

PLANTINGS and FLORAL REGULATIONS

The call to comfort those who mourn is at the heart of our ministry. Taking care to provide a space that is peaceful and well-maintained honors our beloved dead, shows that we continue to care for them, and we remember them in our hearts and in our prayers.

In order to ensure that the cemetery is such an inviting space, the parish has adopted the following regulations:

- Decorating the grave with flowers is welcomed and encouraged. Such rituals help in the grieving process, and are a good opportunity to offer prayers for those who have died. In order to keep the lawn mowed and trimmed so as to be attractive for these visits, artificial flowers, decorations or ornaments can only be present during the mowing season if they are in an approved plant stand. **Only plant stands that are rented annually through the parish office are approved.** Plant stands will be placed at grave sites after mid-May and removed in October.
- Flowers, plants and decorations placed directly on graves will be removed before each mowing. Bouquets or artificial arrangements that are staked into the grave area will also be removed. Because of the danger of broken glass, glass containers are not permitted at the burial site. Plantings are permitted, but only in front of a standing monument.
- Outside of the mowing season, natural evergreen wreaths set on a wreath stand are welcomed and encouraged. Wreath stands are available from your local nursery.
- We understand that after decorating a grave, you may not be able to return to maintain the decoration. The parish provides the service of removing floral designs and flowers (natural or artificial) from the cemetery when, in our best judgment, they become unsightly or do not conform to cemetery regulations. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities or resources to maintain or store such items, so anything that you do not want to be discarded should be kept in compliance with these regulations. **The parish will not be responsible for items that are discarded.**

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