



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Holy Cross, Colma

Holy Cross, Menlo Park

Mt. Olivet, San Rafael

Pilarcitos, Half Moon Bay

Our Lady of the Pillar, Half Moon Bay

St. Anthony, Pescadero

Tomales Cemetery, Tomales

St. Mary Magdalene, Bolinas

Cemeteries are beautiful outdoor spaces where people can walk, visit, pray, and reflect. As such, we share this space with nature and its creatures, in all forms; gophers, geese, insects, and yes, even coyotes.

According to San Mateo County authorities, coyotes are an increasingly common sight in San Mateo, especially in large open areas that border where coyotes may dwell.

To coexist with coyotes, it's crucial to prevent them from becoming accustomed to associating humans with food and to keep pets safe. Here's how:

Preventing coyote conflicts:

- Never feed coyotes: This encourages them to approach humans and makes them less wary.
- Keep pets on a leash: Supervise pets when outdoors, especially in coyote-prone areas.
- Be aware of coyote activity: Be extra cautious in areas where coyotes are known to roam, according to the California Department of Fish and Game.

If a coyote approaches you:

- Do not run: This can trigger their hunting instincts.
- Make loud noises: Yell or clap your hands loudly.
- Make yourself appear large: Wave your arms or swing an object.
- Throw objects (sticks, rocks): This can deter the coyote.
- Back away slowly if necessary: If the coyote approaches, back away slowly while continuing to make noise.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call the main office at 650-756-2060.