

A MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

CFCS is your
resource for all your
end-of-life services



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Living Our Mission

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

Caring for Families in Our Community.



Living Our Mission

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCFS) of the Diocese of San Jose is a charitable organization founded in faith and dedicated to providing education, support and professional services.

We are devoted to earning your trust as your community resource for today and tomorrow—at all times guided by faith, cultural traditions and your financial preferences.



FUNERAL

Sharing the Moment

*Just as every individual is unique,
so is every funeral.*

CREMATION

Creating New Traditions

*Accepted by the Church
for over 50 years.*

CEMETERY

A Sanctuary for the Living

*A permanent place of remembrance.
Inspiring environments.*

~ Rich Traditions Connected by Faith ~

Following Our Faith.

Caring and Compassionate

The loss of a loved one is always difficult. Celebrating the gift of faith with family and friends is an essential part of the healing process. We walk with you through this most difficult moment ensuring that your wishes are fulfilled.

Serving our Community

As a ministry, we have been a vital part of community life for more than 100 years. We continue to give back to the community, balancing the needs of families today with the needs of the community tomorrow. We are committed to providing assistance to families in need, and no family is ever turned away.

The Benefits of Advanced Planning

Planning ahead is one of the most loving and responsible things you can do for your family. With the assistance of CFCS in planning for your family's cemetery needs, you can ensure your wishes are met, avoid emotional overspending, and provide peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones.



To speak with a caring and qualified advisor

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us online at cfcssanjose.org

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The Catholic Funeral Rites in the Order of Christian Funerals is a celebration of faith that enables loved ones and the community to mourn by focusing on the promise of everlasting life and the hope of Resurrection in Christ.

Three distinct rites are provided at the time of the funeral: the Vigil, Funeral Liturgy and Committal Service. Each rite plays a unique part in our grieving process. Woven into the context of these funeral rites is an abundance of Catholic symbols and metaphors that convey the dramatic journey from baptism to redemption through Christ.

“Our funeral traditions fulfill the spiritual and emotional needs of Catholic families in countless ways. Through community memorialization, faith affirmation and the final farewell, the grieving process is more in keeping with our Catholic tradition and provides loved ones with a measure of peace and serenity during a difficult time.”

— HEATHER GLOSTER, *Director of Cemeteries*

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Vigil & Visitation

The Vigil is often the first time family, friends and members of the community gather in remembrance of a treasured life, for prayer and support. You may celebrate in your Parish, Funeral Center or your home.

Funeral Liturgy

The Funeral Mass is the principle celebration of the Christian Funeral. It is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection and is a reminder that we are one with Christ in life, death and Resurrection. It is here that family and friends join to reaffirm the belief that life has not ended.

Committal

The Committal is the final service and time of interment. Here, family and friends gather to take their final leave with the comfort and promise of Resurrection.



HOW TO PLAN

1. Parish

- ☐ Speak with your local priest
- ☐ Decide on a location for the Vigil and Liturgy

2. Funeral Home

- ☐ Select a provider for funeral services

3. Cemetery

- ☐ Work with the cemetery to select committal options



CONSIDERATIONS

Plan ahead to secure peace of mind for you and your family.

Items:

1. Church

- ☐ Priest to Officiate
- ☐ Services in Parish or Funeral Center

2. Funeral Home

- ☐ Select a Provider
- ☐ Casket

3. Services

- ☐ Readings
- ☐ Obituary
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Photography/Video
- ☐ Flowers
- ☐ Guest Book
- ☐ Prayer Cards
- ☐ Reception

4. Cemetery

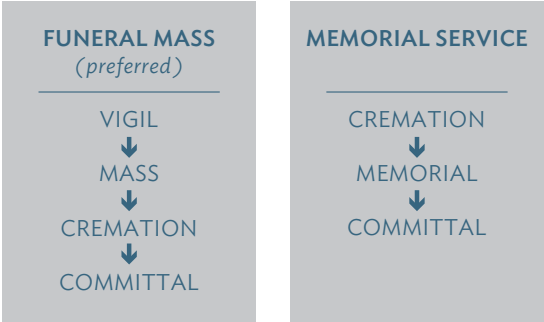
- ☐ Placement Options
- ☐ Memorialization

CREMATION

Embracing New Traditions

Cremation is a practice that has been accepted by the Catholic Church for over 50 years.

For those choosing cremation, the Catholic funeral tradition affords sacred and beautiful rituals that bring comfort to loved ones. There are two options when choosing to have a church service that are beautiful expressions of faith and reverence:



Help with Every Detail

- Free interment option for cremated remains with our All Souls Remembrance Program.
- We suggest that you plan in advance for your funeral and cemetery arrangements.
- Reduce the stress on your family, keep expenses manageable and allow family and friends the opportunity to gather at an important time.



Accepted by the Catholic Church for over 50 years.

What is the Church's Position on Cremation?

While there is a preference for traditional burial, as Christ was buried in the tomb, the Church has permitted cremation for over 50 years. Cremation should respect the human body and belief in the Resurrection.

When Should the Cremation Occur?

The preference is for cremation to occur following the funeral liturgy so that the body can be present for the vigil and funeral services. However, it is possible to have a memorial service with the cremated remains present.

What is the Proper Handling of Cremated Remains?

The Church teaches that cremated remains should be kept together (not scattered or divided) to respect the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and preferably interred in the consecrated grounds of a Catholic Cemetery.

What Does the Cemetery Offer?

Our cemeteries are sacred places for the living to memorialize their loved ones, with a variety of burial choices including personalized glass front niches and beautiful cremation burial sites. Financial concerns should never stop one from choosing a place of permanent remembrance. As such, we provide free of charge to people of all faiths, the dignified placement of cremated remains with our All Souls Remembrance Program.

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CEMETERY

A Sanctuary for the Living

Catholic Cemeteries are an extension of our Parishes; a place for prayer, reflection, hope and remembrance. The cemetery is a vital part of Catholic life, expressing our faith, reverence and respect for sacred burial on consecrated grounds.

“At our Catholic Cemeteries, we embrace everyone with the love of Christ and pray that they are blessed with His Grace, at a time when their cross is extremely heavy. Our Chapel and Cemetery environments are warm and alive with memories that will live on.”

— HEATHER GLOSTER, *Director of Cemeteries*



*A permanent place for remembering,
in natural and inspiring environments.*

What is the Importance of a Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic Cemeteries are stirring natural sanctuaries that house the temple of the body with the promise for everlasting life. These sacred places provide peaceful and religious environments that are conducive to prayer, reflection and remembrance. The final expression of our faith as Catholics is the blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to life everlasting.

Individualized Memorialization Options

We meet the needs of our community by offering traditional burial options, as well as distinctive choices for cremated remains and family estates.

Remembrance Events

We believe that we serve the living by creating beautiful and sacred places to remember your loved ones. We offer memorial Masses for those in our community who have passed to the next life. Additionally, throughout the year we hold a number of events including our All Souls Day Vigil of Light and Memorial Day celebrations to honor our loved ones.

Legacy of Faith

As a charitable organization founded in faith, CFCS provides the opportunity to help those in our community with the purchase of certain select cemetery locations that support the many programs that benefit the Legacy of Faith. A portion of the fee you pay over the interment value may be tax deductible on certain select properties.

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MISSION PROGRAMS

Helping to Support Our Community

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services is a charitable organization serving the Diocese of San Jose. As a ministry of the Catholic Church, we provide cemetery services, as well as educational outreach to parishes and caregiver organizations.

Our mission is to provide guidance and wisdom on end-of-life services. While we do charge for our services in what has become a very commercial industry, we are committed as a charity to offer innovative programs that provide financial assistance, free options and programs to meet the needs of our faith community.

“Our Catholic funeral tradition affirms our belief in the communion of saints and our trust in Jesus’ promise of everlasting life. Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, incumbent upon every Christian. The Church’s rituals enable us to honor our dearly departed with solemn and tender devotion. Our Catholic Cemeteries provide us with a gathering place on holy ground where the living can prayerfully remember those who have gone before us awaiting the Resurrection to eternal life.”

—BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ, Bishop of San Jose



MOTHER TERESA PROGRAM

Cemetery Assistance Program. The Mother Teresa Program serves families in need in our community.

Mother Teresa firmly believed that love begins at home and that we should reach out to those in need in our family first, then our community, our country and our world. It is in this spirit that CFCS created the Mother Teresa Program that allows the poor and destitute in our community to receive sacred and dignified cemetery services.

“Love Begins at Home”

Mother Teresa proclaimed “I want you to find the poor here, right in your own home... love begins at home.” In our community there are many in need; over 20%* of Californians live below the poverty line. * US Census SPM 2009-2015]

Serving Our Community

With the Mother Teresa Program, CFCS is able to give back to the community by ensuring that those in need in our community receive sacred and dignified cemetery services.

Living Our Mission

As a charitable organization, CFCS assists families in sharing this most meaningful experience with family and friends.



WHO THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

- Families in Need
- Catholic Charities

MAIN BENEFITS

- Support our community
- In need? Apply for assistance

HOW TO HELP

- Make a donation
- Visit any CFCS location
- Visit cfcssanjose.org

CFCS PRECIOUS LIVES CHILD BURIAL PROGRAM

The death of a child is unimaginable for any family, and for those who have suffered this great loss; it is the ultimate tragedy and forever life changing. The CFCS Precious Lives program provides caring cemetery financial support to families who have suffered the tremendous loss of a child.

CFCS Precious Lives Program

Faith Based

Our mission programs are focused on our faith, traditions, families and the community, providing caring and compassionate services to all those in need. *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"* Matthew 5:4

Mission & Ministry

The CFCS Precious Lives Child Burial Program is a charitable mission program designed to alleviate almost all of the major cemetery expenses a family who suffered the loss of a child will face. CFCS will provide basic cemetery services in the Child Burial Section, allowing the family to focus on faith, grief and their family during this incredibly difficult time.

Community Hospital Resource

In addition to serving families, this program also assists hospitals by providing sacred interment of an unborn child at any of our Catholic Cemeteries.



ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Free Interment of Cremated Remains

CFCS offers at no charge, to anyone, of any faith, who has cremated remains at home or is considering scattering, a dignified committal of the remains at any of our cemeteries. The committal will occur at the All Souls Remembrance Crypt and then the remains will be permanently interred within the consecrated grounds of a Catholic Cemetery.

Highlights of the Program

- Free placement in the Remembrance Crypt available at any of our cemeteries
- A committal service from the Order of Christian Funerals
- A permanent recordation of interment as well as an optional cenotaph for memorialization
- Remains always stay within consecrated grounds
- Open to all funeral homes
- Open to all faiths



FAMILY HERITAGE PROGRAM

Burial Within an Existing Site

This unique program allows for graves, crypts or niches already owned by families to be transformed into a family estate. Depending on the grave, crypt or niche selected, a number of cremated remains can typically be added.

The plot will serve as a family's final gathering place, allowing family members who have lived apart to be together on their final journey, as well as be a place that generations can come to remember their ancestors. With this program we maximize the use of space and minimize the cost to families.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many cremated remains are allowed in an existing location?

Depending on the size of the existing grave, crypt or niche, a number of cremated remains can be added.

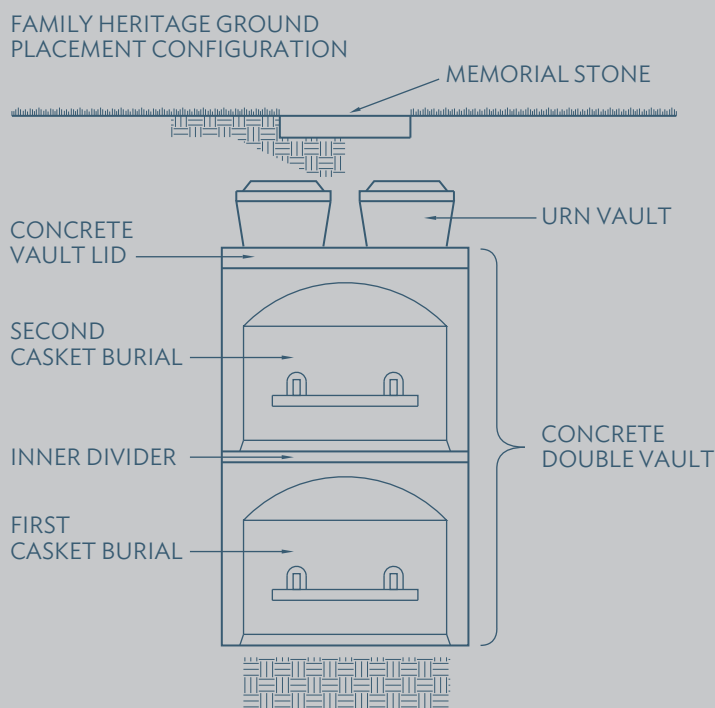
How can I be memorialized?

Space permitting multiple family members can have their names inscribed on the monument or crypt.* When the number of inscriptions exceeds what is feasible or permitted, cenotaphs are available as well as bronze plaques which will be placed near the final resting place.

Can I use a crypt or a niche?

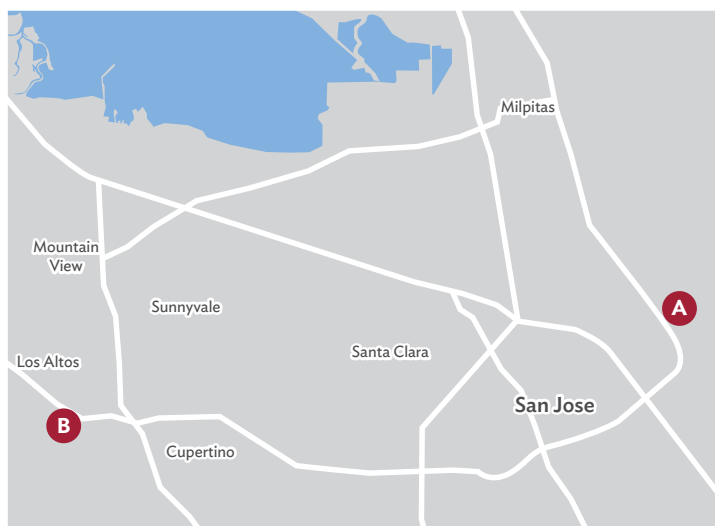
Yes, crypts, grave and niches are eligible to be used with the Family Heritage Program.

* Certain cemetery sections and mausoleums have a prescribed number of inscriptions allowed per space.



Convenient Locations

With two cemeteries serving the Diocese of San Jose, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services can accommodate you and your family's needs to help fulfill your wishes.



CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY

2650 Madden Avenue
San Jose, CA 95116
(833) 428-0379



GATE OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

22555 Cristo Rey Drive
Los Altos, CA 94024
(833) 304-0763

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