

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

(Sharing a Sacred Tradition)



Having a Mass offered for someone is a beautiful and longstanding tradition of the Church. Over time, however, practices and expectations can develop around Mass intentions that do not always reflect what the Church actually teaches.

In the coming weeks, we will offer a short bulletin series explaining what a Mass intention is, what the offering means, why the Church regulates intentions, the purpose of Mass cards, and why an intention does not depend upon a name being announced or published.

As a first practical change, beginning in **September**, the four Masses currently limited to one intention will be able to accommodate **up to two intentions**, normally limited to one or two names per intention. **Saturday's 9:00 a.m. Mass will continue under its existing arrangement as our approved multiple-intention Mass.** Our hope is simple: to preserve this beautiful tradition while making the opportunity to request Masses fair, accessible, and properly understood by everyone.

"I ask that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." — 1 Timothy 2:1

One of the beautiful privileges of being Christian is that we can pray for one another.

We pray for the living. We pray for the sick. We give thanks. And, from very ancient times, God's people have prayed for the dead.