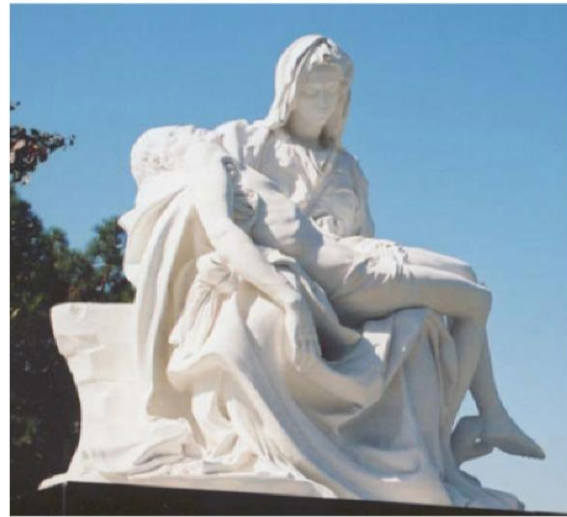


# CONVENIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE

## Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

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*"If you are prepared when your loved one passes, you are not at the mercy of strangers at a vulnerable time."*



*"I felt good knowing I was sparing my family the burden of making this decision at a difficult time in their lives."*

### Pre-plan today for security and peace of mind knowing "it's all been taken care of."

- ✓ Take more control over how you are to be celebrated and remembered.
- ✓ Take the burden of burial arrangements off your family.
- ✓ Reserve space to secure your family heritage at St. Mary Parish.
- ✓ Save money, securing a space at current prices.

### Pre-planning...it just makes sense

More than 50% of all Americans ages 50-74 have already pre-planned. Pre-planning enables you to choose your arrangements according to your wishes and needs.

### Benefits of Pre-planning

- Spares your family from making hard decisions at an emotionally stressful time.
- Helps you make a financially sound decision.
- Alleviates additional grief at the time of loss, so your loved ones can focus on memorializing your life.
- Secures your preferred space and family heritage at St. Mary Parish.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I choose the right type of grave?**

Because it is an important question, many things must be considered:

- Are you planning on burial or cremation?
- Above or below ground?
- What types of memorial do you prefer?
  - A marker set flat on the ground?
  - An upright monument?
- Are you arranging for yourself or your family?
- How much do you want to spend?

Answers to these types of questions will assist you to make the right purchase as graves vary by size, location and price.

### **What is a full burial?**

A full burial is the interment of a dead body in its permanent resting-place.

### **What is a cremation?**

Cremation refers to the act of consuming a body by fire.

### **What are cremains?**

Cremains are the cremated human remains.

### **What is a mausoleum?**

A mausoleum is a tomblike structure or building for the burial of dead bodies.

### **What is a columbarium?**

A columbarium is a structure that contains niches for the placement of cinerary urns, e.g. urns with cremains.

### **What is the size of a grave and how can it be used?**

A grave is approximately three feet three inches wide and ten feet long. It will accommodate one adult full interment and 2 cremains or a maximum of three cremation interments.

### **What is a burial plot?**

A plot is one or more grave or cremation graves as shown on the Cemetery map, which is on file at the Cemetery office.

### **What is a cremation grave – Urn Garden?**

A cremation grave in the Urn Garden is designated for the sole purpose of burial of a single or double cremation.

Visit the St. Mary Parish website [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) and look under the CEMETERY tab for more information and FAQs. Please call Donna Barber at the cemetery office at 203-438-3606 for price quotes and more information on various arrangements.