish reserves the right to refuse burial to anyone for good and sufficient reason(s).

Only two (2) cremains per plot will be allowed without specific approval of the Pastor.

Pets, or other animals, shall not be buried in Calvary Cemetery as it is consecrated ground.

Owners of Interment Right shall notify Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish of any change of address. Communications from the Church will be mailed to the last known address of the owner of interment rights.

Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish is not responsible for the accuracy of any data furnished to us regarding the deceased; or, the true identity of the deceased.

A disinterment may take place only with the permission of the Pastor of Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish and after a "Disinterment Permit" is issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC). South Carolina law requires a licensed funeral director to oversee any disinterment. The owner of the right of interment, or their heir(s), must provide written permission, before disinterment may take place, if the body is to be moved within Calvary Cemetery. If the body is to be removed from Calvary Cemetery, the Bureau of Vital Statistics, in Columbia, South Carolina, must also be notified. Any permits that may be required by State or local governments are the responsibility of the family of the interred.

Please seek guidance from St. Mary's Cemetery Committee Chairman on size and location of headstone before setting.

Headstone

Headstones (memorials and markers) **MUST** be flush with surrounding ground. Headstones are read from the foot of the plot facing west, with headstone placed at the head of the grave. Brass plaques, mounted on solid granite bases, are preferred. The cemetery must be contacted to mark the grave for headstone placement. Flowers, shrubs, trees, or other large, living plants shall not be planted anywhere in Calvary Cemetery without written permission from the Pastor of Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish. The family of the deceased is responsible for keeping the area around the grave-site neat and clean.

All interments require the use of a concrete outer burial container. The container may, or may not, be lined with plastic. The church and cemetery reserve the right to set requirements for the types of containers to be used and also, to prevent the use of a container that, in the opinion of the Pastor, is unfit for use. The installation of the vault requires that there be a minimum of ten (10) inches from the highest point of the vault lid to ground level, in order to conform to South Carolina Cemetery regulations. Ums also require the use of an outer burial container and the church and/or the cemetery will set guidelines for what is considered acceptable.

Charges for cemetery plots and related services shall be determined by the Pastor of Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.

Interment rights are not transferable; however, interment rights will be purchased by Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish for the same amount paid for said rights.

