



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pendleton, Oregon

Dear friend,

As you consider these important arrangements, please know you are held in the prayerful care of our parish. Planning for the end of life is an act of love—an expression of hope, faith, and responsibility for yourself and those you hold close to your heart.

The Church teaches us that our earthly life is a precious gift, and that our final rest is not an ending but a passage into the fullness of God's presence.

May the Lord guide your heart with wisdom, calm your spirit with His peace, and remind you that you do not walk this path alone. We are here to support you, and God's promise of eternal life remains our constant source of strength.

Fr. Jose Thomas

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY PLOT INFORMATION GUIDE

We're here to support you with care and compassion and to help guide you through this process. Whether you're making this decision for yourself or for a loved one, we understand this topic is tender. Our hope is that this step by step guide helps clarify any questions, simplifies your actions and settles your heart. May peace be with you as you make these important decisions.

1. **Initial Inquiry.** Contact the St. Mary's parish office to express your interest in purchasing a plot. You may ask questions, request a map, or schedule a meeting to view availability.
2. **Cemetery Visit** **optional but encouraged.* If you'd like to walk the cemetery grounds, please contact Pendleton Cemetery at 541.276.8100 and a city representative can accompany you to the cemetery grounds to help you view available plots and answer any questions.
3. **Plot Selection.** Once you have chosen a plot, St. Mary's parish office will confirm availability and prepare the necessary paperwork.
4. **Completion of Required Forms.** You will receive a brief set of documents to review and sign. These outline the rights of interment and the cemetery's guidelines.
5. **Full Payment.** St. Mary's does not accept installment payments. Full payment is required at the time of purchase. Once payment is received, the plot is officially reserved in your name.
6. **Receipt and Certificate.** After payment and paperwork are completed, you will receive a receipt and a certificate of interment rights for your records.



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CHOOSE YOUR PLOT

In the Catholic section of Olney Cemetery, there are three options available:

Option 1: Nun's Circle

\$1,800

Plot may include: Olney

Cemetery will allow 1 full casket plus 3 cremains OR 4 cremains

Option 2: Outside the Nun's Circle

\$1,600

Plot may include: Olney

Cemetery will allow 1 full casket plus 3 cremains OR 4 cremains

Option 3: Cremains Section

\$600

Plot may include: Olney

Cemetery will allow 1 cremains *City is in process of allowing 4 cremains in each plot

Once your plot is selected and you need a Catholic funeral for your loved one, we will help with the following:

1. Schedule the funeral rosary, Mass, and graveside service with St. Mary's parish office
2. Determine if you'd like a luncheon following the funeral services in the parish Hall put on by our St. Mary's funeral ministry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What happens after I purchase a plot in the Catholic section of Olney Cemetery?

Once you have the certificate of ownership and need a funeral service, you may schedule a complete Catholic funeral service through St. Mary's parish. We are here to support you spiritually and pastorally as you prepare for this sacred moment. Please reach out to the parish office at 541.276.3615.

Q: Who arranges the burial itself?

Families and/or funeral homes work directly with the City of Pendleton at Olney Cemetery to finalize all burial details. This includes confirming the date, coordinating the opening and closing of the grave, and addressing any logistical questions.

Q: Can we have a graveside service?

Yes. Families may choose to have a graveside service. The complete Catholic funeral service consists of a rosary, funeral Mass, and graveside service. This is arranged through Olney Cemetery, and our clergy are available to preside. To schedule, please let the parish office know you'd like a graveside service with a priest.

Q: What role does St. Mary's play in the process?

St. Mary's provides spiritual care, liturgical preparation, and pastoral support. While we do not coordinate burial logistics, we walk with you through the parts of the journey that belong to the parish and faith—planning the funeral Mass, offering prayer, and being present with your family.