

CONVENIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

"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 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.