

## **Mass Intention and Candle Policies for the Catholic Church of West St. James**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

According to *The Code of Canon Law*, a Pastor who has the care of several parishes is obliged to apply only one Mass for all the people entrusted to him on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

According to the *Pagella* established by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, multiple intentions with corresponding multiple monetary stipends may be accepted in any church twice a week.

In accordance with these two documents the following policies are in place for the Cluster parishes of St. James, St. Philip and Our Lady of Peace.

The one Mass per weekend for the people of the cluster will be at Our Lady of Peace at the 10:00am Mass. The Mass for the people for holy days of obligation will be determined per the Mass schedule.

Multiple stipend intentions will be accepted in the following manner:

4:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am on Monday at Our Lady of Peace

6:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am on Tuesday at St. Philip

8:00am on Sunday and 8:00am on Friday at St. James

A single intention will be offered for the 8am Mass on Wednesday at Our Lady of Peace.

Thursday Masses at Our Lady of Peace (8:00am) and at St. Philip (6:00pm) will be for general intentions and no stipends will be taken. These days will be used as “overflow” in the event Mass intentions on Monday or Tuesday have to be moved due to a cancellation of the regularly scheduled Mass. (ex. Funerals). A single intention Mass on Wednesday will be transferred to Thursday morning at Our Lady of Peace if the regularly scheduled Mass is canceled. Multiple intention Masses on Monday and Tuesday will be transferred to the Thursday 6:00pm Mass at St. Philip.

### **STIPENDS**

The stipend for a Mass shall be \$5.00 per line of intentions. For example if the intention is for Mr. & Mrs. John Boudreaux & Family, that is considered one intention and the stipend is \$5.00. If the request is for Mr. & Mrs. John Boudreaux and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mary Smith, Joe Orgeron, etc., then a stipend for each of the different “families” or persons shall be charged \$5.00 each.

The single intention Mass on Wednesday shall be limited to one intention preferably for a recently deceased person. A person will only be allowed one single intention per 6 month period. Parishioners from any of the three parishes can request a single intention for the Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Peace.

## **OPENING THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

The Book of Intentions will be opened twice a year, in December for the period of January – June and in June for July - December. You can call or come to the Cane Catholic Pastoral Center to make your requests. Mass intention money can be mailed to the Pastoral Center or put in a plain white envelope marked “Mass Intentions” and placed in the collection at any of our churches. Make checks payable to the church where you intend for the Mass to be offered.

## **PUBLISHING INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions will be published weekly by placing a list on the bulletin boards at St. James and St. Philip and in the book at Our Lady of Peace. Mass Intentions will not be announced in church.

## **LIMITS ON MASS INTENTIONS**

In the first two weeks when the book is opened for the 6-month period, a person shall be limited to one single-intention Mass (i.e., Wednesday daily Mass) per 6-month period and 2 intentions for the same person in a 6-month period.

During the 2 week signup, a person can sign up for multiple intentions as long as they are for different people and no more than 2 intentions for the same person. Ex: Mary Smith can have 2 intentions for her husband John Smith in a six month period. Another person can have up to 2 intentions for an already named person. Ex. Mary’s daughter, Susan, can have 2 intentions for her father John Smith. This would give John 4 intentions, but by two different people.

There will be a limit of 30 total intentions per Mass on multiple intention Mass days.

After the book has been opened for two weeks and everyone has had an equal chance of scheduling Masses, parishioners can sign up for multiple-intention Masses on a first come, first serve basis. Due to the limited number of single-intention Masses in the calendar year (about 50), the limit of one single-intention Mass per person still applies.

## **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

In the cluster there are five opportunities for Memorial Sanctuary Candle intentions – Our Lady of Peace Church and Adoration Chapel, St. Philip Sanctuary and St. Philip Icon, and St. James Church.

Candle intentions are \$10 each and will follow the same schedule as the Mass intentions. The book will open in December for January – June and in June for July – December. Candles are single stipend intentions and are limited to two intentions per person per 6 month period. After the initial sign-up period, additional openings will be announced.

## **FUTURE CHANGES**

These policies are subject to change. Please contact the Cane Catholic Pastoral Center for more information.