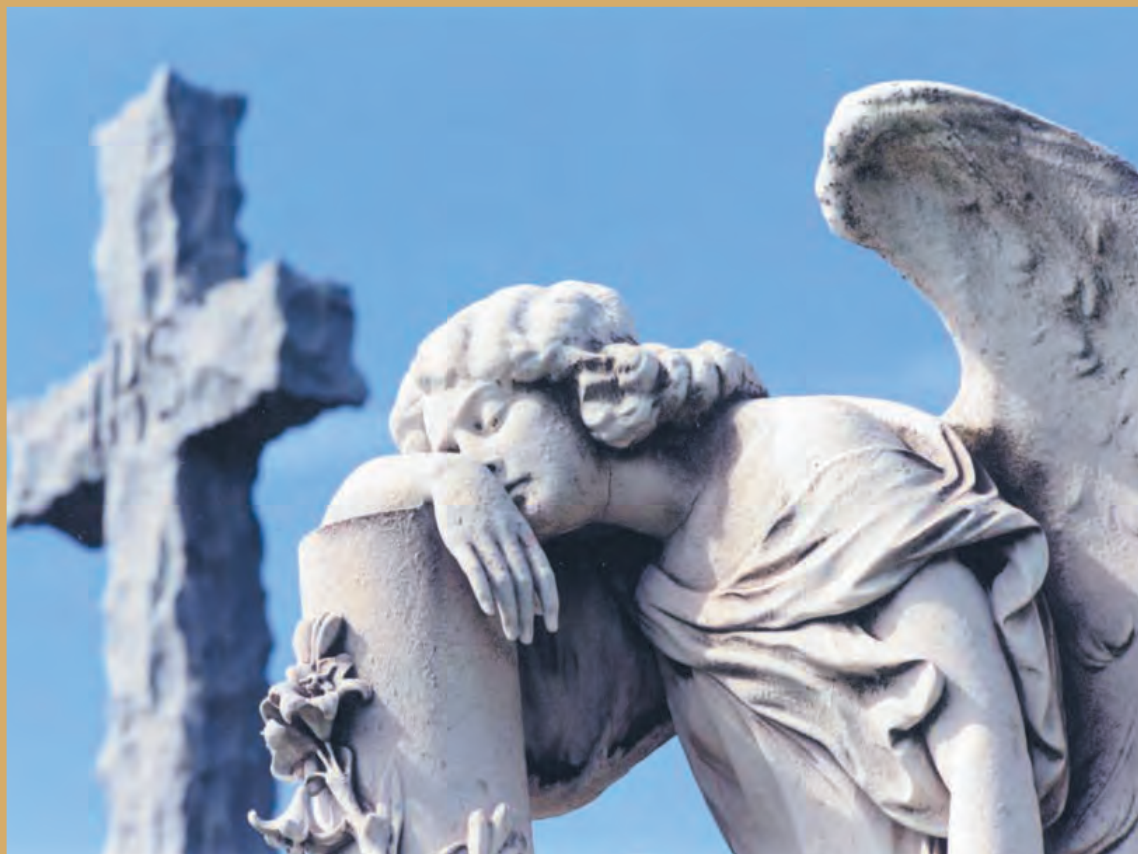


A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC
CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO



FAITH | COMPASSION | TRADITION





EMBRACED IN LIFE EMBRACED IN DEATH

Burial in a Catholic cemetery is an affirmation of our Christian faith. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Toronto, operated on behalf of all parishes, exercise a ministry of service that continues uninterrupted since 1855. We are guided by the Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Toronto and the needs of those we serve.

In 2014, Catholic Cemeteries became Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services with the opening of Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home located on the grounds of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

This expansion of our ministry allows us to completely serve and care for every individual and family when a loved one has been called home to God.



A CATHOLIC TRADITION



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MISSION STATEMENT

*At Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto
we are committed to providing:*

Compassionate Care of our families and friends before,
during and after the burial of a loved one

Cemeteries, for the sacred religious function of burial
and to preserving these resting places as a symbol of our Catholic Faith

Funeral Services, within a Catholic environment,
according to The Order of Christian Funerals



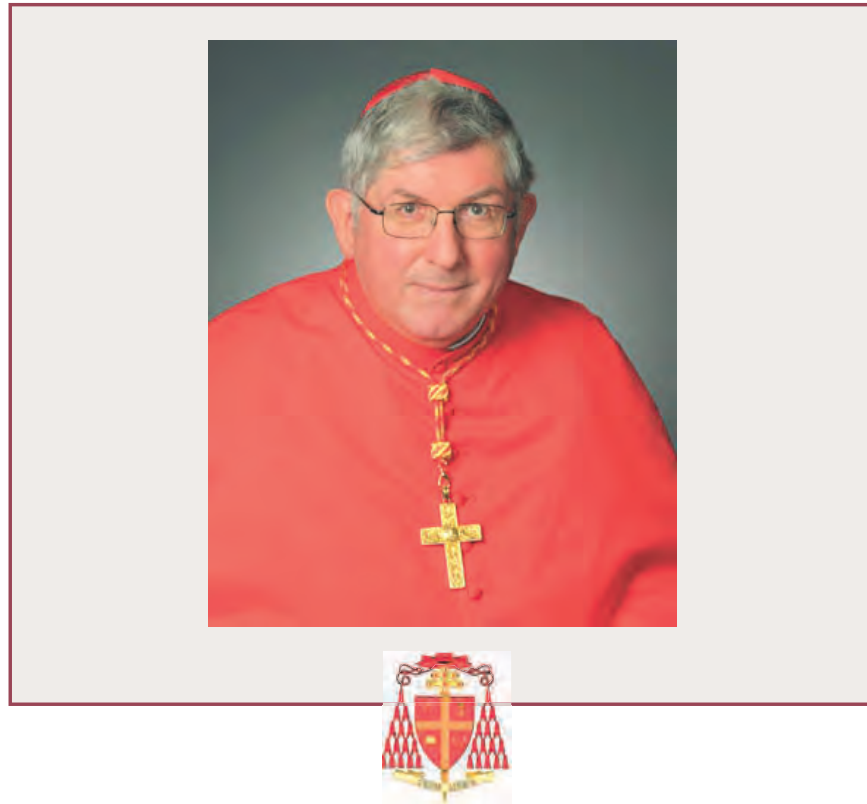
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"MOTHER OF SORROWS PRAY FOR US"

A Message from the Cardinal



Dear Friends,

Two of our Lord's greatest gifts to us are His victory over death and the visible sign of His continued presence among us, the Church.

Our Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services are an extension of our church community. They are a unique and sacred testament to our belief in the resurrection of the body and are profoundly important in the life of the Archdiocese.

Burial in a Catholic Cemetery is also a sign of dignity and respect for our departed brothers and sisters. This respect is reflected in the Masses and prayers that are regularly offered at our cemeteries.

For over 160 years the Archdiocese of Toronto has provided Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services as a sign and proclamation of our faith. I encourage you to take advantage of the unique services of our Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services, offered from the perspective of the faith we share.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Card. Collins".

Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

A Catholic Cemetery is a ministry of bereavement services offered by the Church that continues uninterrupted from the time of early Christian communities. Since the time of Jesus, the burial of the Christian faithful has been a part of our Church experience. The Catholic Church is committed to continue with this corporal work of mercy now and for future generations of Christian faithful.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto is the largest Catholic Cemetery operation in Canada providing bereavement services to approximately two million Catholics living in the Greater Toronto Area. We currently own and operate seven large regional cemeteries and eleven smaller parish cemetery properties, some with much historic significance. All of our cemeteries are considered sacred places dedicated and consecrated by the Bishop for the burial of the faithful.

In 2014 we opened our first funeral home on the grounds of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery. Our oldest property is St Michael's Cemetery in Toronto established in 1855, and our most recent cemetery development is the 175-acre Christ the King Cemetery in Markham, which opened in 2004. Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services is a non-profit/charitable organization incorporated in the Province of Ontario. The business affairs of the corporation are governed by a Board of Directors with the Archbishop of Toronto as the Chairman.

A Catholic Cemetery is a sacred and holy place. It is also a visible sign of our belief in the resurrection, which demonstrates the unity of the living and the dead. The beauty and significance of each Catholic cemetery is displayed on the following pages. The Church cares for us all of our lives. Through our schools, the sacraments, in our parishes and at the end of life, it provides Holy Ground for us to rest and await the resurrection.

These are the Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Home of the Archdiocese of Toronto, our heritage and a natural conclusion to our lives as Catholics.

Richard K. Hayes
President and CEO

OUR HISTORY



Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

For the first half of the nineteenth century most of Toronto's Roman Catholics were buried in parish cemeteries, notably St. Paul's Church on Power Street.

St. Paul's Church was established in 1822 and the large property behind the Church served as its cemetery.

In 1845, Bishop Michael Power began construction of St. Michael's Cathedral with plans to have a cemetery attached. These plans were altered with the heavy immigration of Irish Catholics fleeing the potato famine, and the outbreak of the typhus epidemic. The large number of deaths, including Bishop Power's in 1847, quickly filled the parish cemeteries. Bishop de Charbonnel, the second Bishop of Toronto, responded to the needs of his people by purchasing property near the corner of Yonge Street and St. Clair Avenue. On September 28, 1855, St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery was consecrated.

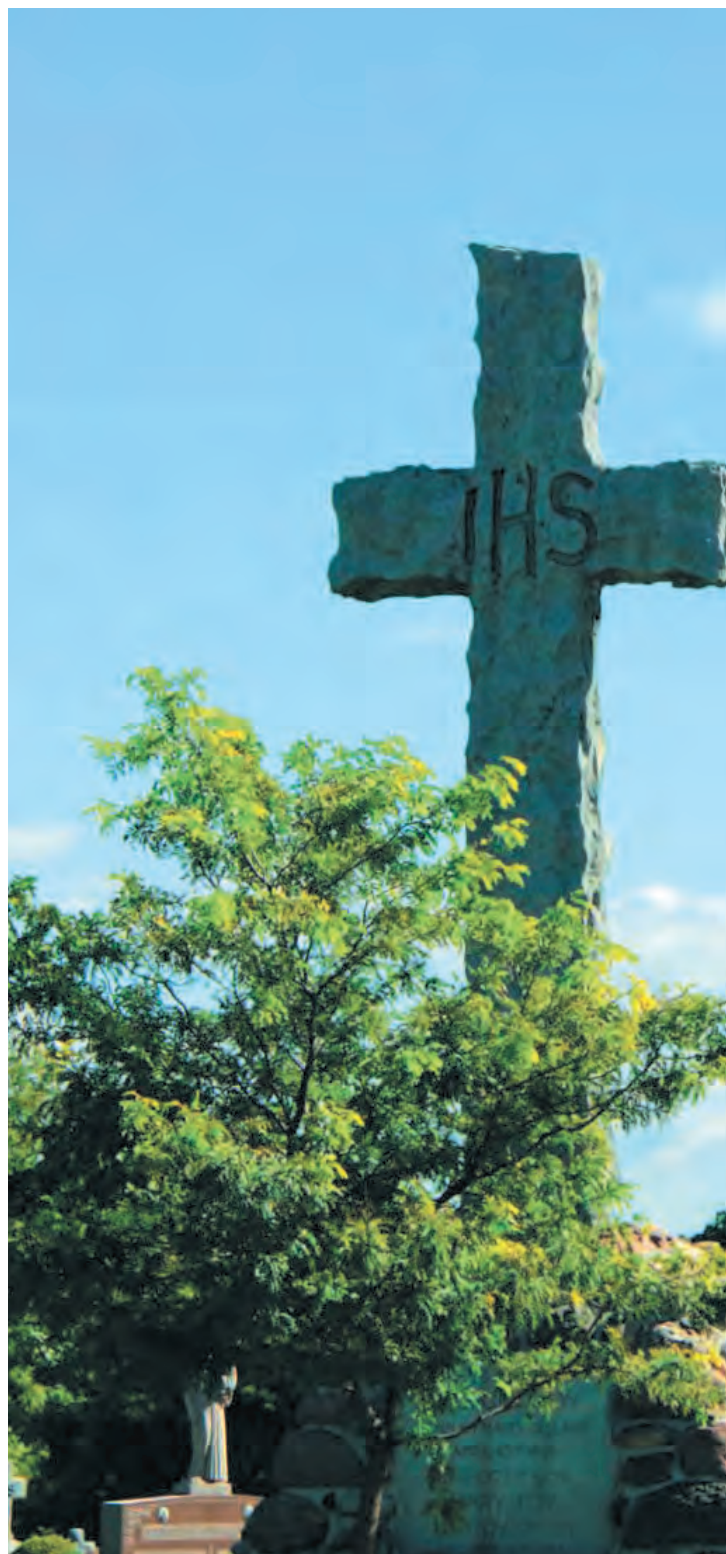
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Barrie opened in 1867. Originally meant to meet the needs of St. Mary's Parish, it now serves all the parishes of Barrie and surrounding area.

As the Catholic Community grew, Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery opened its gates on Erskine Avenue in 1900. At that time parish cemeteries continued to meet the needs of the population outside of the City of Toronto.

OUR HISTORY

After World War II, the Archdiocese experienced unprecedented growth. The once predominately Irish Catholic Church was soon transformed into a multi-cultural mosaic. The Archdiocese of Toronto recognized the need for more cemeteries due to the growing number of Catholic European immigrants to Toronto. In 1954, Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery opened on Yonge Street in Thornhill, north of Toronto. In 1964, Resurrection Catholic Cemetery opened to serve the Durham area. In 1968, Assumption Catholic Cemetery opened in Mississauga; in 1985, Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery opened in Woodbridge. In 2004, His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic consecrated the grounds for Christ the King Catholic Cemetery to serve the faithful in the Scarborough and Markham areas.

In 2004, recognizing the acceptance of cremation as an option for Catholics, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services opened the first Catholic crematorium in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery

OUR HISTORY



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services has also evolved with the needs and demands of the Catholic community. Today most of our cemeteries offer a wide variety of burial options from traditional ground burial to crypt burial in our spacious mausoleums, as well as the burial/entombment of cremated remains.

Keeping the promise to always serve our faithful departed in a greater capacity, our ministry expanded in 2014 by building Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home. We are now able to offer complete funeral services to our families. In 2017 we introduced Catholic Cremation Services, our funeral home for Catholics choosing cremation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has cared for the needs of its Catholic Faithful from Toronto's earliest beginnings. Today Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will continue this tradition to fulfill its mission to offer compassionate care to our families and friends before, during and after the interment of a loved one.

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home



YOUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

| MAP |



YOUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

| LOCATIONS |

1. ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY

6933 Tomken Road
Mississauga, ON L5T 1N4
(905) 670-8801

1A. CATHOLIC CREMATION SERVICES

Funeral ■ Cremation ■ Burial
6933 Tomken Road
Mississauga, ON L5T 1N4
(905) 670-8801

2. CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CEMETERY & RECEPTION CENTRE

7770 Steeles Avenue East,
Markham, ON L6B 1A8
(905) 471-0121

3. HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME

8361 Yonge Street
Thornhill, ON L3T 2C7
(905) 889-7467
Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home
entrance is at 211 Langstaff Rd. E.

4. MOUNT HOPE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

305 Erskine Avenue
Toronto, ON M4P 1Z7
(416) 483-4944

5. QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

7300 Highway #27
Woodbridge, ON L4H 3Z6
(905) 851-5822

6. RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY

355 Taunton Road East
Whitby, ON L1R 3L4
(905) 668-8912

7. ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

208 Sunnidale Road
Barrie, ON L4N 1H3
(705) 726-3931

8. CENTRAL BUSINESS OFFICE

4950 Yonge Street, Suite 206, Toronto, ON M2N 6K1
Tel: (416) 733-8544 or 1 (800) 974-4619
info@cc-fs.ca catholic-cemeteries.com



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1867

| BARRIE |

Consecrated in the year of Confederation, 1867, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery has been an integral part of the Catholic community in Barrie for almost 150 years. Rich in heritage, the cemetery is centrally located on Sunnidale Road across from Sunnidale Park.

Originally meant to meet the needs of St. Mary's Parish, the cemetery has grown with the city and the Catholic community to now also serve St. John Vianney Parish, Holy Spirit Parish and Our Lady of Grace Parish in Angus and the surrounding area.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, steeped in Barrie's past and rich in heritage, is poised to serve Barrie's Catholics in the future.

A selection of burial options is available including ground burial and cremation entombment. Lawn crypts and family mausoleums are also available for those who prefer above-ground burial.



“MAY THE MARTYRS COME
TO WELCOME YOU.”
THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS





MOUNT HOPE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1900

| TORONTO |

In 1900, Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery opened its gates to care for the growing Catholic community of Toronto. Over the next century Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery became the resting place for many Catholics who shaped and built our city, leaders in culture, arts, government, entertainment, scholarship, sports and the Church. Many of the religious orders who contributed to the formation of the early Church in Toronto also rest here. The collection of unique family mausoleums and monuments that stand among the great natural beauty of mature trees and shrubbery speak of their faith.

As the needs of the Catholic community have evolved so has Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery. Rich in heritage, it continues to be a hidden gem in the heart of Toronto providing both ground and cremation burial options.

Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery administers
St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery (Toronto)



**“THEIR BODIES REST IN PEACE, BUT
THEIR NAME LIVES ON GENERATION
AFTER GENERATION.”**

SIRACH 44:14



HOLY ROSARY COLUMBARIUM GARDEN AT MOUNT HOPE CATHOLIC CEMETERY



In our Catholic tradition, cremation commands the same dignity and respect as full body burial. One of the decisions that families face when cremation is selected is how to proceed with placement of the cremated remains once the process of cremation is completed. This means placement in a worthy container, and all who handle them should do so with care and reverence until final burial.

Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery offers columbaria niche burial for families who have selected cremation. The Holy Rosary Columbarium Garden is a free-standing columbaria, which was blessed by Reverend M. Pearse Lacey. These beautifully sculptured columbaria contain cremation niche spaces where urns may be placed. A bronze plaque with a photo may be attached to the niche to memorialize the deceased.

FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

We appreciate your kind and thoughtful support for our mom's funeral.

On the day we made arrangements with your cemetery, we were touched by your kindness and professionalism during such a difficult time. You took time to show us around and offered options so we could make the best decisions for our mom. You were patient and comforting and we felt encouraged and peaceful when we were visiting the cemetery.

Our sincere thanks to you and the staff.





HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEA CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1954

| THORNHILL |

In 1954, Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery opened its gates to minister to the unprecedented rush of Catholic immigrants that flooded into post-World War II Toronto. Over the past 60 years Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery has progressively grown to its present size of 145 acres, stretching from Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue.

The cemetery's name recognizes the universal symbol for Christianity, the sign of Redemption, the Holy Cross. Rather than being a sign of suffering and death, the Holy Cross now assures us that death has been replaced with eternal life.

A complete selection of burial options is available including mausoleum and cremation entombment as well as ground burial in monument lots, flat marker and cremation graves.

With the opening of Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home in 2014, families can now arrange all of their funeral, cremation and burial needs in one convenient location.



“WITH GOD THERE IS MERCY AND
FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.”
THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS



HOLY FAMILY & HOLY TRINITY MAUSOLEA



Two of the most prominent features at Holy Cross Cemetery are Holy Family Mausoleum and the newly opened Holy Trinity Mausoleum. Both buildings feature the ageless beauty of Mediterranean marble and are accentuated by stunning bronze artworks, statues and hand painted murals. Each mausoleum offers families a variety of entombment options, including reserved areas for the entombment of cremated remains.

Families who choose cremation entombment can select from traditional marble or contemporary glass front niche options. For families wishing to secure a secluded area for themselves and future generations a number of private family rooms are available.

Both mausoleums are wheelchair accessible, climate controlled and have restrooms on every floor for your comfort.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY OVERVIEW

| THORNHILL |

The Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops who have led the faithful of our Archdiocese for the past century and a half are remembered and honoured in the Bishop's outdoor mausoleum, which stands at the head of a dedicated burial section reserved for the priests of the Archdiocese.

Our Blessed Virgin Mausoleum, which opened in 1985, is home to one of the largest private collections of stained glass windows in Canada. The stained glass windows offer our families a meditation of the life of Christ as well as images of the saints. The images are beautiful reminders of our Lord's saving mission and our hope that our loved ones now share in the Communion of Saints in Heaven.

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery administers St. Luke's Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill.



Stained glass image, Blessed Virgin Mausoleum



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1964

| WHITBY |

Named to honour the central event of our Catholic Faith, Resurrection Catholic Cemetery has been serving the Catholic community in Durham region since 1964. To meet the needs of our families, the cemetery offers a full range of interment choices providing for ground burial, cremation and mausoleum entombment.

A focal point of the cemetery, the beautiful Prayer Garden of the Evangelists, offers an oasis of peace and reflection to all who visit. Many of the Archdiocesan Priests, who have served the Durham Region, rest in a special section next to the prayer garden. Acknowledging the great work done by the Knights of Columbus and their families, Resurrection Catholic Cemetery also features a section dedicated to them, watched over by their patroness, Our Blessed Mother.

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery administers the following cemeteries:

St. Francis De Sales and St. Wilfred's Catholic Cemeteries (Ajax)

St. Gregory's Catholic Cemetery (Oshawa)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery (Whitby)



“LEAD THEM TO THE
DWELLINGS OF SAINTS.”
THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION MAUSOLEUM AT RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY



Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum offers the comfort and solace of above-ground burial. The prominent feature is a stunning mosaic depicting the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven, which graces the main committal chapel. The mausoleum affords families the ability to visit loved ones year-round sheltered from the elements.

Special event days are hosted throughout the year to join together as a community to celebrate the lives of those gone before us.





ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1968

| MISSISSAUGA |

Consecrated to God in 1968 and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Assumption Catholic Cemetery serves the people and parishes of Mississauga, Brampton, Etobicoke and surrounding area. Upon entering the main gates, we are greeted by the statue of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven reminding us that, like Mary, we will all one day be joined with her and our loved ones with God in heaven. Flanked by two angels, this prayerful feature overlooking the pond offers a sense of serenity to visitors.

Reflecting the mosaic that is our Archdiocese, Assumption Catholic Cemetery boasts many shrine sections dedicated to our ethnic communities. The cemetery offers a choice of burial options, including graves permitting a flat bronze marker and lots that permit upright monuments in addition to cremation and mausoleum burial choices.

In 2004, a piece of the Catholic history of the Archdiocese was restored when the relocated site of Elmbank Cemetery, home for the area's Irish Pioneers for 100 years, was rededicated at Assumption Catholic Cemetery.



“COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO
LABOUR AND ARE OVERBURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

MATTHEW 11:28



OUR LADY OF FATIMA MAUSOLEUM AT ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY



Mausoleum entombment is an ancient yet also a modern method of laying our loved ones to rest. Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum offers the comfort and solace of above-ground burial. This prayerful building expresses our Catholic faith and our devotion to the Blessed Mother. The prominent feature is a stunning mosaic depicting Our Lady's appearance at Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum features the ageless beauty and durability of granite crypt fronts for casket burial. Granite and glass front niches where urns may be placed are located throughout the building. The mausoleum is accessible for prayer and visitation year-round, climate controlled and wheelchair accessible. Restrooms are provided for your comfort.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY, CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1968



Assumption Catholic Cemetery administers the following cemeteries:

Mount Peace Catholic Cemetery (Mississauga)

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery (Streetsville)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Brampton)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Port Credit)



QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 1985

| WOODBRIDGE |

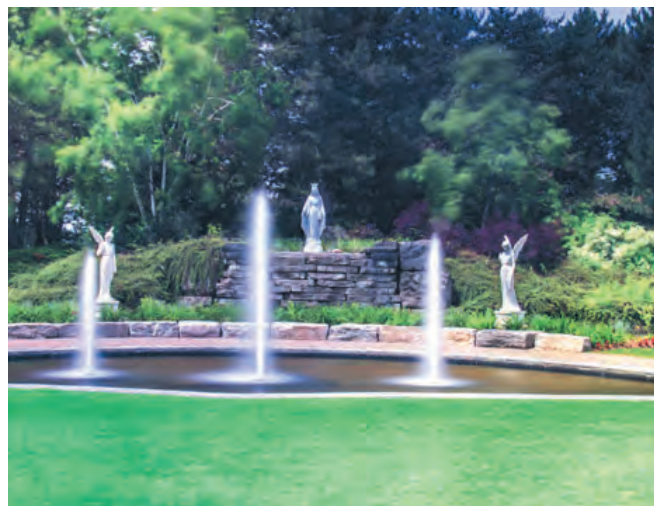
In response to the rapid growth of the Catholic population north west of Toronto, Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery was consecrated by Archbishop Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter in 1985. The cemetery is located on Highway 27 south of Highway 7 in Woodbridge.

Honouring Mary, Queen of Heaven, the entrance of the cemetery is graced with a fountain under her maternal gaze, which offers a tranquil setting for prayer and reflection. Our prayer garden is complimented by bronze reliefs of the Stations of the Cross.

The cemetery offers a full range of interment choices including ground burial, cremation and mausoleum entombment.



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED IN THE LORD.”
THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS



ST. ANTHONY'S MAUSOLEUM AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY



Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery is highlighted by St. Anthony's Mausoleum with its spectacular main chapel mosaic. This two-storey high mosaic depicts Our Risen Lord, Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony, its patron.

St. Anthony's Mausoleum features the ageless beauty of Mediterranean marble. Glass and marble niches where urns with cremated remains may be placed are also available in unique locations throughout the mausoleum.

The mausoleum is both climate controlled and wheelchair accessible. Restrooms are available for your comfort.

For those wishing to keep their families together, there are private family rooms available.





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CEMETERY & RECEPTION CENTRE CONSECRATED TO GOD IN 2004

| MARKHAM |

Consecrated in 2004 by Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic, Christ the King Catholic Cemetery provides burial services to the Catholic families of Markham, Scarborough and Pickering as it is conveniently located on the borders of all three communities.

The focal point of our cemetery is a majestic 20-foot statue of Christ the King, the Victor over death. The rolling hills with mature trees are complimented by a beautiful pond and manicured flower beds. The cemetery offers a selection of burial choices including ground burial in monument lots, flat marker and cremation graves, as well as cremation entombment in a peaceful country setting. Lawn crypts and family mausoleums are also available for those who prefer above-ground burial. Shrines in honour of the Holy Family, Pieta, Sermon on the Mount, Risen Christ, Infant of Prague and the Blessed Mother offer visitors inspiration, comfort and peace.



“GRANT THEM A PLACE OF
REFRESHMENT, LIGHT AND PEACE.”
THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CEMETERY OFFICE & RECEPTION CENTRE



On the grounds of Christ the King Cemetery is our beautiful reception centre, which overlooks the cemetery and is a place where family and friends can share fellowship following the burial of a loved one. This is a particularly thoughtful gesture to those who must travel some distance after the funeral. We offer a variety of hot and cold menus that suit all tastes and budgets.

Christ the King Catholic Cemetery administers
St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery (Scarborough)
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Cemetery (Scarborough)
Queen of Clergy Catholic Cemetery (Scarborough)
St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery (Markham)





HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOME

| THORNHILL |

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, is the first Catholic funeral home in Ontario. At Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, located on the grounds of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, families can arrange all of their funeral, burial and cremation needs in one convenient location. This expansion of our ministry allows us to completely serve and care for every individual and family when a loved one has been called home to God.

A family coming to Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home will have every opportunity to receive accurate information regarding all the important decisions and choices that concern a funeral. Careful consideration has been given to offer options that will suit all budgets, traditions and tastes.

We are committed to doing everything possible to help you and your family plan for the funeral or memorial of your loved one. We will do this with the highest level of professionalism and dignity for the living and the deceased.



“RAISE THEM UP WITH ALL
THE SAINTS.”

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

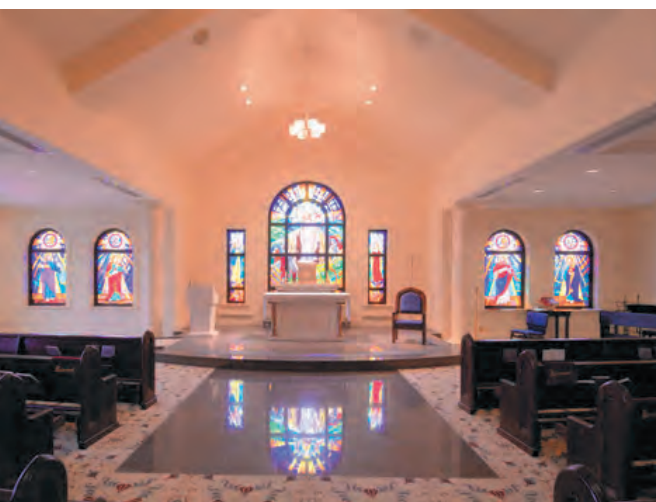
THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOSEPH AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOME

One of the most unique features of the funeral home is the Chapel of St. Joseph. Blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, the Chapel holds a special designation within



the Archdiocese of Toronto that allows a funeral Mass to be celebrated. While we have a priest and deacon to assist you, you are more than welcome to have your parish priest come to say prayers at the visitation and funeral at our funeral home.

The Chapel of St. Joseph is fully accessible and is equipped to webcast the funeral Mass throughout the building or to loved ones anywhere in the world.



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOME

SERVING ALL YOUR NEEDS

VISITATION ROOMS

Each one of our spacious and welcoming visitation rooms honour the rich heritage of our Archdiocese. Honouring past Cardinals and Bishops of the Church, beginning with Bishop Michael Power, Toronto's first Bishop, these rooms offer a prayerful place to receive family and friends.

LOUNGE

We provide a quiet area for family and friends to have refreshments during visitation. Immediate family can use our lounge to have a meal between visitation times.

RECEPTION FACILITIES

Following the rite of committal, Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home continues to offer consolation and mutual support by offering a welcoming environment for families and friends to gather. Our reception facilities can accommodate up to 200 guests. We can provide a wide variety of hot or cold catering options that fit any budget. With state of the art technical support, video or pictorial remembrances can be shared on monitors throughout the funeral home.





CATHOLIC CREMATION SERVICES

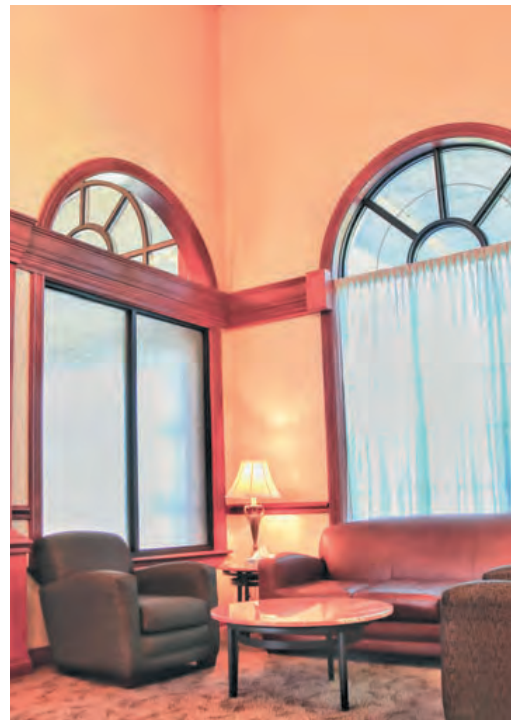
A FUNERAL HOME FOR CATHOLICS

CHOOSING CREMATION

| MISSISSAUGA |

More than 50 years ago, the Catholic Church introduced the opportunity for Catholics to choose cremation as part of the funeral and burial tradition. Within the Archdiocese of Toronto, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services has the responsibility to provide cemetery and funeral services to our Catholic faithful along with the proper celebration of Catholic Funeral Rites and the Order of Christian Funerals.

In 2017, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services opened Catholic Cremation Services, our funeral home for Catholics choosing cremation. Whether planning ahead or at the time of need, Catholic Cremation Services exists to provide guidance, support and funeral services when one is considering a cremation funeral.



“COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO
LABOUR AND ARE OVERBURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

MATTHEW 11:28



YOUR COMPLETE CATHOLIC CREMATION RESOURCE



At Catholic Cremation Services, families can arrange all of their funeral, cremation and burial needs in one convenient location. This expansion of our ministry allows us to completely serve and care for every individual and family when a loved one has been called home to God.

A family coming to Catholic Cremation Services will have every opportunity to receive accurate information regarding all the important decisions and choices that concern a cremation funeral and burial. Careful consideration has been given to offer options that will suit all budgets, traditions and needs. No matter how simple or elaborate your wishes, we are here to serve you and your family. From direct cremation to a traditional cremation funeral with visitation and reception, we provide the highest level of professionalism and service that you have come to expect from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services.

CATHOLIC CREMATION SERVICES



We are committed to doing everything possible to help you and your family plan for the funeral or memorial of your loved one. We will do this with the highest level of professionalism and dignity for the living and the deceased.

Catholic Cremation Services offers a space for visitation and liturgy in our Chapel. Our reception facilities are a welcoming environment for families to gather and share fellowship. We can provide a wide variety of hot or cold catering options that can fit any budget.



CREMATION AND THE CHURCH

WHAT MAKES A CREMATION CATHOLIC?

The Church, the Liturgy and the Catholic Cemetery.

Cremation has been an acceptable option for Catholics since 1963. The cremated remains must be treated with respect. They should be interred or entombed. We don't provide scattering gardens because separating cremated remains is contrary to Catholic teaching.

We offer a variety of choices for cremation, all of them in keeping with the requirements of the Church. All of our Catholic cemeteries have graves for the burial of cremated remains, as well as outdoor and/or indoor niches for the placement of cremation urns.

We also operate our own Catholic crematorium. This provides assurance to families that the cremation takes place with the reverence and respect consistent with Catholic tradition.

Families who wish to be present during cremation may use our comfortable waiting area. There is a viewing window in the witnessing room that allows for witnessing the placement of the casket into the cremation chamber.



St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

ADVANCE PLANNING



Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Blessed Virgin Mausoleum

One of the most important things that you can do is to plan your estate, funeral and final burial arrangements within the guidelines of your faith.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services are available to make group presentations to provide free information about pre-planning your cemetery and funeral arrangements.

BENEFITS OF ADVANCE PLANNING

There are a number of benefits to pre-planning your cemetery and funeral arrangements.

- You and your family will have peace of mind knowing that your funeral and burial wishes are met. To pre-arrange is an act of kindness to those we love.
- Pre-planning will greatly relieve your family of the emotional stress of making difficult decisions at the time of death.
- Pre-planning will relieve your family of the costs associated with making arrangements when a death occurs. Pre-planning is a vital part of estate planning. It allows you to make informed decisions concerning your burial decisions and memorialization options.
- It allows a family to work within a budget that they can afford today, at today's prices as opposed to tomorrow's.
- Extended interest-free monthly payment plan options are available.
- Pre-planning provides direction to the executor of your estate.
- Secures a final resting place in consecrated ground near family and friends.
- Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto provides caring and knowledgeable counsellors to help you make the decisions best suited to your needs. Family counsellors speak a variety of languages, and are understanding and respectful of cultural and traditional needs.



Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, St. Anthony's Mausoleum



BURIAL OPTIONS

MAUSOLEUM CRYPT ENTOMBMENT

Mausoleums originate in Catholic tradition and practise from the burial of Our Savior. Scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which had been hewn in the stone. (Luke 23: 52-54). This custom flourished in the early Christian Church in the catacombs.

Today, a mausoleum is a building that contains a number of crypts and niches for the entombment of the deceased. A crypt is a space prepared for the entombment of human remains in a mausoleum and a niche is a space designed for the entombment of cremated remains. Mausoleum burial provides families with the option of year-round visitation, regardless of the weather, in a beautiful, inspirational setting.

Crypt fronts are made from polished marble or granite. Memorialization is provided in the form of bronze lettering or inscribing of granite depending on the mausoleum. Crypt fronts can be personalized with a photo of the deceased and an epitaph. Memorial lights are available on all crypt fronts.

Each mausoleum offers a selection of entombment options. Most mausoleums are built to accommodate four, five and sometimes six crypt levels. Our mausoleums offer a number of crypt styles to choose from, priced to meet your wishes and budget.

For families who wish to ensure spaces for future generations, family rooms are also available.



Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

CREMATION BURIAL OPTIONS



CREMATION COLUMBARIA

are granite structures with niches where urns with cremated remains may be placed. Bronze plaques are attached to the niche to memorialize the deceased.



CREMATION NICHES

are available in all of our mausoleums. Marble, granite as well as glass front niches are available in either single or double spaces.



CREMATION GRAVE OR FAMILY LOTS

are another option for those choosing ground burial of cremated remains.



MEMORIAL URNS

are available for purchase at all of our cemetery offices. We offer the finest selection of urns in a variety of unique colours, materials and designs. Cultured marble, cast bronze, artisan metal or mahogany are a sample of the types of urns that are available. Both single and companion urns are available.

GROUND BURIAL OPTIONS

FLAT BRONZE MARKER GRAVES

A flat marker grave is a grave where a bronze marker is set flush to the ground with a granite base. It is a single grave that can accommodate a maximum of two interments. These flat bronze marker graves are located in Shrine sections featuring beautiful statues surrounded by carefully maintained flower gardens.

UPRIGHT MONUMENT LOTS

Upright monuments are made from granite because of its durability, its reasonable price and its availability in a wide range of colours. Upright monuments come in a wide variety of styles, shapes and sizes, providing a full range of creative and personalized works of art. There are single, double, triple and quad lots, which can accommodate upright monuments.

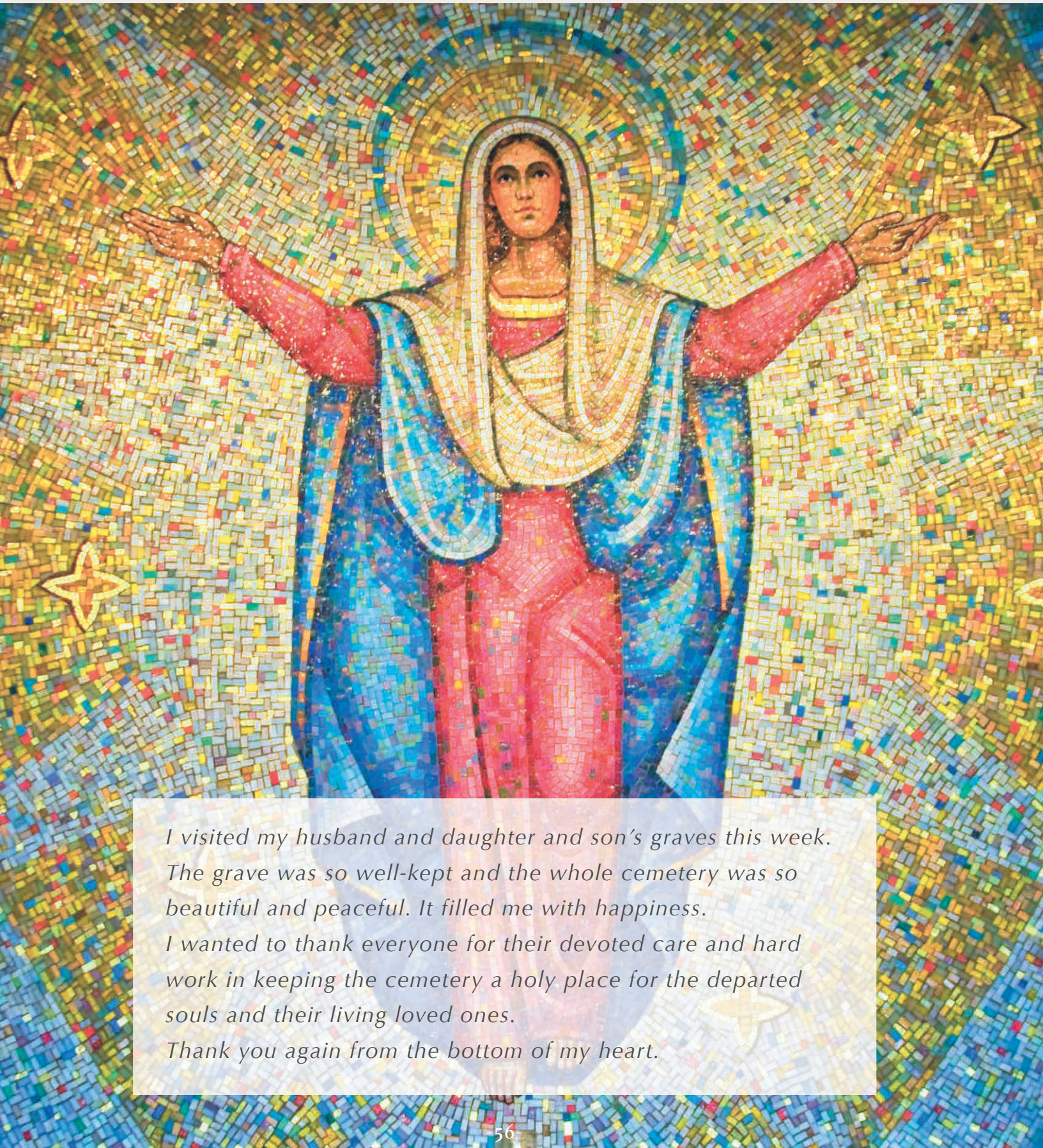
BURIAL VAULTS

A burial vault is a protective outer container for the casket. Many families select a burial vault for the peace of mind that it provides. The burial vault also protects the casket from settling and keeps the ground intact, thus preserving the beauty of the cemetery. A selection of burial vaults is available for purchase in the cemetery offices.



Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery

FAMILY TESTIMONIAL



I visited my husband and daughter and son's graves this week. The grave was so well-kept and the whole cemetery was so beautiful and peaceful. It filled me with happiness. I wanted to thank everyone for their devoted care and hard work in keeping the cemetery a holy place for the departed souls and their living loved ones. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP

Every one of our cemetery and funeral home staff bring a part of their own personal faith journey to each family that they serve. We are privileged that they have chosen to be a part of our team.

Our conscientious and caring grounds staff consistently strive to act as faithful stewards to keep our grounds and mausoleums in the best condition possible. Our perpetual Care & Maintenance Fund ensure that all our cemeteries and all those who rest in them will be cared for with the utmost dignity and respect.

Our caring and professional staff who are fully licensed are committed to meeting your needs. We speak a variety of languages and understand the need to embrace the many cultures that are part of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Every Catholic Cemetery is committed to the reverent maintenance of our grounds and buildings. We are able to do this through our Care and Maintenance Fund.

When you purchase a grave, niche or crypt at a Catholic Cemetery, a portion of the proceeds is put towards that fund to ensure that our cemeteries will be maintained for generations to come.



Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

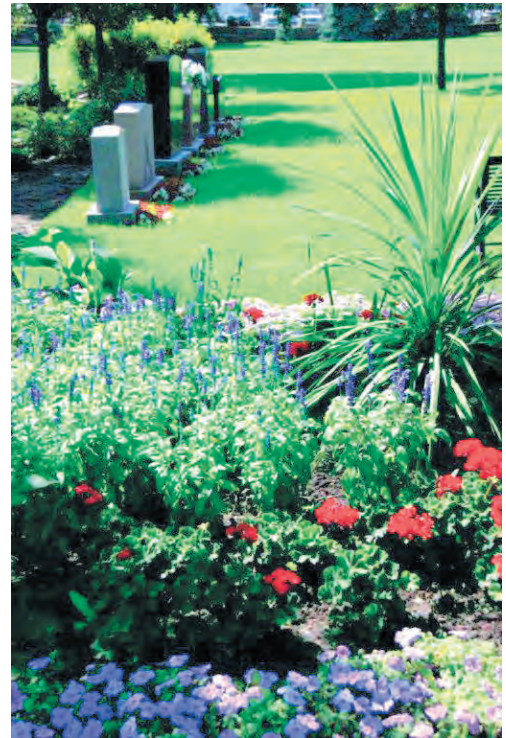
MEMORIALIZING LOVED ONES

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services offer a large variety of memorialization options for our faith community. Each memorial is uniquely designed based on your preferences and serves as a reflection and tribute to the individual's life.

Whether you choose a solid bronze flat marker or a granite monument, each memorial is uniquely designed. Every family can choose from a wide variety of religious signs and symbols that will distinctly reflect a person's life. All of our monuments are made using the finest granite and the highest level of old world craftsmanship blended with new world technology. Durable porcelain photos are also available to further personalize the memorial.

Our monuments are completed with care and quick delivery times. You are able to have a personalized memorial at the grave in the shortest period of time possible, making it easier for loved ones to locate a grave and pay their respects.

Our Family Counsellors are ready to assist each family to ensure that every memorial is personal, adorned with symbols of our faith and serves as a lasting identification of a loved one's place of rest in perpetuity. All of our monuments come with a lifetime warranty.



A PLACE OF PRAYER



His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins celebrating Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home

An integral aspect of the ministry of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services is to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. As part of the fulfillment of this commitment an Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed is celebrated each August close to the Feast of the Assumption. This is our foremost celebration along with our All Souls' Day Mass in November when we gather and pray for those buried in our cemeteries. In addition to these celebrations, many parishes hold annual Remembrance Masses in our cemeteries to pray for their faithful departed.

A noon day Mass is also offered every Wednesday at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto to remember and pray for those buried in our Catholic Cemeteries.

The Rosary is prayed weekly in the main mausoleum chapels during the spring and summer months and monthly during the winter months.



BE BELIEVE IN GOD, THE
FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND IN
JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR
LORD WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN
MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS
PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND
WAS BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO
HELL, THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE
AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED
INTO HEAVEN, AND SITS AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL
COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND
THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY
CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION
OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND
LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN

CONTACT INFORMATION

| OFFICE HOURS |



Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services provide caring and knowledgeable counsellors to help you make decisions best suited to your needs. Family counsellors speak a variety of languages, and are understanding and respectful of cultural and traditional needs. They are also available for those unable to visit the cemetery office. To speak to a family counsellor, please contact the cemetery office of your choice. (see page 13)

Cemetery office hours are from Monday to Saturday from **8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**. To serve you better, a cemetery counsellor can be available weekday evenings by request and subject to availability.

Our funeral homes' phone lines are answered 24 hours a day. Our funeral homes are open from **8:00 AM to 9:30 PM** from Monday to Saturday and **11:00 AM to 9:30 PM** on Sunday.





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