



St. John's Archdiocese Inc.

Cemetery Operations
Email: cemetery@rcsj.org

Hours of Operation

Jan. 23, 2026

In the interests of Health & Safety in the cemetery operations, we have established specific hours of operation for the cemeteries in the St. John's area (Holy Sepulchre, Belvedere, Mt. Carmel, Kilbride, and Gate of Heaven cemeteries). These regulations enable us to provide a safe workplace for our staff, provide our workers with the required time off, and meet our contractual obligations to contractors.

Cemetery Closed Days:

- Any day that the municipal authorities declare the City closed due to weather/road conditions, and/or days where conditions in the cemeteries present unsafe conditions for workers or visitors (ie. Whiteout, snow, etc.)
- All Sundays
- Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday afternoon through to Easter Monday.
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25) • Canada Day (July 1)
- Boxing Day (Dec. 26) • Labour Day (1st Monday of September)
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1) • National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sept. 30)
- Victoria Day
- Each cemetery will be closed for burials on the day of the annual liturgy service in that particular cemetery.

Cemetery Hours of Operation:

- Hours of operation from Monday to Friday are from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Funerals must be scheduled for arrival at the cemetery **no later than 3:00pm**.
- Hours of operation on Saturday are from **10:00am to 3:00pm**. Funerals must be scheduled for arrival at the cemetery **no later than 2:00pm**.
- Burial requests sent in on Saturdays after 1:00pm should be scheduled for after 12:00pm on Monday. If the burial request is for Mount Carmel or Belvedere Cemetery, it should be for no earlier than Tuesday to give us enough time to meet family, process CRF, contact contractor and snow clear cemetery if necessary.
- Burial requests should have at least **48 hours' notice** for Holy Sepulchre, Kilbride, and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries, and at least **72 hours' notice** for Mt. Carmel and Belvedere Cemeteries.
- During Standard Time (**November – March**), due to OHS Policies, all burials must be closed and filled in before dusk.

Our purpose for this notice is to ask for your support in complying with these regulations when setting funeral mass and committal times. We will try to accommodate requests outside the posted hours if possible, though this may not always be possible. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cemetery@rcsj.org.

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