



March 27, 2020

Dear Father,

RE: Burials during the COVID-19 Crisis

I trust this letter finds you, and your staff well. We appreciate the services you and your team are providing during this Coronavirus pandemic.

Please allow me to share Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento's position regarding burials at our cemeteries during this Coronavirus Pandemic. We want to best assist you and your ministry to your parishioners. CFCS recommends that families follow our Christian Burial Rites. As you know, these Rites include a Vigil, a Funeral Mass and Committal. To do this, we share that burials should be delayed until after the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

Vigils and Funeral Masses have been suspended until further notice. Our Funeral staff encourages families to wait until the restrictions are lifted. We know that not all families use our Funeral Centers and some families will choose local funeral homes. In order to help outside funeral homes, we sent a detailed message to most funeral homes yesterday.

We understand that some families may not want to wait and will want to bury their loved ones right away. With this mind, we will continue to offer graveside services until further notice.

Due to the Coronavirus, each cemetery will limit the number of daily services performed in an effort to minimize potential exposure to the virus. Family members and guest will not be permitted to attend committal services. Families may visit their loved one after the committal ceremony concludes. Cemetery visiting hours remain Monday thru Sunday 7am thru 6pm.

Graveside Ceremonies will occur based upon the schedule below.

Cemetery	Service Days	Service Times
All Souls & St. Vincent (Vallejo)	Tuesday and Thursday	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Calvary (Citrus Heights)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	1:00pm to 2:30pm
St. Mary (Sacramento)	Monday through Friday	9:00am to 11:00am
Holy Cross (Colusa)	Thursday	9:00am to 10:30am
St. Alphonsus (Fairfield)	Tuesday	9:00am to 10:30am
St. Joseph (Downtown Sac)	Tuesday	12:00pm to 1:00pm
St. Joseph (Rio Vista)	Tuesday	9:00am to 10:30am
St. Joseph (Woodland)	Wednesday	9:00am to 10:30am
St. Vincent de Paul (Rancho)	Wednesday	12:00pm to 1:00pm

We ask that you please direct your parishioners to contact our funeral center and cemeteries directly to schedule a service. We will work with your parish to coordinate committal date and times.

In addition to a Priest or Deacon leading the committal, a Funeral Director or Funeral Arranger will be present on site with the body and thru the entire service. Our grounds men will be near the grave ready to assist if needed. Gravesites will not have seating. Tents will not be set up or available. Flowers are not permitted at the service, but may be placed after the service.

If you have any questions or need to contact us, you can reach me directly at 916.733.0252 or email me at Jdelcore@scd.org. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Del Core

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