

Field of Flowers Day: A Celebration of Life at Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery

As the weather turns warmer, you have a long list of things to do with your family: take photos among the bluebonnets, spend time outdoors with friends, meander through a local festival. Nowhere on that list is “spend the afternoon in a cemetery”—but it should be.

Tucked off University Avenue, on Berry Lane just past the toll road, Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery is a tranquil place filled with art and monuments dedicated to celebrating life. The cemetery’s staff takes pride in their resurrection of the lost art of “memorialization.” Statues, metalwork, and monuments grace every corner of the cemetery. A trickling fountain surrounded by a rock pathway and towering trees sits at the center, flanked by well-tended and adorned graves. Visitors can follow a nature path featuring plaques with quotes by Saint Francis, while a statue of the Virgin Mary keeps a watchful eye, and wind chimes play melodies in the trees.

This isn’t like any cemetery you’ve ever visited. According to director Amy McKay, “Our Lady

of the Rosary Cemetery is much more than a final resting place for the families that we serve. The expansive property allows for areas of peaceful reflection and contemplation. We like to provide various opportunities for the families of our customers to celebrate the lives of their loved ones through the numerous events we sponsor throughout the year, such as the Field of Flowers event.”

Owners Nick and Ellen Brumder conceived the idea of the Field of Flowers event several years ago. It is held every April, when the flowers and landscape of the cemetery are in full bloom. The event has been well attended by the families with loved ones buried at Our Lady of the Rosary, as well as by the community at large. Amy says, “The goal of the Field of Flowers event is to provide the community with a wholesome family activity, to gather and celebrate the beautiful area that we live in, and to commemorate the lives of their loved ones. We offer scheduled nature walks to learn more about the natural landscape of our grounds and the central Texas area.” Nick, a master blacksmith, will also be on hand to lead

tours of the unique monuments on the property.

The beautiful, hilled landscape of wildflowers is always a popular photo opportunity for families. Bluebonnets and other Texas wildflowers cover the grounds and the rolling hills, and the artwork and trees provide beautiful backdrops for photos. Festivities always include live music, free food, and a raffle for a free burial space. The event provides a unique opportunity for the community to learn about the sacred grounds, the natural xeriscaping used in the cemetery, and this unique local business. This year’s Field of Flowers event will be held Saturday April 9th, from 2:00–5:00 pm. The entire community is invited to attend and join in this delightful celebration of life. ■

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