

Definitions

A **Columbarium** is the structure located at Fort Garry RC Cemetery. The purpose of the columbarium is to provide a place on church property for the respectful preservation of cremated remains.

A **Niche** is a designated space in the columbarium.

An **Urn** is a vessel which holds the cremated remains of one person. Urns must be appropriate for human remains and Christian tradition. Care must be taken to select urns that will fit into the space in a respectful manner.

Inurnment is the placing of cremated remains in an urn followed by placement in a niche or some other resting location.



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Columbarium Niche Policies and Procedures



***A beautiful place
- to remember***

Policies and Procedures

1. Prices quoted are for a maximum of two urns per niche.
2. Price does not include opening and closing costs – each urn is considered separately.
3. Price does not include engraving – black granite niche covers are designed to be identical with no variation in font, style and with no additional script or verses.
4. As of October 2012 and until further notice: all engraving shall be done through the monument company chosen by St Vital RC Parish.
5. A down payment of 50% of the purchase price is required to reserve a niche. The balance is payable in installments over 5 years.
6. Payment for a niche gives the person the right to reserve a niche for interment or memorialization. It does not convey ownership of any real property.
7. Columbarium Niches are non-refundable. Private selling of a niche is not allowed.
8. All people purchasing a niche will be asked to sign an agreement stating that they have read and agree with these policies.
9. All rules for the assignment of niches will be determined by St Vital RC Parish.
10. In order to maintain the elegance and integrity of the columbarium, no flowers, ornaments or added displays of any kind will be permitted on or near the columbarium structures.
11. Deposition of urns in the niches will be scheduled during regular working hours – niches will only be opened by a staff member of St Vital Parish.
12. Urns must be appropriate for human remains and Christian tradition. The interior of the niche is 12x12x12". Care must be taken to select urns that will fit into the space in a respectful manner.
13. All interments must be authorized by the Administration of the Fort Garry RC Cemetery authority.
14. Policies and prices may be amended as necessary.

Effective August 15, 2024 niche prices in the Fort Garry RC Cemetery will be as follows:

- **\$3795** per niche located in the two top rows of the columbarium structure and
- **\$3695** per niche located in the two bottom rows.

Fort Garry RC Cemetery Administration is responsible for regular maintenance of cemetery grounds including: innovation, grass cutting, snow removal, concrete runs and roadways.

Note:

If the above policies are not agreeable to the individual who wishes to be cremated and have their remains interred in Fort Garry RC Cemetery, then perhaps we could suggest that you purchase a full plot for in-ground burial. There are no restrictions on the size, script or additional verses on the monuments of full plot burials.