



Coronavirus Update

March 16, 2020

Due to the global pandemic related to the COVID-19 virus, The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton is taking the following steps:

1. The monthly memorial Masses held on the second Tuesday of each month are being suspended. In lieu of this Mass, The Catholic Cemeteries is making a donation to The Sisters of the Precious Blood. This will allow them to celebrate a Mass at their location in memory of the souls interred in one of our Catholic Cemeteries during the month.
2. The Annual Spring Masses to be celebrated during the month of April 2020 are being postponed. We will make every effort to reschedule these Masses in AUTUMN. The cancelled Masses are

Saturday April 4, 2020 - Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in Stoney Creek

Saturday April 18, 2020 - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington

Saturday April 25, 2020 - Holy Cross Cemetery in Paris

We will evaluate the reasonableness of conducting the Masses currently scheduled for May and June at a later date.

3. Funerals will continue to take place at all of our cemeteries. For families who wish to be present during the lowering of the casket or interment of ashes in the ground, please be advised that we will strictly be enforcing our policy requiring all visitors to view this procedure from the paved laneway.

Prayer services during entombments inside the mausoleum will continue. Families will not be allowed to be present during the entombment process. This usually only takes approximately 10 minutes. Families are of course invited to attend at the entombment site after the entombment has been completed.

4. Holy Cross Cremation Centre in Paris Ontario is suspending all viewings of the cremation process until further notice.

5. All of our cemeteries and mausoleums remain open to the public. Hand sanitizers and washrooms are available in all of our mausoleums. We encourage all families and visitors to be respectful of others and to practice good hygiene.

We apologize for any inconvenience the above actions may cause. We pray that all of our families, visitors and staff stay healthy. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact The Catholic Cemeteries at 905 522 7727.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton