

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mass Intention Policies

The practice of requesting a priest to offer Mass for loved ones, living or deceased, is an ancient and beautiful practice of our Catholic tradition. At Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Mass can be offered for deceased loved one and going forward we will also allow Mass to be offered for living loved ones too.

Since there are a limited number of opportunities for Mass intentions, the following policies are being implemented to accommodate the numerous requests offered to the Catholic faithful in a reasonable and fair manner.

Pastors of the parishes are obliged to apply a Mass for the people (*Pro Populo*) entrusted to them each Sunday and holy day of obligation (Code of Canon Law, 534). This means that every weekend and holy day of obligation, a Mass is offered for the members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Furthermore, universal Church discipline as contained in the 1983 Code of Canon Law (canons 945-958) strictly regulates the offerings made for the celebration of Mass.

Therefore, please note the following guidelines for Mass intention requests:

1. Masses can be said for any living or deceased person.
2. To ensure consistent and fair opportunity for all desiring an intention for a loved one, we can schedule no more than seven (7) Masses per year from each donor or for an intention.
3. The stipend (suggested offering) is \$7 as determined by diocesan policy.
4. Masses may be scheduled no more than 12 months in advance from date of request.
5. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received in the Parish Office.
 - a. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible.
 - b. If it is not possible to comply with the primary date requested, the next closest date and time will be scheduled, and the parishioner will be notified.
6. Mass requests can be made in person at the parish office, or via postal mail, email, or over the phone.

7. Two Masses every Sunday will be scheduled for the parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus known as the *Pro Populo* (“For the People”) intention.
8. SPECIAL DAYS: Mass intentions *cannot* be scheduled for Holy Thursday (*Pro Populo*) or Easter Vigil (OCIA Candidates).
9. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance where a Mass cancellation occurs, the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled for the next available opening and the parishioner will be notified.
10. Holy Name of Jesus reserves the right to review a Mass intention and determine how the intention is printed.
11. There is no guarantee that the Mass intention will be announced at Mass, as the Mass intention mainly pertains to designating the presider’s offering of the Mass.