

Mass Intention Policies

Infant Of Prague Catholic Church

Effective March 1, 2020

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. In our Catholic Parish, there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. Infant Of Prague Parish has only a certain amount of Mass intention opportunities. The following policies are being implemented in order to accommodate the numerous requests in a reasonable and fair manner.

Please note the following guidelines for Mass intention requests:

As of April 1, 2020 the mass intentions book will only be open quarterly for mass intentions requests. You can request mass intentions two weeks prior to the beginning of that quarter.

1st Quarter (July, August and September)

2nd Quarter (October, November and December)

3rd Quarter (January, February and March)

4th Quarter (April, May and June)

1. To insure consistent and fair opportunity for all desiring an intention for a loved one or event, we can schedule no more than 3 (three) Masses per quarter from each donor or for an intention.
2. Additional Masses may be requested; however, they may be celebrated during our priests personal daily mass outside of the church.
3. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received at the Parish Office with payment. Mass intentions will be published each week in the Sunday bulletin and mentioned at Mass when it is offered.
4. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
5. As a Parish we will make every effort to accommodate a Mass within 30 days of the passing of a loved one, and on or near the first anniversary of a person's death. One Mass time each week will be kept open so that the recently deceased can be remembered soon after their death.
6. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone at the Parish Office. Requests for Mass intentions may be requested in person in the Parish Office or by mail. If received by mail our parish secretary will contact you to ensure that the date requested is available. A \$10 stipend is to accompany each Mass request before it can be recorded in the Mass Intention Book.
7. Mass intentions may be requested for Sundays, most holidays and weekdays throughout the year.
8. One Mass every Sunday must be scheduled for the intentions of our parishioners known as "Pro Populo" (For the People) as required by Canon Law. In addition, twice a month a Mass time will be reserved for the intention of the celebrant.
9. SPECIAL DAYS: Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for:
 - Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas when the intentions are all "Pro Populo";
 - Mothers' Day when the intentions will be "all mothers of the parish, living and deceased";
 - Father's Day when the intention will be "all fathers of the parish, living and deceased";
 - All Souls' Day (November 2) when the intention will be "All the faithful departed".
10. If for an unforeseen circumstance a Mass cancellation occurs, the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled on the next available opening.
11. The parish reserves the right to change a date if necessary. In that case, the person making the request will be notified of the change, if we are given their contact information.
12. Reimbursement for unfulfilled Mass intentions will be mailed to the people requesting the intention. There are several options available for unfulfilled Mass intentions. A listing of these options will be sent with your reimbursements. There will be no rollovers.