

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Cemetery**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*Rules effective May 27, 2014*

Cemetery Committee dedicates service to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish including non-Catholics spouses, children, parents and other relatives. Christians with a connection to the Catholic Community may also be buried in the Catholic Cemetery.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall be adopted to describe the terms used in these rules:

**LOT HOLDER:** the person or persons who signed the original purchase contract and their heirs-in-law who have the legal right to authorize an interment.

**LOT:** a burial plot of one or more graves.

**GRAVE:** the basic, below ground burial place.

**PLOT:** apply to one or more than one adjoining graves.

**INTERMENT:** the committal of human remains in their final resting place.

**BURIAL:** interment of human remains in the earth.

**CREMATION:** the reduction of human remains by fire.

**DOUBLE STAGE BURIAL:** one coffin above the other.

**INURNMENT:** placing cremated remains in a container.

**MEMORIAL HEADSTONE:** grave marker with proper inscription.

**MONUMENT:** a freestanding upright memorial.

#### **GUIDELINES**

1. The purchaser of a plot at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Cemetery does not acquire the property itself, but only the "right of burial".
2. No interment will be permitted in the cemetery, or rights acquired by the purchaser, until such time that full payment has been received for the plot.
3. The grave site will be assigned by Cemetery Committee.
4. Full Size Plot: Thirty-four inches (36") wide, Eighty-eight inches (96") long.
5. Cremation Plot: Two feet wide. Two feet long.
6. Grave spaces may be used for the burial of human remains only. Normally, a maximum of one interment or three inurnments (cremated remains) is permitted in a single grave. Burial Double-Stage: then the concrete liner/vault required and the depth of seven feet. Single Burial: Five feet deep. Cremation Burial: three feet deep.

7. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Cemetery is a Catholic Institution, it is customary that interments are provided for Catholics. As a sign of the bonds of family unity, non-Catholics may be buried in a Catholic cemetery alongside the Catholic members of the family.
8. No burial space or plot will be transferred or assigned without the consent of Cemetery Committee.

## **GENERAL CEMETERY CONDITIONS**

The grade of all lots, graves, sections, roads, fences or other features of the Cemetery shall be determined by the Cemetery Committee and may be altered when deemed necessary for the common good of lot owners or visitors.

Aisles, walks, roads and other areas may be converted to burial ground as determined by the Cemetery Committee.

1. Should any tree, shrub or planting on any lot become detrimental to the adjoining lots or passageways or dangerous to passersby, it shall be lawful for the Cemetery Committee to remove the offending material at the expense of the lot holder.
2. Monuments or other structures that become dangerous or detrimental to persons in the Cemetery may be repaired or removed at the expense of the lot holders.
3. Should all or any part of an inscription, memorial, effigy or other structure be deemed unfitting or incompatible with the Catholic character of the Cemetery, it shall be lawful for the Cemetery Committee to prohibit its erection, or, if erected, to remove it upon receipt of orders by the proper Ecclesiastical Authority at the lot holder's expense.
4. All memorials, flower containers, burial containers, decorations and other private property is placed on the burial space at the lot holder's risk with no liability to the Cemetery. The lot holder is responsible that all memorial work be properly installed and maintained.
5. No signs or notices are to be posted in the Cemetery without the express permission of the Cemetery Committee.

## **RULES FOR MEMORIAL HEADSTONE, FLOWERS AND PLANTING**

The following rules are designed to maintain the appearance of the Cemetery and to make your visits more pleasant.

1. The planting of shrubs and flowers must be confined to the dimensions of the plot size (36 inches wide and 96 inches long).
2. Memorial headstone and cement pad must not be larger than a plot size (36" x 96"). An unobstructed two foot aisle will surround the grave on all four sides. Any object placed outside the assigned plot dimensions will be removed at the expense of the lot holder.
3. Lot holder needs to inform the Cemetery Committee through Parish Office before placing headstone or cement pad on the grave.
4. The cemetery is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen grave decorations.
5. The quantity and disposition of funeral flowers on new graves is to be determined by the Cemetery. They will only remain for one weekend after the interment as they become faded and unsightly. Display in a heated parlor drastically shortens the life of cut flowers.