

T PLAN AHEAD

Preparation for death is an essential part of life for a Christian. Recognizing that the goal of our lives is eternal life with God, we prepare for that by prayer, reception of the sacraments, and care for those around us.

“There are at least 50 decisions to be made at the time of a death.”

When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the celebration of the *Funeral Mass*.

In the scriptures proclaimed and the sacrament of the altar, the saving action of the risen Christ becomes living and active in the hearts and minds of the community. Confident in the presence of Jesus in word and sacrament, those present offer prayers and petitions for the deceased, whom they entrust to God’s merciful love.

The *Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass* is celebrated when, for pastoral reasons the pastor and the family judge that the funeral liturgy outside of Mass is a more suitable form of celebration. The *Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass* is ordinarily celebrated in the parish church, but may also be celebrated at a funeral home or a cemetery chapel.

Your death marks the end of your stewardship on earth and is the beginning of your eternal life. Talking about death is never easy, but discussion and pre-planning can eliminate stress and confusion and assist your grieving family and friends.

Consider this: There are at least 50 decisions that need to be made at the time of a death. Some of these decisions cannot be made in advance. But cemetery arrangements can be made in advance. By doing so, you alleviate the burden on your survivors at a very stressful time.

Contact the parish office for planning forms

WE CAN HELP

“It’s never too early to plan ahead.”

Holy Cross Cemetery has options for full body graves, graves for cremated remains and niches in the columbarium.

For the most current price list, availability, and payment options, please contact our Parish Office 834-2126.



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Donations can be made to Holy Cross Cemetery through St. Thomas Aquinas parish for maintenance and improvement of the grounds.

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"...to lead a good life a man should always imagine himself at the hour of death..."

St. Bonaventure



A SACRED PLACE

The Code of Canon Law of the Church states that a Catholic cemetery is a sacred place. The Church provides cemeteries to carry out the sacred religious functions of burial and to care for the resting places of the deceased.

As its core function and purpose, the Catholic cemetery, in union with the whole Church, helps to illuminate the path as we make our pilgrimage from earth to heaven.

Parish cemeteries fulfill this important role for a particular parish and the surrounding Catholic community.



ASSOCIATED CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Catholic cemetery is the final resting place for the members of our Faith Community on our journey to God. It is the gate of heaven. Burial in the consecrated ground of the Catholic cemetery allows you to share your faith values with future generations of your family.

This legacy of faith is your gift to them.



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ABOUT

Located near the site of the original Catholic Church in Washougal, the cemetery has recently undergone some improvements. The grounds have been surveyed and plotted. Improvements include a new fence, gate, sign, paved path, landscaping, columbarium and other beautification projects.



HISTORY

- On May 9, 1900, Anton and Barbara Gresz donated 1.7 acres to the Diocese of Nesqually for the creation of a new church and cemetery
- Holy Cross Cemetery, in Washougal, WA, Clark County was established on this site. It was also known as the Washougal Catholic Cemetery
- It is administered by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish in Camas

