



Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Community Digest

A word from our CEO, Jerry Del Core

A word about Cremation...

At Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, our team spends many weekends at local Parishes like yours. Hopefully, you have attended one of our Outreach workshops.

Cremation almost always garners the most questions during these outreaches. Some people want to know if Catholics are allowed to be cremated. The Church has accepted cremation since 1963! Some families want to know if it is cheaper to cremate. Generally speaking, cremation can be less expensive. Cremation can be a step in the full Catholic funeral and burial rites. Cremation does not replace the Catholic Rites of Christian Funerals and Burials.



If you are considering cremation, the Catholic Church prefers that a vigil is held the evening prior to the funeral mass. The full body be present for the funeral mass. And, the actual cremation follows the funeral mass. In this case, the committal of cremated remains would not occur until after the cremation is completed... usually a minimum of two days following.

We are often asked: "Can a cremation be done prior to a funeral mass?" The short answer is "Yes," but it is not the preferred order. If you were to ask your Pastor, Priest or Deacon, they would say the preferred order is to have the full body present for the vigil and funeral mass.

If cremation is done in advance, you should still have a vigil and a funeral mass with the cremated remains present. And you most certainly should have a committal for a final farewell.

Families also ask about scattering cremated remains vs. a burial on consecrated grounds in a Catholic Cemetery. Scattering is not acceptable in the eyes of the church. In fact, scattering is illegal in many areas. Scattering in places like Lake Tahoe, National Parks and even in places like Disneyland are strictly prohibited. The Catholic Church wants the full body - 100% of the cremated remains of a loved one - laid to rest. Why? When we are all called by God on Judgement Day, we should "all" be there.

In our next issue, I will share the cost of a cremation vs. the cost of a full body funeral.

Thank you for reading. I hope this is informative for you. Please feel free to share your thoughts or comments with me at: Jdelcore@scd.org.

Upcoming Events

Look for us in your local parish and learn more

Start the Conversation

Parish Outreach Workshops

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento will be at the following parishes listed below in June to discuss Catholic Rites for funeral, cremation, and cemetery services.

Join us for a short Ministry Workshop along with refreshments after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and after each Mass on Sunday.

- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa, June 8 & June 9
- St. Mary Parish, Vacaville, June 15 & June 16
- St. Peter Parish, Dixon, June 22 & June 23

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center #02285
 Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center #02283
 All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center #02282
 Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery



CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES
 OF THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
 cfc@sacramento.org

Questions? Call, Nicole Zamora,
 Dir. of Community Outreach
 at 916-840-2138

June Parish Outreaches



Ministry of Consolation

Free 2-Day Workshop

This FREE two-day workshop provides training for those who wish to comfort and support others who have experienced a loss.

DATES: Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 2019 (Both days are required)

TIME: 9am to 4pm each day

LOCATIONS: St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center
 6509 Hurlidge Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820
 OR: At home via internet live-stream

LUNCH: Lunch is provided both days

PRESENTERS: Susan Miller and Captain Bob Turner, Grief Ministry Trainers for the Diocese of Sacramento

NOTE: Through a generous donation from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, there is no cost to attend. However, pre-registration by Tuesday, June 25, 2019 is required.

QUESTIONS: Contact Nicole Zamora at 916-840-2138 or by email at nzamoracfc@sacramento.org



CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES
 OF THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
 Visit us at www.cfc-sacramento.org

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER!

Please register by June 25, 2019

Option 1: Register online
<http://bit.ly/3j0j0m3>

Option 2: Register by email
 Nicole Zamora at nzamoracfc@sacramento.org

Option 3: Register by mail

Nicole Zamora, St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center,
 6509 Hurlidge Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820

Ministry of Consolation Workshop
 June 29 and 30, 2019

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Where will you attend? (check one)

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center

OR: At home via internet live-stream

*Via Internet Live-Stream (instructions will be emailed)

**Ministry of Consolation,
 Free 2 Day Workshop & Mass**

Funeral Services



Jonathan Biller
 EMB 9265/CRM 749/FDR 3330
 Care Center/Crematory Manager

**Ask a Funeral Director/Embalmer
 Do I have to embalm?**

Short answer, no.

Legally speaking, embalming is only required for interstate air transportation. However, here at St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, we recommend embalming in order to create the best possible experience for our families and their honored guests at the final viewing. The embalming process is the best way to ensure proper preservation and presentation of your loved one.

Cemetery News

Summer Sale
10% off your Pre-Need services

10 % off

- Pre Need Cemetery Property
- Pre Need Funeral Services
- Pre Need Memorial Markers
- Plus 60 months interest free payments

Pre-Need Contracts Cemetery & Funeral

Contact a Family Service Advisor
NOW

Details of sale: New Pre- Need Contracts only. 10% off of cemetery property not including Pieta Shrine Lawn or Pieta Lawn. 10% off Memorial Markers, granite and bronze marker only. 10% off Funeral Services and items except non guaranteed items. 60 months 0% interest with a minimum of 10% down. Not valid on existing contracts. Not valid on at need cemetery, funeral or memorial contracts. Contracts must be completed by June 30, 2019. Contact your Family Service Advisor for more details



CATHOLIC FUNERAL
& CEMETERY SERVICES
OF THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Mission Statement

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services is a full service provider of End-Of-Life care for the Catholic Community in the Diocese of Sacramento. We accompany families as they affectionately honor their loved ones in harmony with the Catholic Rites of Christian Burial. We cooperate with Parishes from Vigil to Mass and the Committal, bringing to all the consolation and mercy of Jesus.



ST. MARY CEMETERY
& FUNERAL CENTER
FD2263 • 916-452-4831



CALVARY CEMETERY
& FUNERAL CENTER
FD2262 • 916-726-1232



ALL SOULS CEMETERY
& FUNERAL CENTER
FD2286 • 707-644-5209

Join our mailing list

Visit our Website

