

2021 Mass Book Opening

Thank you for your patience as we have worked toward finalizing the new guidelines for our St. John's parishioners to schedule Mass intentions for 2021.

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to receive Mass requests in person. Instead, requests will be taken by telephone during office hours beginning on the following opening dates. At this time we are unable to accept recorded telephone messages for Mass scheduling; we need to speak with you directly.

Unlike previous years, we will not open the entire 2021 year for scheduling at one time but rather, we will open scheduling 4 months at a time. The schedule is as follows:

Mass Book Opens	For Mass Scheduling
Wed, Nov. 18, 2020	January thru April, 2021
March 2021 <i>date to be determined</i>	May thru August, 2021
July, 2021 <i>date to be determined</i>	Sept thru Dec, 2021

NEW Guidelines for Mass Requests:

Based on the number of Mass requests here at St. John's that has resulted in our Mass book closing out very early in the year, we find the need to adapt new guidelines as follows (to the right.)

Due to potential updates and/or unforeseen circumstances, these guidelines are subject to change.

- A St. John's parish household will be allowed to schedule 1 or 2 Masses every 4 months (maximum of 6 per year).
- For one Mass, you can schedule a weekend Mass OR a daily Mass.
- For two Masses, you can schedule two daily Masses OR one weekend Mass and one daily Mass.
- If you find you have multiple deceased family members to schedule, please consider combining family members for one Mass (i.e. Michael and Susan Smith OR Deceased Members of Smith Family)
- For those who have a Mass Card(s) and the Mass(es) has not yet been scheduled, please call as they need to be scheduled in order to alleviate our backlog of unscheduled Masses.

PAYMENT INFO: There is a \$10 stipend/donation for each Mass payable immediately by check or cash. Checks are made payable to: *St. John the Evangelist Church*. At the time of scheduling you will be given information to include with your payment.

NOTE: Those who wish to obtain a Mass card to present to the family of someone recently deceased, please call the office when the need arises so we can promptly prepare the Mass Card for you. You do not need to wait until the opening dates for Mass Card requests.

With these new guidelines, it is our hope to better meet the pastoral and parish needs. We look forward to serving you in this important effort. Should you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS NOTICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AND REMINDER.