

Holy Family Parish Policy Regarding Weekend Mass Celebrations

Throughout the summer months, the Parish Office receives requests for recognition of class reunions and special milestones such as wedding anniversaries. The individuals celebrating these special occasions are encouraged to contact the Parish Office six months or more in advance to schedule a Mass intention on their special date. (Mass stipends are \$10.)

Occasionally, requests are made to have a guest (non-parishioner) to read, usher, or distribute communion for their special celebration during our weekend Masses. We are happy that these groups/families wish to include our parish family in their celebration of the Mass. However, Holy Family is blessed to have our own trained Liturgical Ministers who are scheduled on a quarterly basis to perform these functions. Some of these ministers plan their vacation times around their monthly scheduled Mass obligations. Many of our Readers, specifically, look forward to their one opportunity each month to read at Mass. For various reasons, **Holy Family Parish cannot accommodate such requests for guests to participate in these liturgical roles during our weekend Masses.**

Groups who feel strongly about having their own classmates/family members participate more fully in the Mass celebration are encouraged to contact the Pastor to arrange a special Mass time of their own, outside the regularly scheduled Mass times.

Additionally, requests are made to incorporate these celebrations into the Intercessions or "Prayers of the Faithful" during Mass. A basic statement such as "For the Living and Deceased Members of the Class of _____" is appropriate. However, listing the names of all the deceased members of a class during the intercessions is discouraged. We are happy to list the names of deceased class members in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance to make these arrangements.

Any additions to the Intercessions or Mass announcements should be approved by Fr. Celestine prior to Mass.

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