

May the true spirit of the first night be yours today and in the coming year!
Merry Christmas!

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Community Digest

A word from our CEO, Jerry Del Core

Christmas is the happiest time of the year. There is so much to celebrate. The birth of Jesus. Spending time with family and friends. Santa's arrival. It is truly the most wonderful time of the year.

Unfortunately, it the most difficult time to lose a love one. It may be the most difficult holiday to celebrate after you have lost a family members or friend.

If you have lost a loved one – especially within the past year, I would like to personally invite you to **join us for our 18th Annual "Remembrance Tree and Candlelight Vigil" on Wednesday, December 11th**. It is my favorite event of the year. Our funeral centers and mausoleums are beautifully decorated to help you pray and remember your loved ones. Families visit their loved ones and decorate the cemeteries, showing that the memories of their loved ones carry on.

Please stop by, St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center (6509 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento), Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center (7101 Verner Avenue, Citrus Heights) or All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center (550 Glen Cove Road, Vallejo) during regular business hours before December 11th and pick up a free clear plastic ornament for you to decorate in honor of your loved one to be placed on one of our Christmas Trees which will be blessed at our Vigil on December 11th.

If you cannot make it to one of locations in advance, please come early on December 11th starting at 4pm to decorate and personalize your ornament in your loved one's honor. Many families include photos and personal notes. Decorating will be allowed until 6:30pm.

Our "Remembrance Tree and Candlelight Vigil" will commence at 7pm at all three locations. Our Clergy will celebrate the Vigil and bless your ornaments that are hung on our Christmas Trees. Your ornament will be displayed the entire Christmas Season. We encourage you to come visit.

The Christmas Trees will remain on display thru the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 5, 2020). Decorations will be removed starting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. If you want to save your decorations, please pick them up no later than January 6, 2020. We will not save any decorations.

I hope to see you at one of our cemeteries and funeral centers this Christmas Season!
Merry Christmas!



18th Annual Remembrance Tree & Candlelight Vigil Wednesday, December 11th at 7 pm

May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.



Cemetery Christmas Decorations

Christmas Decoration Guidelines Dec. 11th to Jan. 13th

Decorating the grave of a loved one during the

Christmas Season is a healing ritual, during, what for most, is a very hard time in the grief process. Decorations may be placed on your loved one's grave starting December 11th and may remain displayed until Monday, January 13th.



Christmas decorations are permitted only on your memorial marker and vase. Christmas wreaths and artificial flowers are permitted. Decorations over 12" high or situated off your memorial marker are not permitted and are subject to removal. Items that are not permitted or do not conform to requirement will be removed by CFCS without notification. **Christmas trees are not permitted.**

Any and all decorations placed prior to December 11th are subject to immediate removal and disposal. Items will not be replaced. Please do not place your Christmas decorations before December 11th. **We strongly encourage you not to leave any items of value on your loved one's memorial marker.**

The cemetery will begin clean up and removal of all decorations on Monday, January 13th. If you want to save your decorations or take your decorations home, please remove them from the cemetery before January 13th.

Any decorations left on or after Monday, January 13th will be removed by the cemetery staff and decorations will not be returned. The cemetery and its employees are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged decorations.

If you have any questions please email us at info@cfcssacramento.org subject Christmas Decorations.

Funeral Services



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Ask a Funeral Director: Giving the Gift of Piece of Mind

Why should I plan my funeral arrangements ahead of time?

Because any time is a great time to plan your funeral.....except for when you need it. Funerals, like all life events are best planned for in advance. No one would plan for a wedding with just a week's notice, or any large celebration or event.

The Catholic funeral provides hope at what is often one of the bleakest times. It is an act of thanksgiving to God for the gift of life given to the person who has died. It offers hope and consolation to those left behind. Preparing your Catholic funeral plan now is one of the most loving and responsible gifts you can give to your family, on one of their darkest days.

There are over a hundred questions that need to be answered, dozens of decisions that can be made ahead of time. Our staff of experienced Family Service Advisors can show you where to begin. The simple process will result in minimizing stress, reducing family burden and securing affordable, interest-free payment plans. They will thoughtfully assist you in planning in advance so that all of your wishes are met.

Some of the greatest benefits of Planning in Advance include:

- Securing peace of mind in knowing your wishes are in place
- Interest-free payment plans
- Avoid arguments and emotional overspending
- Reserve an inspiring location for you and your family
- Cemetery, Funeral and Cremation services are locked-in at today's pricing

There is no better time than today to start the funeral planning process. It is a quick and easy process that will result in a tremendous sense of relief and security. Your family will be grateful for years to come.

Be sure to ask about getting a free copy of your "Personal Planning Guide" to get started today.

Give the Gift of Peace of Mind this Christmas!

Let us make your first two payments.

- 10% down payment required.
- 36 month term, only 34 monthly payments starting in March 2020.
- 48 month term, only 46 monthly payments starting in March 2020.
- 7% discount if paid in full on guaranteed services. Cash or Check only.

**Call a Family Service Advisor today and ask for our Christmas Special
on Pre Need Funeral and Cemetery. Expires 12/31/19**



Contact a Family Service Advisor NOW



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Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services is a full service provider of End-Of-Life care for the Catholic Community in the Diocese of Sacramento. We accompany families as they affectionately honor their loved ones in harmony with the Catholic Rites of Christian Burial. We cooperate with Parishes from Vigil to Mass and the Committal, bringing to all the consolation and mercy of Jesus.



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