

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Community Digest

A word from our CEO, Jerry Del Core

Fires continue to rage across California as parts of the United States experience torrential rain followed by flooding. The first ever civilian operated spacecraft went into orbit this month. And researchers are training cows to urinate in a specific location to minimize greenhouse gas emissions. There is a lot of change in the world.



The one constant in our ever-changing world is the need to be prepared. Families prepare for many different things. We purchase auto insurance to protect us in case we have an accident. We purchase health insurance in case we fall ill. We purchase homeowner's insurance in case something happens to our house.

These are steps we take "in case" something happens. We know we will all die at some point. Let's prepare for the inevitable.

Preparation is essential for smoothly working through changes and transitions. As we gear up for our 3rd annual Open House Weekend, we want you to know that we can help you prepare.

We encourage you to "Start the Conversation." It is not easy to talk about death, almost everyone knows that fact. Preparation can make a difficult situation much more bearable.

When you talk with us, you will be able to ask questions about funeral and mortuary services, cremation, and explore burial options... all in a non-threatening, no pressure environment. You will also receive our "Personal Planning Guide" for free. It is your place to track everything that is important to you and for your family to know. You can plan as much or as little as you want.

Planning your funeral and cemetery in advance is a gift. Don't make family members wonder "what would you have wanted?" or "how will we pay for this?" Have a plan in place.

I encourage you to "Start the Conversation." Join us for our 3rd annual Open House Weekend on Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. See our locations below and reserve your private tour today:

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Sacramento
[RSVP by clicking here!](#)

Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Citrus Heights
[RSVP by clicking here!](#)

All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center, Vallejo
[RSVP by clicking here!](#)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Woodland--Saturday, Oct. 2
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Holy Cross Cemetery, Colusa--Sunday, Oct. 3
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You can just stop by if you prefer, for more information about the open house weekend please [click here](#) or call our Director of Community Outreach, Nicole Zamora at 916-840-2138.

COVID protocols will be in place. I hope to see you on October 2nd or 3rd. In the meantime, stay healthy. Stay safe! Be prepared!

Meet our new Parish Outreach Coordinator

Katerina Austin



Hello,

My name is Katerina Austin and I am the new Parish Outreach Coordinator for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. I joined the team in August and I continue to enjoy learning about all of the different facets of the services that we provide.

I am new to the funeral and cemetery profession, but I am not new to learning. I have been a high school English teacher for the last few years and I love the ongoing pursuit of learning. I intend to utilize the communication skills that I have worked to develop as I foster relationships with priests, members of the community, and parishes.

The Parish Outreach Coordinator is a new position at CFCS. My role is to bridge the gap between local parish communities and our cemeteries and funeral centers. I also get to put my teaching skills to good use as I work to share with each person that I meet the ways that we as an organization can meet individual needs, support families as they make important decisions, and offer peace of mind that their wishes can and will be fulfilled.

A fun fact about me: my birthday is on November 2nd, which for Catholics is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed also known as All Souls' Day or Día de Los Muertos. When I was little, I thought that I had just missed being born on All Saints' Day by one day! But as I grew up, I started to love the fact that the Catholic Church has a day set aside to celebrate all the souls that have quietly worked to honor God in their lives. Now one of my favorite things about my birthday is that I get to join the Church in praying for the souls of those who have gone before us and asking them to intercede for us as we continue to try to serve God in our everyday lives like they did. In our cemeteries and at our funeral centers, we get to be reminded to do that every day of the year.

My husband and I got married in July and moved to Sacramento at the end of the month. We have both started new jobs and are excited to explore the local food and build our life together here.

Construction Updates

Scott Miller, Chief Operations Officer

Calvary Funeral Center

After several years of planning and permitting, construction of the Calvary Funeral Center is finally underway. Our contractors have completed demolition of the existing maintenance facility and walls and have completed a major portion of the earth-moving activities. The building pad is complete and the concrete foundation will be poured, in phases, over the coming weeks.



CFCS and our contractors have been very mindful of those laid to rest in the area, the protection of those resting places, and the need for family access. Holy Angels Lawn has had a boundary established and additional fencing installed to ensure construction activity and equipment do not enter the area. Holy Angels is within the work zone due to the need for road access to the construction site, but measures are in place to ensure family access. Anyone wishing to visit may check in at the Mausoleum office. There they will be provided with safety vests and hard hats and escorted to and from the lawn by CFCS staff. Access can be obtained during the regular Mausoleum office hours; Monday through Saturday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Our cemetery grounds staff carefully removed and have stored the two statues that were previously placed within the construction area. At the completion of construction, the statues will be installed in new suitable areas.

The anticipated completion of the project and opening of the facility is early fall of 2022.

This is a very exciting time for CFCS and Calvary Cemetery because the new facility will greatly expand our ability to serve families within the Diocese of Sacramento.

All Souls – New Lawns

Construction on our new lawns at All Souls Cemetery began the first week of September. The new lawns are being constructed across from the Chapel of the Apostles Mausoleum. The lawns have been named after the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

These new lawns will provide the cemetery with over 400 new locations for families to choose from. Each lawn includes sections for upright memorials and ground level memorials. New roadways and walkways are also being constructed to ensure safe and easy access to all locations.

The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-December. If you are interested in pre-planning for one of these new lawns, please contact your Family Service Advisor today by clicking [here](#) or call 707-644-5209.

Upcoming Events

Stay up to date on all of our events by clicking [here](#).



OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND **OCTOBER 2 & 3 • 10 AM-4 PM**



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**Join us for
Saturday Morning Mass
in our Chapels**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is held every Saturday to pray for faithfully departed souls buried at our cemeteries.

Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center in the Mausoleum

8:30 am (please note new time)

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center in St. Joseph Chapel

All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center in the Chapel

10 am

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for up to date COVID-19 information; events; obituaries and much more



Mission Statement

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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