



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

MASS INTENTION POLICY

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 – FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

It is a matter of justice and church law that all Mass intentions be fulfilled within one year of being accepted by the parish. Their fulfillment must neither be denied nor delayed unnecessarily so that:

- the immortal soul of the deceased benefits from these prayers and sacrifices that are intended for their journey from purgatory to heaven;
- the individual who requests a Mass intention is to have it fulfilled in a timely manner and in accordance with Church law (i.e., within one year);
- all parishioners should have the opportunity to request a Mass intention with a reasonable expectation that the parish will be able to accommodate that request; and
- the parish priests are obligated to administer and fulfill all Mass intentions received/accepted.

UPDATED MASS POLICY

Therefore, effective February 22, 2022, the following policies will guide the acceptance of Mass intentions and offerings at St. Paul the Apostle Parish:

- When a loved one passes away, the immediate family will be able to schedule two Masses to be said in the parish: one (1) on the first anniversary of the death or funeral (if available) and one (1) on another available date within a year of the death or funeral.
- All other Mass intentions accepted by the parish will be offered within twelve months of the date of acceptance (please see the next item).
- However, to ensure that all Mass intentions are fulfilled in a timely manner, St. Paul the Apostle Parish reserves the right to forward all excess Mass intentions (i.e., those that cannot be fulfilled within twelve months of acceptance) to others, such as:
 - active priests who serve in other parishes and need Mass intentions;
 - retired priests who celebrate daily Mass and need Mass intentions; or
 - the diocesan Missions Office, who coordinate the distribution of excess Mass intentions.
- The customary offering for a single Mass intention in the Diocese of Portland is \$10.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

Parishioners can also pray for our deceased loved ones as part of a collective Mass intention known as the “Monthly Memorial Mass.” This Mass will be celebrated on the first weekend of each month (beginning in April 2022) in one of the six churches of St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

- The customary offering for enrolling one name in the Memorial Mass Book for six months is \$10.
- The Memorial Mass Book will be placed on the altar during the Monthly Memorial Mass, and the general intercession for the deceased will reference the enrollment of all names listed in the Book.
- Each month, the parish will publish a list of all names enrolled since the previous month. The enrollment of a name by different people is allowed. The enrollment of a name may be renewed.
- All offerings made for remembrance during the parish’s Monthly Memorial Mass will be restricted for the support of the Mt. Pleasant Catholic Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.