

MASS INTENTIONS: JAN 10 - JAN 18

Jan 10	5:00	Edna DeMary †
	7:00	For All Parishioners
Jan 11	9:30	Elizabeth Owens Hamilton†
	12:00	Joe Baggio †
Jan 12	9:00	Owens family & friends†
Jan 13	9:00	Roberson family & friends †
Jan 15	11:30	Bianchini family & friends †
Jan 16	9:00	Noel family & friends †
Jan 17	5:00	Greg Sarrell, r.b. J. Hamilton
	7:00	Familia Calvo †
Jan 18	9:30	Romeo Thibault †
	12:00	For All Parishioners

Parish Offertory for past several weeks

December 22-23

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
687	501	1,628	978	3,794

Christmas

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
1,056	1,124	395	323	2,898

December 27-28

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
801	282	777	862	2,722

Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary: 1,197

January 3-4

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
508	451	1,277	660	2,896

Bishop's Appeal: 482

2014 donation statements were mailed earlier this week to regular \$10 per week donors. Others are available in the office. Contact Jeff Lawrence at 879-4225 x0

Your support of Blessed Trinity is extremely important to our mission. Next week's bulletin will contain a summary of expenses and spending for the past several years.

2015 envelopes

To simplify the Mass and the work of the ushers and collection counters, we will be passing the basket only once at any Mass. These "collections" will continue using the envelopes provided in the boxed sets, and given to the parish on the weekend of the collection.

220 parishioners have picked up new envelopes, but we missed the names of 3. If you have one of the following envelope sets, please put a return address sticker (or print your name and address) on your next donation to the parish.

511 639 679

If you would like a set of envelopes, please pick up one and check that we have your name and address correct. If you are new to the parish, please register.

GESTURES DURING MASS

Over the next weeks, I will review gestures unique to servers and the priest. Today, I will start with gestures during Mass that are common to the priest and all of the faithful. Before reading on, take a minute to think thru the Mass and the answers.

1) Holy Water. When we enter a Catholic church, we bless ourselves with holy water and the sign of the cross. It is appropriate for anyone entering a church at any time to do this gesture. It is the first gesture of the Mass, and it is common to priests and the faithful. As many servers are carrying a crucifix or candles, they may not have hands free to make this gesture. The church never asks the impossible, so servers carrying something do not make this gesture.

2) Genuflection. Upon entering a Catholic church, Catholics honor Jesus

present in the Eucharist present in the tabernacle – for that reason we genuflect. The faithful do this before entering their pew, and the priest and servers (not carrying anything) genuflect before entering the sanctuary. The same is true when leaving the church after Mass.

3) Sign of the Cross. As the priest says the first words of the Mass, he and all the faithful make the sign of the cross.

4) Striking the breast: all strike their breast during the "I confess..."

5) Standing & sitting. During the Mass, the priest and the faithful stand and sit together at most times. This is particularly true during the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Concluding Rites. Standing shows attentive willingness to act, and sitting a desire to learn.

6) At the start of the proclamation of Gospel, the priest with the faithful make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and chest.

7) The sign of peace is common to all, and meant to be shared ONLY with those next to you – without distraction.

The sign of peace in the US is normally a handshake. They miss the point who kiss one or two but only shake the hand of others. It is good to avoid touch if you have any concern of receiving or sharing a sickness.

8) Bowing – all bow during the creed at references to the incarnation.

9) Folded Hands. Everyone folds hands during the processions, the creed, and the prayers of the faithful.

Did I miss a gesture common to all during Mass? Tell me after Mass!

FLU SEASON – Precautions

With this season's severe influenza across the nation, numerous requests have been made by medical personnel who work with infectious diseases and others to discontinue the "handshake / kiss of peace". They have also recommended that the distribution of the chalice to the faithful be suspended until the spread of the disease has subsided. Bishop Guglielmone suggests that each pastor consider this option.

He also reminds us that receiving the Eucharist in the form of bread is to receive the fullness of the Lord - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Also, refraining from extending a handshake anytime during the year when one is experiencing the symptoms of an illness should not be seen as disrespecting others in any way; it may be that the person wishes to not communicate his or her germs to others.

As a parish priest, I cannot share the cup on a regular basis because I am the only parishioner who can purify the cups; I have a 15 year history of getting sick when I purify vessels after several people have shared the same cup. This is why we do not distribute the Eucharist in the form of wine.

Anyone distributing food should not be touching people, especially heads! So I do not touch people to bless them during the distribution of Communion, but say simply "God blesses you", or "Dios te bendiga" during Mass in Spanish. The same should be done by anyone distributing the Eucharist at Blessed Trinity.