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Mass Intention Policy

(adopted 9-18-24)

To encourage the orderly execution of this pious practice within the Parish of the Holy Eucharist, we have established guidelines that are in support of the Code of Canon Law and Diocesan guidelines. Universal Church discipline as contained in the **Code of Canon Law (canons 945 – 958)** of the 1983 Code of Canon Law strictly regulates the offerings made for the celebration of Mass.

1. No intention is allowed to be scheduled out further than one year from the date of request (i.e. on July 1, 2024, intentions may be scheduled through June 30, 2025) (**Canon #953**).
2. As your Pastor, I am *“obliged to apply a Mass for the people (pro populo) entrusted to (me) on each Sunday and holy day of obligation.”* This Mass will rotate through our four parish churches depending on where the Pastor is offering Mass. Please take consolation in the fact that every weekend and holy day of obligation a Mass is offered for all of you who are members of Parish of the Holy Eucharist (**Canon #534**).
3. Mass intentions will be honored in the parish office on a first-come, first-served basis, in the order in which the request is received. Requests for Mass Intentions may be made in person at the parish office, by phone, on the parish website, or by placing a Mass Intention envelope in the Offertory collection.
4. The amount of the Mass offering is specified by the Diocese of Portland Remuneration of Priests, as ten dollars (\$10.00). These monies are deposited in a separate account of our parish called the Mass Stipend Account. *No one is denied the celebration for a particular intention based on inability to make an offering.* Unless specified, any amount over the \$10 Stipend will be considered a donation.
5. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
6. Every effort will be made to have Mass intentions offered at the church requested, but if requests exceed the number of Masses for that location, then the intention will be scheduled within the Parish at a church with an open Mass. This is very important to ensure we meet the one-year period requirement.
7. Offerings for Masses that cannot be offered within the Parish of the Holy Eucharist within one year must be forwarded to the Missions Office of our Diocese. Thus, priests in the missions who lack Mass offerings will offer these Masses (**Canons #953 & #956**).
8. A Mass intention cannot be requested for a prayer intention that contradicts Catholic moral doctrine.



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9. The precept of **Canon 948** is to be maintained always: *“Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions for which an individual offering has been made and accepted.”* In accord with decree of the Congregation for the Clergy of 1991 a priest cannot gather several different intentions for which an individual offering has been made and satisfy them with a single Mass.
10. Please understand that lengthy intention listings cannot be published in the bulletin and will be edited for the sake of brevity. Each intention and the person making the request are limited to three names or one group. Please be sure to indicate if the person is living or deceased.
11. Mass intentions will be accepted for Christmas and Easter Masses. However, these intentions may be repeated on a bi-annual (every other year) basis. This is to allow as many parishioners as possible to offer their intentions during these most holy days.
12. All Intentions listed on the All-Souls Day envelopes will generate a Mass for the loved ones listed. Every attempt will be made to have the mass said at the church and time requested, but if this is not possible, the Mass will be assigned to the first available church and time. All intentions must adhere to the rules listed above.

Other Memorial Options:

- Sanctuary Candles and Memorial donations may also be made to honor the memory of our deceased brothers and sisters. The suggested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$20. Memorial donations may be in any amount. You may also have your loved one's name entered in our Prayer Intention book.

Changes & Cancellations:

- When public Mass is cancelled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled on the next available date.
- The Pastor reserves the right to reschedule a Mass intention due to unforeseen parish conflicts.