

## TRADITIONAL vs CREMATION COSTS (as of 2020)

Traditional Funeral      \$9,000-\$12,000

Costs to consider:

Embalming, Funeral Home Rental, Viewing, Casket,  
Vault, Dressing the Body, etc.

Other: Cemetery Services

(Burial Plot; Open/Close of Grave)

Cremation with a      \$3,100 - \$5,200  
Columbarium

Costs to consider:

Crematory (Basic Cremation)      ~\$1,095

Other: Niche Reservation at the Columbarium

Single: \$2,000

Double: \$3,000

Includes: Individual Urn; Engraving; Perpetual Care

## NICHE RESERVATION

1. Reservations are on a first come/first choice of niche
2. Reservation is secure once the reservation form is completed and full payment is received
3. Point of contact: Parish office at 256-534-8459

For more information visit

[www.saintjosephcc.com](http://www.saintjosephcc.com)

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama



## CAMPUS EXPANSION COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY

## CAMPUS EXPANSION

As a parish community, Saint Joseph Catholic Church seeks ways to anticipate and meet the needs of the parish.

In 2019, the Campus Modernization Committee was formed to identify the areas of the property that can be enhanced to meet the parish needs.

One such element is the installation of a columbarium on the campus grounds.

## COLUMBARIUM DEFINITION

A columbarium is a place where the cremains are interred in an above-ground niche that is affixed to a wall. This is an alternative to an in-ground interment.

A columbarium may be part of a building wall or free-standing.

The columbarium at Saint Joseph is a free-standing structure.

## CHURCH'S VIEW ON CREMATION

In 1963, the Church issued guidance on cremation and the burial of the cremains. Permission for cremation was incorporated into Canon Law of 1983 (Canon #1176) as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals.

The Bishops of the United States and Holy See have now authorized the celebration of a Catholic funeral liturgy with the cremains when the body is cremated before the funeral. The church then encourages placement of the cremains in a final resting place.

The final resting place may be burial in a traditional cemetery plot, or in a columbarium niche.

## AS A MINISTRY AT SAINT JOSEPH

The Columbarium Board at Saint Joseph will ensure that the columbarium is maintained in a manner that protects the dignity of the dearly departed.

## COLUMBARIUM SITE

The location of the Saint Joseph Columbarium is on the southeast side of the church's Beasley Avenue property. The Columbarium will be in honor of the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Fathers, Brothers and Sisters) and Father Gary New, SDS.

Previously on this site was a building that served as a religious education center, a rectory and a convent. The building was vacant from 2018 to 2020, when it was identified as no longer needed.

It was razed and the site was prepared for a free-standing columbarium.

## NICHE AVAILABILITY

The Saint Joseph columbarium will accommodate about 400 cremains. Expansion will be possible, if needed.