



## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN EAST ST. JAMES PARISH

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### St. Joseph Parish

Location: 2130 Rectory Street  
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Location: 616 Main Street  
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Dear Parishioners:

As many of you have heard, and for those of who have not, I want to present the current situation of the St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Mary cemeteries and mausoleums inventory.

- Currently, St. Joseph has 44 available mausoleum crypts for sale. This inventory consists of 21 single crypts and 23 companion (two-unit) crypts, which is probably less than 12 months of inventory. There are an ample number of cremation niches should those be desired.
- St Michael does have a considerable number of crypts and niches available. St Mary has no mausoleum crypts or niches available for sale.
- All three cemeteries have ground vault spaces available. In the not too distant future, St Mary and St Joseph will have new ground vault sections available; both will have family plots offered as well.

The St. Joseph Cemetery Committee is working with American Cemetery Consultants, LLC. to construct a new mausoleum as soon as possible. Pre-sale of crypts will begin in late October, 2023. At best, current scheduling anticipates completion in late summer of 2024, with all likelihood that it will be 2025 before completion. As a result, the cemetery committee has implemented the following protocol until the new mausoleum is available: Mausoleum crypts at St. Joseph will be sold only on an "as-need" basis and only to parishioners.

Non-parishioners wanting an immediate burial at St. Joseph Cemetery are able to purchase a ground vault or niche. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike may purchase at any time from the available inventory at St. Michael or St. Mary cemeteries.

In order to help increase the "available" inventory of St. Joseph mausoleum crypts, the Cemetery Committee is asking all current crypt owners who have a clean crypt, (one which does not have an internment nor etching on the face plate, and do not have an immediate need), to consider "listing" their current space as "available" in exchange for a comparable space in the new mausoleum. This would be at no expense to the current owner. If your crypt is not sold, there will be no move to the new mausoleum. If you are interested in getting more information on this, please contact Tania Bourgeois.

Please contact Donna Rochon or Gordon Jenkins if you are interested in purchasing a ground vault or family plot.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Vincent J. Duferne".