



*One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.  
St. Monica speaking to her son, St. Augustine*

## Mass Intentions – Celebrate or Remember Your Loved Ones

### Have you ever asked someone to pray for you; or been asked to pray for someone else?

As a Church, we pray for one another that the Lord continue to bless, guide, strengthen, and console us. We can pray in a variety of ways for the many intentions which we have. One incredibly beautiful and ancient way we can pray for someone is to have a Mass offered for that person. Mass re-presents the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross to us (CCC 1366) and so possesses a power that our personal prayers do not. When a priest celebrates Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church for the glory of God. Second, to offer the Mass in union with and for the good of the whole Church spread throughout the world. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

It is a holy and devout practice to have Masses offered for a loved one, living or deceased. Masses may be offered on any day, but many offer them on a birthday, anniversary or for a special need.

### Why do I have to Pay for a Mass?

Payment is not required, but it is appreciated. Most Parishioners give \$10 per Mass Intention. Our priests here at St. Catherine's do not take the money for the Mass itself, but for the purpose of supplying the things necessary for Mass (hosts, wine, etc.) as well as for the support of the whole parish community.

### How does it work?

- Email our Front Office at [FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org) with the name of the person for your Mass Intention and your requested date(s). Please include a few alternative dates if possible.
- Our Front Desk will return your email within 48 business day hours with available dates. Please confirm the date that works for you.
- If you are able, we request a \$10 donation for every Mass Intention. Donations may be paid online at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/give> or dropped off outside the Front Office in our Drop Box.
- Contact our **Front Office** at 327-5165 or email us at [FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org) with any questions.