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Saint Gabriel Parish

Mass Intentions and Offerings

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your lively participation at our “family meeting” in the Parish Hall after Mass last Sunday. You may be surprised to hear me say that for the most part I heartily agree with all that you wanted to share with me. It rejoices my pastor’s heart to read how much you love God and care for your Parish and the people who are members of Saint Gabriel.

I value and appreciate it when people share with me their observations about what I may be doing that is wrong or could be improved, because that is the best way for me to change and do it better. I am happy to report here the solution we have found for our problem. I am implying that those who went before me did wrong. Rather, it is more that we all have our particular gifts and skills and we each bring our uniqueness to the service we offer and, in the end, we are all better for it.

To get down to brass tacks, you and I are both right. The Church doesn’t want us to take more than one offering per Mass; however, there are no limits on the number of intentions we can accept for each Mass. So here, then, is the solution.

**First, the offerings:** For all Masses – both weekday and Sunday – the first person to make a Mass offering will have their offering accepted. Anyone who makes a request for the same Mass later cannot make an offering for that Mass, but may make their offering generally to the Parish either in the collection basket on Sunday or by bringing their offering to the Office or by sending it in by post. This offering cannot be tied to their Mass but can only be an offering made generally to the Parish.

**Second, the Mass intentions:** Every Mass intention – whether an offering was made connected to a specific Mass or whether an offering was made more generally to the Parish – every Mass intention will be published in the bulletin. For Sunday Masses, those intentions will also be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

**In summary:** We welcome your Mass intentions at all times. Those who request a Mass first will be able to make an offering for that specific Mass. Those who request later for that same Mass may still make an offering but more generally to the Parish, with the amount left up to you to be as generous to your Parish as you wish to be.

So, sisters and brothers in Christ, I hope this solution meets with your satisfaction. Donna will be pleased to assist you with your requests for Mass intentions, and you can make your offering as indicated above. With all my respect and affection and with my prayers to the Lord for you and your families,

Fr. Gilles A. Surprenant, Parochial Administrator