



### **How are Mass Intentions assigned at our Church?**

Mass Intentions according to Canon Law:

All Masses are for a single intention except Saturday 4pm Vigil Mass and one of the Sunday Masses (which is rotated between the 9am, 11am, & 5pm Masses every third week). Therefore, the Saturday 4pm Vigil Mass and the one Sunday Mass are always for multiple intentions.

In addition, on Holy Days of obligation there is always one multiple Mass time.

### **What other policies are followed when requesting Mass Intentions?**

Request cannot be made for every First Friday, First Saturday, or Fatima Novena Masses. This is in charity to others who would like to share in these special Masses throughout the year.

### **What donation is made and how are you to request your intention?**

Each Mass Intention request is made with a donation of \$5.00 per intention. Therefore, you must complete a form for each individual intention. Grouping of several families, several individual members of a family, or several friends into one intention is not a single intention, therefore these intentions will need to be requested separately. Your donation may be in cash or by check.

Please have this form(s) completed when you come into our office to make your request(s).

If you choose to mail the form(s) into our office, mail them to:

Our Lady of Fatima Church  
Attention DRE  
2319 Johnston St.  
Lafayette, LA 70503

If you choose to scan and email the form to our DRE, please send it to [secdre@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:secdre@fatimalafayette.org)

### **The graces of a Mass intention:**

1. Just as we pray for others here on earth, we are encouraged by the Church to pray for souls who may be in purgatory. Why? We are all in need of grace to come into the perfection of charity. We cannot enter heaven if we have not been completely cleansed of sin and all punishment due to sin. cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1031 and 1472.
2. The great Doctor of the Church, St. Anselm, declares that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after your death.
3. The Council of Trent tells us, "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Perpetual Sacrifice, is the greatest of all suffrages for the Holy Souls."

So what are you doing for your living and dear deceased loved ones? Who do you miss the most? Who do you wish you could have done more for in their life? Who helped you the most spiritually or temporally? Who is suffering, has lost their way, needs prayer in their life today?

Have a Mass offered for them!