

# Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Community Digest

## A word from our COO, Scott Miller

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento (CFCS) is making significant investments in our cemeteries. This is part of our continual effort to provide families with beautiful places for the committal and visitation of their loved ones.

In the past year we have drilled new irrigation wells at Calvary Cemetery, St. Vincent Cemetery and All Souls Cemetery. All three cemeteries have faced irrigation issues over the past several years due to inadequate water sources. These new wells are critical for providing the water needed to maintain healthy lawns.



During the months of February and March, we will be conducting an inventory of every tree located within our eleven (11) cemeteries. This inventory is being conducted by a specialty firm and will provide us with valuable information about the current condition of all of our trees, recommendations for future care and will provide us with the ability to plan for future replacements to ensure our cemeteries include thriving urban forests.

New cemetery tents are now available for use at committal services. We have historically used a vendor to provide this service and are excited to now be able to offer it ourselves at a reduced cost to families. We feel this will provide a better experience to families as well as improve the overall aesthetics of our cemeteries. Tents will be available at All Souls Cemetery, Calvary Cemetery and St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Over the past year we have also made a large investment in new lawns and columbariums which enable us to provide families with many new options for their, or their loved ones, final resting place. The locations are too numerous to list, but staff at any of our cemeteries would be pleased to give you a tour. Give us a call at 916-452-4831 to schedule your tour today at any of our locations.

God Bless.

## Photos of a few of our beautification projects

Veterans Honor Court Columbarium,  
St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center



New Tents available for services



New Office Building,  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Colusa



# Lent is Serious Business



**Steve Patton**  
Community Liaison

On Ash Wednesday, we will hear one of two blessings as the ashes are placed on our foreheads:

1. “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel,” or
2. “Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return.” Either invites a serious gulp.

#1 reminds us that we are inclined to sin and be unfaithful. The Church thereby challenges us to repent and reset our priorities.

#2 reminds us that we will die one day, our bodies will decay, and

our souls will appear before God. The Church thereby urges us to prepare well for the end of our mortal lives.

But the Church intends the serious season of Lent to culminate with a seriously happy Easter. Our sins – like weeds that rob the soil of a garden – rob our souls of spiritual nutrition. As we pull them up, the seeds of God’s life within us can better rise up. It’s no coincidence that Ash Wednesday is always in the Winter, and Easter is always in the Spring. From soil that is thoroughly cleared and well-tilled, new life emerges.

Likewise, the Church intends the reminder of our mortality not to depress us, but to point us to the joys of Heaven that await us on the other side of death. “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has the human heart ever even imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

Yes, Lent, like life, is serious business. But it has a finish line: the joys of Easter and the hope of Heaven that it is meant to reflect. And it is a seriously wonderful thing to believe that one day we will live forever and face-to-face with God himself.

Please join us at our "Lenten Reflection" on Thursday, February 27th at 10 am, St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center in our reception room. Please call 916-452-4831 to RSVP.

## Upcoming Events

**A Lenten Reflection**  
**Thursday, Feb. 27th at 10 am**  
**St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center**  
**Reception Room**

**Free Lunch at**  
**Pancake Circus, Sacramento**  
**March 31, 2020 at 11:30 AM**  
**Limited Seats must RSVP 916-452-4831**



**Thursday, February 27, 2020**  
**St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center**  
**Reception Room**  
**10 am to 11:30 am**

Lent is God's annual reminder that this life is a short voyage intended to end with him forever in Heaven. Former trial lawyer, Steve Patton, M.A., J.D., will offer these and other "travel guides":

- What the Church really teaches about death, judgment, Heaven and Hell
- Science-based evidence for the immortality of the soul and an afterlife
- Why *fear of dying* is natural, but *fear of death* is unnecessary
- How best to prepare for death: the most amazing voyage ever

No cost to attend. RSVP by email at [info@cfcssacramento.org](mailto:info@cfcssacramento.org) or call 916-452-4831 [cfcsSacramento.org/events](http://cfcsSacramento.org/events)



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*If you have questions about Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation or Burial, please join us and learn about end of life care.*

**FREE Lunch**

**LUNCH AND LEARN**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM**  
at Pancake Circus  
2101 Broadway | Sacramento, CA 95818

*Informational seminar only.*  
*Receive your Free Personal Planning Guide.*

**WE WILL DISCUSS:**


- ✓ Making your wishes known
- ✓ 0% payment options
- ✓ Veteran Benefits
- ✓ Travel Protection Plan



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### 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.



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