

Cemetery Policy

ST. PAUL'S PARISH

The Office Administrator of St. Paul's Parish handles all inquiries, maintains cemetery records, and conducts general business matters for the cemetery.

Reserved Graves

Graves may be reserved only when there is reasonable cause to believe they will actually be used. At the time of reservation, a grave number will be given only if the purchaser intends to erect a headstone or monument within six months of purchase. If this agreement is broken by the purchaser, the Cemetery Committee has the right to withdraw the reservation. In the case of a reservation without the erection of a headstone, the grave number will be given when use of the grave is required. All reserved graves must be paid for at the time of reservation, or the reservation will not be accorded. The number of graves one person may reserve will be limited depending upon circumstances and availability, as well as the demands of cemetery maintenance and upkeep. Perpetual Care takes effect when the grave site is assigned.

Cemetery Upkeep

Upkeep of the cemetery is the responsibility of St. Paul's Parish, not of individuals or families who have purchased graves or who have loved ones buried there. Suggestions for beautifying and maintaining the grounds are always welcome. To facilitate good maintenance and protect headstones and necessary machinery, St. Paul's Parish has adopted the following policy:

- Flowers placed on a grave must be close to and directly in front of the headstone.
- Shrubs and trees may not be planted.
- Fences around graves are not permitted, nor are corner markers of any type.

Headstones and Monuments

A suitable headstone is highly recommended for all graves. The following requirements apply:

- Consult the caretaker or Parish Office before placing any headstone or monument.
- A policy of one stone or marker per grave is in force, or one per plot when this is desired.
- Plots in the traditional section are 3' x 9' (36" x 81"). The maximum headstone base size is 30"-34". If a larger headstone is desired, a second plot must be purchased.
- All headstones must have a gravel foundation and should be installed by a reputable dealer.
- Homemade markers or crosses must be made in a respectable fashion. Placement must be checked with the caretaker before installation. Markers that have fallen into poor condition will be removed by staff when neglect is evident and serious. Responsibility for headstones and markers rests with the owner or family.
- Articles that may impede general cemetery maintenance, detract from the aesthetic atmosphere, or invite vandalism are prohibited. This includes lights, statues, and unattached monuments.

Cremation Section

Plots in the cremation section are 3' x 6' (36" x 72"). The maximum headstone base size is 30". If a larger headstone is desired, a second plot must be purchased. Policies and expectations regarding reserved graves, cemetery upkeep, headstones, and monuments are the same as those in the traditional cemetery section. A maximum of three (3) cremated remains may be buried in a single cremation plot.

Cemetery Fees

Traditional Burial Plots / Traditional Section	
Purchase	\$200
Open / Close (cremations only)	\$150
Perpetual Care	\$300
Total for Casket	\$500
Total for Cremation	\$650

Cremation Plots / Cremation Section	
Purchase	\$150
Perpetual Care	\$300
Open / Close	\$150
Total	\$600
Subsequent Cremations - Open / Close	\$150

For traditional-section cremations, the Open / Close fee applies as shown above. The casket burial opening and closing fee is paid separately.

For cemetery inquiries, reservations, records, or placement approvals, please contact the St. Paul's Parish Office Administrator.