## St. John the Baptist Mass Intentions Policy 2024

Throughout the years, Mass intention policies at Saint John the Baptist have evolved and changed. We again need to make some adjustments to conform to the Diocese of Baton Rouge policies. Mass intentions may be requested for any available date/time Masses are scheduled but the following guidelines must be followed:

- Parishioners may request up to 12 Mass intentions per year at \$5.00 each.
- There can only be one intention per Mass for 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday, all weekdays, holy days, and first Saturday Masses. This will be referenced as single intention Masses.
- More than one person may request intentions for 4:30 PM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses. This will be referred to as multiple intentions.
- One Mass will be said for the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist each weekend. On the date/time this Mass is said, no other intentions will be accepted for that Mass. The time of "For the Parishioners" Masses will rotate monthly.
- Each single intention will be announced during the Mass it is scheduled for. Multiple intentions will not be announced during Mass.
- When scheduling Mass intentions, consult the office calendar for available dates/times.

Mass intentions may be offered in thanksgiving for an event, for a significant occasion in someone's life (such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, or during a time of illness, etc.), or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Mass intentions may also be offered for families or a combination of two families. Two intentions may not be combined and used as one such as for "an individual and an additional intention."

Examples of acceptable intentions are as follows:

- o In thanksgiving for my new job
- o For Mary Brown on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday
- o For Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doe for their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- o For healing for Joe White
- For the deceased members of the Green and Williams families.