

When a priest offers a mass?

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accordance with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e. "for whom the Mass is offered."

The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass.

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Mass Offering
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For: _____

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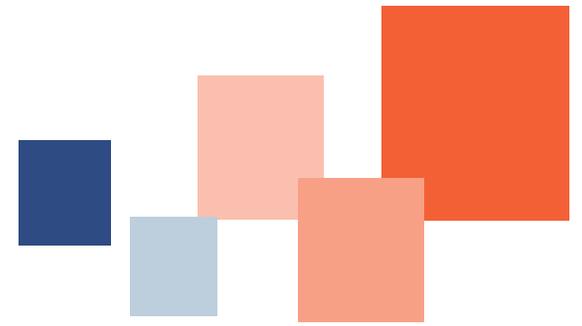
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Stipend Enclosed \$ _____
The usual Mass offering (Stipend) is \$10/Mass

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You can contact the pastor for specific dates for mass intentions.

Prayers & Blessings
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Understanding Mass Intentions

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Church intercedes for us

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not.

Active Tradition of the Church

A longstanding practice in the Church is offering a specified amount of money to the Church for a particular intention offered by the priest. In many places the cost of a Mass intention is \$10. However, the priest will offer a Mass for an intention even if someone doesn't have the money.

[Important to Remember]

The important part is to remember that you are not paying for the *graces* from God (which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for). Historically, giving an offering for the priest to remember one's intention at Mass became a way of participating more closely in the action of the priest.

The pertinent dogmatic teaching of Trent is that Mass may be “offered for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities.” Thus, the fruits of the Mass bring about in some way the remission of sins of both the living and the dead.

Council of Trent concludes, that the Mass celebrated by a duly ordained priest, under whatever circumstances, is beneficial for those for whom it is offered, and that through this offering some grace of remission of sins flows.

Today, mass offering is a great way for the living to honor the memory of their beloved dead, to pray for them, and to stay in communion with them in a special way at the eucharistic celebration.

Perfect Form of Prayer

Pope Paul VI said, “The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!” It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Canons 945-958 reflect the discipline enacted by various popes on matter of mass offering and intentions.

The church suggests the word, “offering” not stipend or remuneration. It clearly suggests that it is given freely by the faithful primary out of their concern for the church or its ministers.

