



**SAINT BERNADETTE  
CATHOLIC PARISH**  
*of  
Fuquay-Varina*

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## **Columbarium Pricing**

(Effective December 1, 2021)

**Single: \$3,000**

**Double: \$3,700**

Price includes:

- Brass urn
- Brass ID plate
- Granite memorial wall plaque
- Engraving
- Shipping
- Perpetual care

**Checks should be made payable to Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina with the Columbarium niche number in the memo line of the check. Payment in full is required at the time of purchase.**



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## **Columbarium Contract**

### **Right of Inurnment Columbarium Niche**

**This right of inurnment**, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina in North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the “Church” and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as “Purchaser”.

**Whereas**, the Church has set aside a plot of land known as Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish in Fuquay-Varina Columbarium to memorialize members and their families and for the inurnment of cremated remains of members of the Church and their families and

**Whereas**, the Church has established a set of policies governing eligibility and use of the Columbarium, and Purchaser has received a copy and is familiar with the content thereof, and the said policies are attached hereto as Exhibit A and are incorporated as if fully set out herein, and Purchaser agrees to future changes in said policies that may be made by the Church.

**Now therefore**, in consideration of the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ paid to the Church by the Purchaser the parties covenant and agree with the others as follows:

1. The Church agrees to provide the Purchaser a niche in the Columbarium for the cremated remains of one or two person(s), to provide standard brass urn(s), and to provide perpetual care.

Purchaser provides the information indicated below for the person(s) whose cremated remains will be inurned in the Columbarium:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Relationship to Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Relationship to Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the Columbarium will be paid by fees from those who desire to use it. A portion of the funds from even the initial sales, will be held in a perpetual care fund. Ultimately, the interest income from this perpetual care fund will provide for the upkeep of the Columbarium.

The Church, as beneficial owner, shall retain title to said property and grants hereby to Purchaser the right to use of the Columbarium in accordance with the policies referred to above.

Purchaser authorizes the Church to relocate the Columbarium or cremated remains to another proper location should it become necessary for any reason, and this authorization shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the purchaser.

Purchaser warrants a property right in and to the mortal remains of the person or persons anticipated to be inurned and further warrants authority to execute this agreement. The Church assumes no responsibility to inquire further into the authority of the person executing this contract.

In witness whereof, this Right of Inurnment has been executed by all parties on the day first above written.

**Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Columbarium Two, Niche#

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor

**Purchaser:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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## **Policy for Governing the Use of the Columbarium**

**Revised January 2022**

### **A. Governing Body**

1. The Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina Columbarium is the property of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh.
2. The Columbarium will be managed by the Pastor.
3. A member of the parish administrative staff (Columbarium Manager) will administer the operations of the Columbarium using the guidelines as part of these policies and procedures.

### **B. Eligibility**

1. The Saint Bernadette Columbarium is primarily for the Parishioners of the parish and their immediate family members (spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters). The family members do not have to be Catholic.
2. Only the cremains of humans are allowed to be inurned and placed in the niche. No more than 2 (two) persons' cremains may be inurned in the same niche within the Columbarium.

### **C. Reserving a Niche**

1. A niche shall be assigned upon payment of the fee in effect at the time of purchase. The reservation gives the person the right to be inurned but does not convey any ownership of property to the individual. No reservation of a niche shall be transferred to another person, estate or corporation.
2. The price paid for the reservation of a niche includes:
  - a. Brass urn
  - b. Brass ID plate
  - c. Granite memorial wall plaque
  - d. Engraving
  - e. Perpetual care
3. The reservation price does not include any other associated funeral expenses. The Parish does not charge for funeral Masses.
4. Prices for the Columbarium niches may change over time.

5. If the family no longer has a need for the niche, the family can gift the niche back to Saint Bernadette or request a refund of the original reservation price less a \$300 administration fee.
6. Removal of an urn will only be allowed for a permanent move to another facility. Upon a notarized written request by a surviving member of the deceased person's family, a niche will be opened, and the contents removed. Saint Bernadette will rely on the notarized documents showing evidence of authority and shall not be required to make further inquiry. The family shall pay any expenses related to the opening of the niche beforehand. Any person requesting such opening and removal shall release Saint Bernadette from any liability in connection with such action and agree to indemnify and hold Saint Bernadette harmless from any cost incurred in connection with such opening and removal. Both parties will sign a document reflecting the actions taken.
7. The family is responsible to advise the Parish office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or other contact information for those to be inurned in the niche. The reserver maintains the right to change the reservation at no cost unless those changes result in a need for changes to the faceplate. In that case, the reserver is responsible for all costs incurred by the Church to make the changes

#### D. Right of Inurnment

The Right of Inurnment for a Columbarium niche contract signed by both parties is only a provision for inurnment and should not be considered a purchase. The Right of Inurnment shall set forth the right of the parties, including specifically a provision granting full authority to Saint Bernadette to move, remove or relocate niches for any reason the Saint Bernadette Columbarium should be relocated. The fully executed Right of Inurnment for a Columbarium niche contract and pertinent information of the deceased will be maintained and available at the Parish office.

#### E. Columbarium Niche Inscription Style and Content

Inscriptions shall consist of names and dates of birth and death. The style of the niche inscription will be consistent throughout the Columbarium. The Parish will handle the engraving. A blank faceplate will be affixed to the niche until the engraving is complete. The initial engraving is included in the reservation price of the niche.

#### F. Flowers and Decorations

The Saint Bernadette Columbarium will be perpetually maintained in a manner designed to be beautiful, serene, and holy. No additional floral arrangements, flags, statues, insignias or other decorations will be placed within or outside the Columbarium. If such items are left, no attempt will be made to return such items to the family when removed.

#### G. Vital Statistics and Records

The vital statistics of all persons who will be or who are inurned in the Columbarium will be maintained in the parish office of Saint Bernadette. The niches will be identified by a unique number associated with the vital information of the purchaser/deceased. The information will also include the name of the purchaser, the name of the deceased, their birth and death dates, their date of inurnment, the date and fee paid and the name and address of the surviving family member(s).



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## CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

### Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina Columbarium

Columbarium Two

Niche No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This certificate entitles the bearers named below to one niche in the Columbarium Garden at Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina, 1005 Wilbon Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC. This niche will hold the cremains of the person(s) named below.**

**This signed certificate provides the bearers with the niche, the urn, and a nameplate. The brass urn and the engraved stone are included in the purchase price. Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina will provide perpetual upkeep of the Columbarium.**

**This certificate titles ownership to the bearers and is not transferable without the consent and approval of the new bearer(s) by Saint Bernadette Catholic Parish of Fuquay-Varina. If the bearer decides to not use this niche for legitimate reasons, he/she is entitled to a full refund minus a \$300.00 service charge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Bearer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bearer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Bearer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bearer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor