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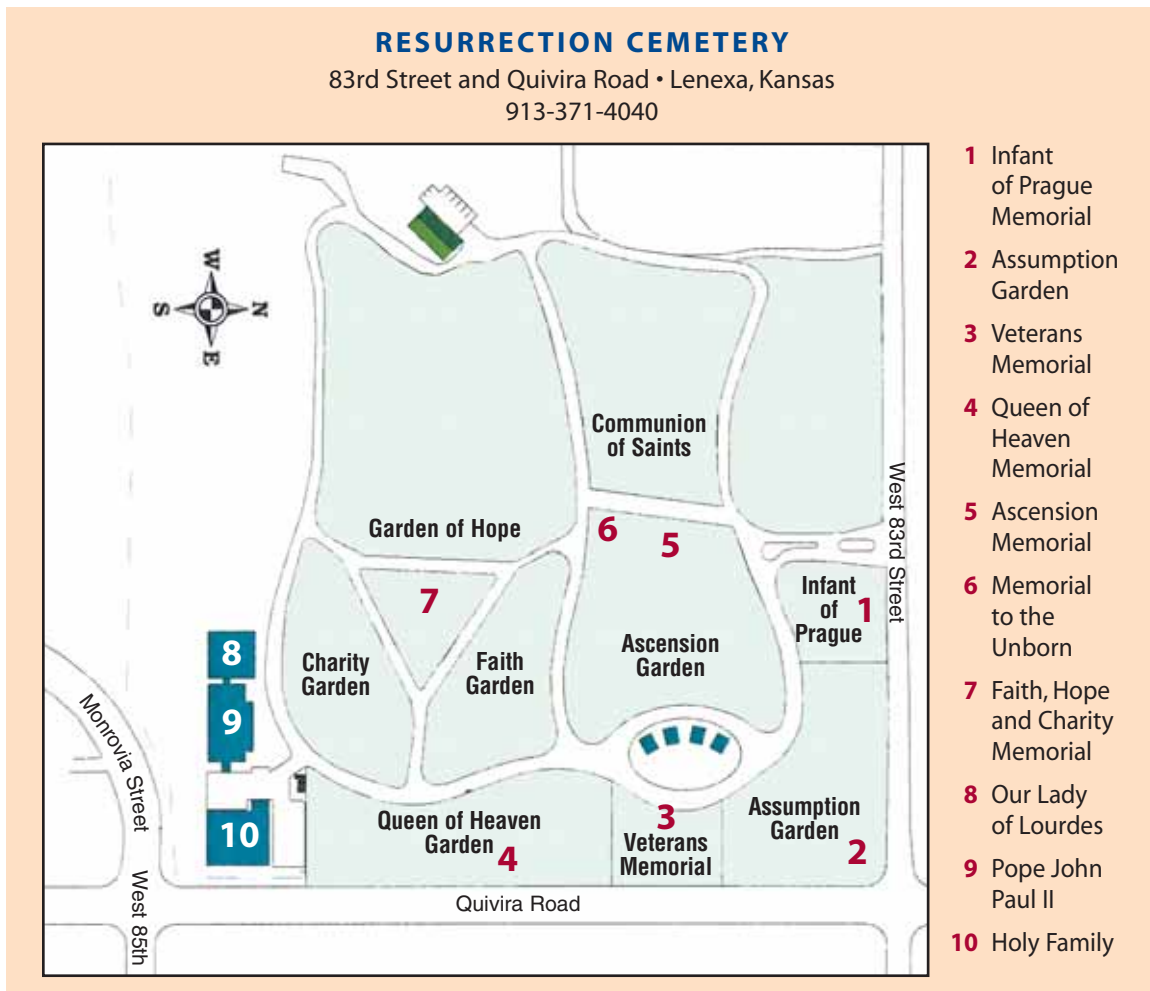
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Welcome to the *Pilgrimage at Resurrection Cemetery*. We invite you to make this journey to the different monuments in prayerful reflection. For each stop along the pilgrimage, we have provided information about the memorial or site and prayers to be recited aloud by a group or privately by each individual making the journey. We encourage praying the Rosary along the pilgrimage route.



1. Infant of Prague Memorial

PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Dear Jesus, Little Infant of Prague, how tenderly you love us! Your greatest joy is to dwell among us and to bestow your blessing upon us. So many who turned to you with confidence have received graces and had their petitions granted. I also come before you now with this special request *(pause briefly to make your request)*.

Dear Infant, rule over me and do with me and mine as you will, for I know that in your divine wisdom and love, you will arrange everything for the best. Do not withdraw your hand from me, but protect and bless me forever.

Dear Infant, help me in my needs. Make me truly happy with you in time and eternity, and I shall thank you forever with all my heart. Amen.



About the Infant of Prague

The Catholic Church has a long tradition of devotion to the Child Jesus. The history of the Infant Jesus of Prague dates to the 17th century when a statue of the Child Jesus was brought into Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) and eventually given to the Discalced Carmelites in Prague, the capital city. Since then, this statue has remained in Prague and has drawn many pilgrims from around the world. The memorial at Resurrection Cemetery is dedicated to all children who have died and are buried under the protective and loving watch of the Infant of Prague. Their names are inscribed on the memorial.

2. Assumption Garden

PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



About the Assumption

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experienced immediately what we all will experience eventually – a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. The Church’s doctrine of Mary’s Assumption teaches that when the course of her earthly life was completed, Mary was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body. This memorial features beautiful mosaic glass and black granite surrounding it.

3. Veterans Memorial

PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Prayer for the Armed Forces

O God, almighty and most gracious, we acknowledge your dominion on earth and in the heavens, and the infinite love manifest in your relationship with all people. As the Creator, you have made the world and invited us to share in its development; as the Redeemer, you saved the world and invited us to participate in its salvation.

Give to the men and women of the Armed Services the wisdom and courage to so live and sacrifice that, with justice maintained and true liberty safeguarded, all people everywhere may be possessed of that peace which you alone can give.

As they are called to engage in dangerous missions, be with them, their constant support and their ultimate goal. May they know your continuous care and protection as they give of themselves that others may know security and peace. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

*Terence Cardinal Cooke (1921-1983)
Former Cardinal of New York and
Military Vicar for the United States Armed Forces*



About this memorial

With this special memorial, Catholic Cemeteries recognizes Veterans – living and deceased, of all faiths and backgrounds from across the country and not only those buried at Resurrection Cemetery. It's a way to remember and to say thank you. The Veterans Memorial includes five monuments to the five branches of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard). Connecting the five monuments, there are granite walls for engraving Veterans' names in remembrance. Nearby is a monument to the Merchant Marines and a special burial section for Veterans and their spouses.

4. Queen of Heaven Garden



PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve; to thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping in
this valley of tears. Turn then, most
gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy
toward us; and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us,
O Holy Mother of God, that we may
be made worthy of the promises of
Christ. This we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

About Mary, Queen of Heaven

Mary is a member of the Church who occupies a place in the Church that is the highest after Christ and closest to us. She is the first and greatest of all the disciples of Christ. We profess as Catholics that Mary is the Mother of God. The *Catholic Catechism for Adults* teaches that Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death. Mary's intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. This statue commemorates her heavenly love for her children.

5. Ascension Memorial



PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Lord, as we your faithful people honor this image of the Ascension of your Son, may we be of one mind with Christ and transformed in and through him. May Christ be the way that leads us to you, the truth that shines in our hearts, the life that animates our actions.

May Christ be a light to our footsteps, a safe place of rest on our journey, and the gate that opens to us the city of peace. For he lives there reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

About the Ascension

The Paschal Mystery culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again. Jesus precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Much like the pieces of the mosaic image on this memorial, each of our lives is an individual mosaic made up of all of our days, our encounters, our hopes and dreams on our journey to salvation. The cemetery is symbolic of our passage from earthly existence to eternity. Christ has literally paved the way for us on our journey to salvation with his death, Resurrection and Ascension.

Christ assures us that on this journey – throughout our lives – the Spirit remains with us – the source of our hope.

6. Memorial to the Unborn



About this memorial

This memorial – engraved with Jesus’ loving invitation to “Let the little children come unto me” – commemorates the unborn children across the world who were aborted and not given the opportunity for life. By remembering them and grieving their loss, we take a stance for life; we uphold the culture of life; we agree that the right to life is the most fundamental of all human and God-given rights we have.

PRAYER TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Lord God – Father, Son and Spirit – we thank you for the gift of life. We pray your blessing on the unborn children whom we remember at this site. May they enjoy abundance of eternal life in your presence for all time to come. We pray that your wisdom and mercy will help their mothers and fathers find understanding and peace.

We pray that this memorial will stand as a symbol of commitment to life by all who pass by it and pause to remember. This we ask in your name. Amen.

7. Faith, Hope and Charity Memorial

PRAYERS TO BE RECITED AT THE MEMORIAL

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Redeemer, and in the holy Catholic Church and in all the truths it teaches. Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your great goodness, and on all your promises, I hope to obtain pardon for sins, the help of your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Act of Charity

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul and with all my strength, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

About the theological virtues

This three-sided memorial represents the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our God – it is an act of belief that we profess both as individuals and in community with others at Mass. It seeks understanding and is a gift of grace. Hope assures us that, with God's grace, we will see our way through what may seem difficult challenges. Hope is a source of strength and action in demanding times. God has given us the virtue of love – the very love that he has for us. Our Lord asks us to accept this love and respond to him and to our neighbors with it.



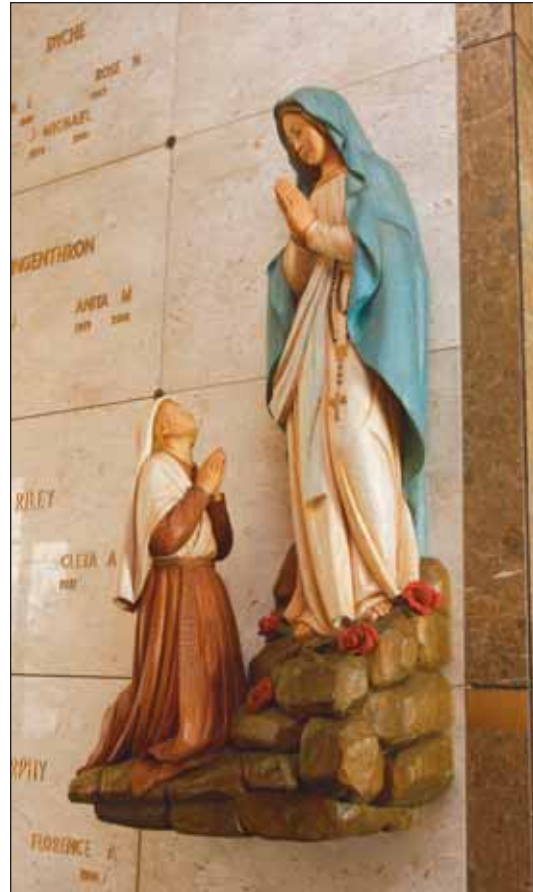
8. Our Lady of Lourdes

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. By your appearances at the Grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world. Over the years, countless sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities – whether of soul, mind or body. Therefore, I come with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession. Amen.

About Our Lady of Lourdes

From Feb. 11 through July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a poor, 14-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Bernadette described the lady as clothed in white, with a blue ribbon sash and a rosary hanging from her right arm. Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. This statue in the Queen of Peace Mausoleum commemorates Mary's appearances to Bernadette.



9. Pope John Paul II

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

O Holy Trinity, we thank you for having given the Church Pope John Paul II, and for having made him shine with your fatherly tenderness, the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendor of the Spirit of love.

Trusting completely in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he exemplified the likeness of Jesus the Good Shepherd and pointed out to us holiness as the path to reach eternal communion with You.

Grant us, through Pope John Paul's intercession, according to your will, the grace that we implore. Amen.



About this memorial

In this life-size statue, Pope John Paul II is portrayed with one hand on his unique crosier with a crucifix at the top and the other hand extended in welcome and greeting. Pope John Paul served as pontiff of the Church from 1978 to 2005. Catholics know and remember him as a man of God, pope of the people, friend of youth, defender of life and messenger of peace. Driven by his pastoral concern and by a sense of openness and charity to the entire human race, Pope John Paul II exercised his papal ministry with a tireless missionary spirit.

10. Holy Family



About the Holy Family

The Holy Family is portrayed in scripture as living first in Egypt then in Nazareth – Joseph, a carpenter; Mary, raising her son and tending to household duties; and Jesus, growing in strength and wisdom. As it became increasingly apparent that Jesus was “about his Father’s business,” Mary pondered and held these precious moments and thoughts in her heart. Holy Family Mausoleum honors Jesus, Mary and Joseph with beautiful, stained glass windows, carvings and paintings.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, you came to enlighten the world with your teaching and example. You spent the greater part of your life in humility with Mary and Joseph in your poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the family that was to be an example for all Christian families. Graciously receive each of our families as we dedicate ourselves to you this day. Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and our Mother, by your kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us his graces and blessings. O Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by your prayers in all of our spiritual and temporal needs, that we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

11. Closing prayers

For our faithfully departed loved ones

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be to the Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Grace to Help Others

(Prayer of St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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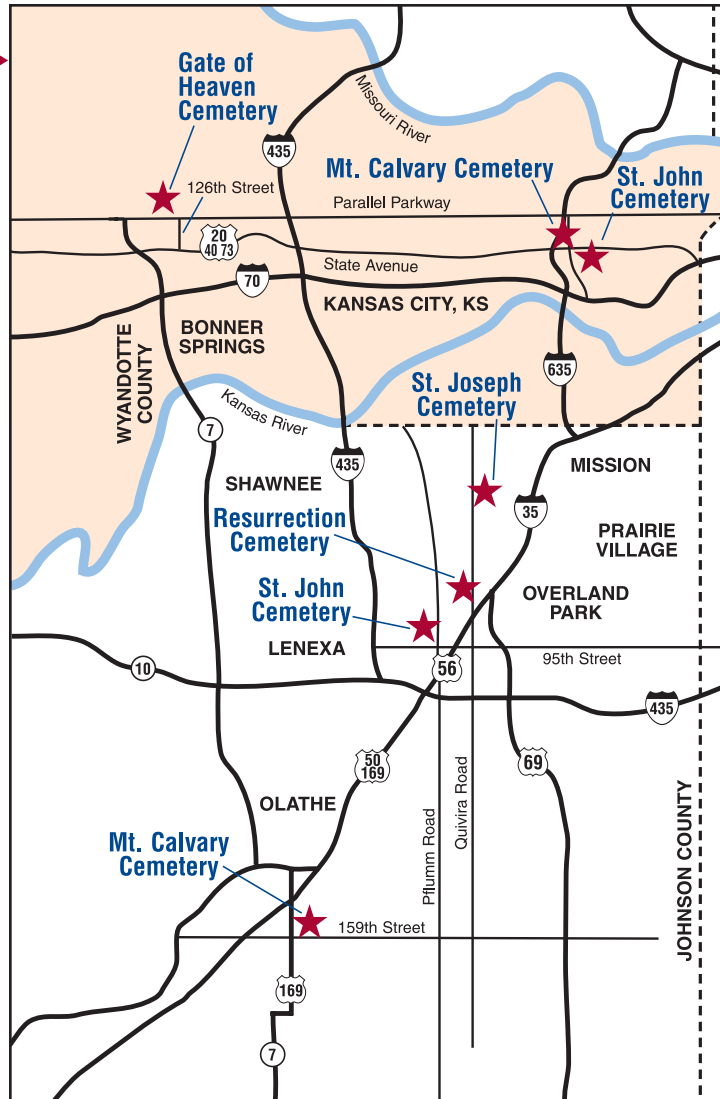
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