

# Tridentine Community News

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## *The Purpose of Mass Intentions*

The e-mail newsletter of the London Oratory recently published the following informative Q&A on the purposes of Mass Intentions:

*Why have intentions at Mass?*

Holy Mass makes present the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father.

*Who can offer up an intention at Mass?*

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass which he or she attends for any good intention. At Mass you are free to associate your prayer with the intention of the priest, or you are free to offer up participation at the Mass for any number of personal intentions.

*How is that different to the priest's intention at Mass?*

The ordained priest has a particular role as mediator between God and humanity. In offering the sacrifice of the Mass, the priest acts in *persona Christi capitis*, that is, in the person of Christ the Head of the Mystical Body, which is the Church. Thus special graces may be obtained when the priest applies Holy Mass to a particular intention.

*Why is there only one intention for each Mass?*

The Mass has an infinite value so there is no limit to the number of intentions that can be offered. The priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. The Church has strict laws that limit the priest to only accept a single stipend.

*For whom can Mass be offered?*

Mass can be offered for anyone, or any number of people, living or dead, with some exceptions. They do not have to be Catholics, but the offering must not cause scandal to the faithful, and it must not be for an intention that offends against Christian sentiment. You can also ask for Mass to be offered for a "private intention" if you do not want the recipient known.

*What happens to the stipend? How much is it?*

Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priests. [In metro Detroit & Windsor, the customary stipend is \$10.]

## *Additional Kinds of Scapulars and Their Blessings in the Traditional Roman Ritual*

Most Catholics are aware of the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, and the many graces with which it is associated. The Church recognizes several other kinds of scapulars, as well, and distinguishes them with their own unique blessing formulas in the Traditional Roman Ritual.

Prior to 1960, certain blessings were restricted to members of certain religious communities. Listed along with each scapular type is the religious community that was originally approved to

bless each one, if there was a restriction. Nowadays those restrictions no longer apply; any priest can bless any object. The additional scapular types are:

*White Scapular of the Blessed Trinity* (Order of the Holy Trinity for the Ransoming of Captives)

*Scapular of Our Lady, Health of Sick* (Clerks Regular for the Care of the Sick)

*Scapular of Our Lady, Help of Christians* (Archdiocese of Turin, Italy)

*White Scapular of Our Lady of Good Counsel* (Hermits of St. Augustine)

*Scapular of Our Lady of Ransom* (Order of Our Lady of Mercy for Ransoming Captives)

*Black Scapular of Our Lady of Sorrows* (Order of Servites)

*Red Scapular of Our Lord's Passion and Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Virgin's Loving and Compassionate Heart* (Congregation of the Missions [Vincentians])

*Black Scapular of Our Lord's Sacred Cross and Passion* (Passionists)

*Scapular of St. Joseph* (Capuchins)

*Scapular of St. Michael the Archangel* (Archconfraternity of St. Michael the Archangel and affiliated sodalities)

*Green Scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* – Arguably the second most popular scapular. See: [www.greenscapular.com](http://www.greenscapular.com) and <https://detroitcatholic.com/news/karla-dorweiler/have-you-heard-of-the-green-scapular-parishioners-say-it-s-changing-lives> [Photo by Margaret Kaminski]



*Blue Scapular of the Immaculate Virgin Mary / Immaculate Conception* (Theatines). See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue\\_Scapular\\_of\\_the\\_Immaculate\\_Conception](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Scapular_of_the_Immaculate_Conception)

*Red Scapular of the Precious Blood of Jesus*

*Scapular of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*White Scapular of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

*The Fivefold Scapular* [White - Blessed Trinity, Red - Our Lord's Passion, Blue - Immaculate Virgin Mary, Black - Our Lady of Sorrows, & Brown - Our Lady of Mount Carmel] – a popular group of scapulars, worn together, blessed jointly with one special prayer.

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