

Church of the Sacred Heart
Church of the Immaculate Conception
Church of St. Rose of Lima

Mass Intentions Policy
Effective May 22, 2023

Due to the increase in the number of Mass Intentions being requested, and the reduced number of available Masses, the following policy was created.

Canon Law Background

Canon 948: Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted.

- This means that only one person can request the Mass intention each Mass. The donor's intention can, however, include more than one person. For example: Jane Doe can request a Mass for John, Susie, Jimmy, and Lucy Doe, but Nancy Drew cannot then come in and book a Mass for her family on the same day Jane Doe chose.

Canon 953: No one is permitted to accept more offerings for Masses to be applied by himself than he can satisfy within a year.

- This means that all Masses requested must be offered within one year of the date of request.

Guidelines

- Households are allowed to book up to 3 Masses per year in the Tri-Parish cluster. Only one of these Masses can be scheduled for a weekend or Holy Day.
- Up to three named people are allowed per intention. If you wish to include more, you may request that the intention be for a family. For example, Jane Doe could request a Mass for the Living and Deceased Relatives of the Doe Family.
- Masses that are not able to be offered within one year of request will be sent to the missions or retired priests.
- We do accept Mass Intentions that can be offered by missionary and retired priests. The Tri-Parish Office will coordinate sending those requests off to the appropriate party.
- For households wanting to request more than 3 Masses, they are able to request that Masses be sent to the missions or retired priests.
- Daily Mass Intentions that are cancelled due to a funeral or other unforeseen event will be moved to the next available date.