

If you would like to learn more about the Memorial Garden, please call the parish office at the number below.

You may also call to schedule an appointment to talk with a representative of the garden committee.

### Holy Spirit Memorial Garden and Columbarium Project

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## Funding

Funding for the Memorial Garden comes from the sale of columbarium niches and gifts specifically donated for the garden and its components. Costs of maintaining the garden will be covered by these sales. Maintenance funds will be kept separate from other parish funds.

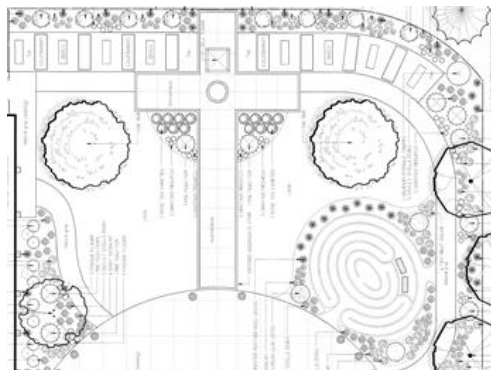
**Note: No monies from the capital campaign to reduce the church debt will be used to fund this project.**



### Holy Spirit Memorial Garden and Columbarium

*A place to honor our loved ones,  
gather, meditate, memorialize, pray*

This Holy Spirit Parish project consists of a self-sustaining **Memorial Garden** and a **Columbarium**, for our parish with long-range plans for its care, upkeep and growth.



## Holy Spirit Columbarium

The word "columbarium" comes from Latin and translates as "a compartmentalized house for doves," the gentle birds mentioned in Holy Scripture and recognized symbols of peace. It is a consecrated place where the cremated remains (cremains) of the deceased may be placed with the names and dates of birth and death recorded. Our Columbarium will be a place for reflection and remembrance, a part of our church's ongoing ministry to both the living and the dead. It will be a comfortable place, a place for family and friends to gather in love and remembrance—a consoling link between life and death.

Roman Catholic tradition has looked upon a Catholic burial as the final act of faith, a witness to one's belief in the resurrection of the body and everlasting life. The Vatican lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation in 1963. The Code of Canon Law and the Order of Christian Funerals have incorporated this revision.

The Holy Spirit Columbarium offers a comparably priced and aesthetically pleasing alternative to burial.

The first phase of the project was completed in the spring of 2013 and consisted of one 80 niche columbarium unit with niches on the north and south sides of the unit. We have added another 80 niche and a 40 niche columbarium unit. The next phases include additional columbarium units, a bell tower, and a labyrinth.

Located to the northeast of the worship space, the Columbarium grounds may be accessed directly through the back doors of the worship space or through a gate on the southwest edge of the garden.



As an extension of the parish, the Columbarium was solemnly blessed by the Bishop and together with the memorial garden, it is a place to reflect and pray.

The eligibility and administration of the garden are outlined in a Policies Document in the Parish Office or online at the parish website, [holyspiritgf.org](http://holyspiritgf.org)

## Niche pricing

Pricing for niches, all single units, range from \$1700 to \$2500. A 12 month payment plan is available. Cost of the niche includes opening and closing the niche and engraving of the family names and appropriate dates on the face plate. (Prices are subject to change without notice.) The Holy Spirit Columbarium niches are the least expensive niches on consecrated ground in Great Falls and surrounding areas.

## Holy Spirit Garden Memorials

For parishioners not desiring a space in the Columbarium but wishing to honor family members, we have several additional memorial opportunities. Within the garden, these opportunities include:

- Tree ..... \$350**
- Engraved pavers .....\$150**
- Fencing (per 8' section) ..... \$530**
- Labyrinth, per step .....\$150**
- Lighting.....\$10-\$300**
- Bell Tower (per foot).....\$4000**

A representative from the garden project will be happy to meet with you if you desire additional information.