Faith, Hope, and Remembrance

# **Decoration Guidelines**

### November 1st through March 15th

- Winter wreaths and other artificial decorations are permitted during this time. All decorations, including wooden crosses, should not exceed 36" in height.
- Decorations with spikes or stakes are prohibited and will be removed immediately.
- During the winter months, live or artificial wreaths may be ordered through the cemeteries.
- We cannot be responsible for damage caused to bouquet holders due to use during the cold winter months.

### March 16th through October 31st

- Only fresh flowers in proper bouquet holders are permitted during this time.
- Wilted flowers are removed every Tuesday. This
  allows us to have three days to cut the grass with
  the least amount of obstacles. Fresh flowers are not
  removed unless absolutely necessary.
- Artificial decorations are not permitted during the cutting season, with the exception of the special holidays listed below. If found, artificial decorations will be immediately removed by cemetery staff. Artificial decorations placed for a holiday will be collected the Tuesday following the holiday.

WINTER DECORATIONS NOV 1, 2022 – MARCH 15, 2023.

FAMILY PICK UP MARCH 15

CEMETERY STAFF CLEAN UP MARCH 16, INCLUDING CROSSES

# **2023 Holiday Decoration Schedule**

Holiday	Easter Sunday April 9	Mother's Day Sunday, May 14	Memorial Day Monday, May 29	Father's Day Sunday, June 18
Start Date	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 11th	May 25th	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Family Pick Up Date	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
Cemetery Staff Clean Up*	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	June 6th	June 27th

<sup>\*</sup>Cemetery staff clean up dates may vary due to weather conditions.

**Burials:** Floral pieces are left on the grave for 48 hours after a burial. The flowers are wilted by this time and it becomes a nest for animals if left any longer. There is no regulation governing the number of floral decorations brought to the cemetery at the time of interment.

**Entombments:** Three floral pieces permitted outside of the building. Bouquets will be removed and discarded at the end of each work day.

#### Please make sure to label your decoration(s) with the deceased name and location.

We hope you can understand our position in establishing these guidelines. They are not of our personal choice but an absolute necessity in maintaining safe working conditions and the overall beauty of our Catholic Cemeteries.

For more information please refer to our Rules & Regulations found at www.clecem.org.