



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 December 31—January 6
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**
 4:00 p.m. Jules Boudreaux; Joan E. Leblanc; Silvia Maldonado; Marlene Morris
 5:30 p.m. Joseph Cephus Jones
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**
 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
 9:30 a.m. Michael L. Abboud; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Bertha B. Cooper; Lucille Corpora; Tim Dauterive; Maria Ferra; Bryan Foley; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Wilbur & Mary M. Hollier; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon A. Mesina; Frank Pistocchi; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Dr. & Mrs. Marion G. Simpson; Eleanor Stevens; Alvin Treadway Kaye Vath
 11:00 a.m. Abboud Family; Paul J. Anderson; Mary Bourgeois; Velma K. Candebat; Jim M. Cari; Fohn Fowler; Charles Taggart; Matthew J. Theriot; Avery Thompson; Charles J. Zuppardo
- MONDAY, JANUARY 2**
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Ruth Long
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**
 11:30 a.m. Mr. Russell Schoenekes, Sr.
 12:00 p.m. Mary Dunklin
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Ben Bridgeman
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**
 11:30 a.m. Mr. Russell Schoenekas, Sr.; John Sparck
 12:00 p.m. Ben Bridgeman; Louis J. Rodriguez
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Ben Bridgeman.

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Circumcision of Our Lord
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2005

- 7:00 p.m. Confessions
 7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass
 8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Reparation Hour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 9:30 p.m. Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2005

MORNING OF PRAYER—9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, Holy Mass and Novena.

SUNDAY OFFERING—December 25, 2005

First Collection \$ 15,365
 Second Collection* \$ 5,356

*Archdiocese Ministries and Clergy

*Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

FATHER KLORES AND FATHER VAN

Send a sincere "Thank You" to all for the many prayers, cards and gifts that have been kindly bestowed on them during this Christmas season and they wish all of St. Patrick's parishioners and friends a Blessed New Year.

IN MEMORY OF—FINAL TWO WEEKS

Names are still being accepted for the 2006 "In Memory Of" listing on the back of the Sunday Bulletin. Envelope forms, found in the vestibule of the church, should be completed and returned to the rectory office no later than **Friday, January 13, 2006.**

1. All requests **MUST** be made by completing the designated form envelopes.
2. Because of Hurricane Katrina the United States Postal Service has been heavily burdened by the amount of mail. Please do not rely upon the USPS to deliver mailed envelopes before the **Friday, January 13, 2006.** Completed envelopes can be deposited in any Mass collection basket or hand delivered to the rectory office during the remaining **two weeks.**

EPIPHANY—SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2006

The blessing of the Epiphany chalk, used in the blessing of homes, will take place at the Masses. Also, the annual parish buffet will be held in the rectory between 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

The Claddagh Group invites all for coffee and doughnuts in Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Registered members of St. Patrick's have submitted an Archdiocese of New Orleans registration card (white) to the rectory office; and are receiving contribution envelopes along with the Clarion Herald. Please call the rectory office: 525-4413, if you would like to become an active member of St. Patrick's Parish.

GRADUAL FOR THE 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

Psalm 97: 3cd-4 & 2: "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: sing joyfully to God, all the earth. The Lord hath made known his salvation: he hath revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Ree Alario; D. J. Ales; Michael Brasset; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynch; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph deBlanc; Regina Dillon; Lawrence Dufour; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Anette Folse; Joseph French; Catherine Gegenheimer; Marie Herty; Celeste Judell; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Albert Leonhard; Betty Leonard; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Colin McInnis; Irene Mackenroth; Joseph Martello, Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Reverend Tim Pieris; Robert Plaskas; Jerri Rachal; M.G. "Doc" Simpson; Irene Tarormina.

IN MEMORIUM

Amedee & Waguespack Families	The Gaudin Family
Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Barry	Jennifer Constant Hebert
P. Albert Bienvenu, Sr.	Leson-Terrebonne Families
Nicholas Christopher Callia	Lombardo-Scurria Family
The deBen Family	Thomas Ponseti, Jr.
Mr. Nandor & Mrs. Irene Dittler	Mary Kieilty Sweeney
Everett-McDonald-Gretchen Families	Pablo Villalobos
The Finnorn & Murray Families	Patrick Stephen Villalobos
Gates, Lanphier, Reaney Families	Josephine Sweeney Watson
	Kevin J. Wilson & Son Bryant

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

IN TRUTH, PEACE

The following are extracts from Pope Benedict XVI's message

"Before all else, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to my predecessors, the great Popes Paul VI and John Paul II, who were astute promoters of peace. ... As tireless heralds of the Gospel, they constantly invited everyone to make God the starting point of their efforts on behalf of concord and peace throughout the world. This, my first Message for the World Day of Peace, is meant to follow in the path of their noble teaching; with it, I wish to reiterate the steadfast resolve of the Holy See to continue serving the cause of peace.

"The very name Benedict, which I chose on the day of my election to the Chair of Peter, is a sign of my personal commitment to peace. In taking this name, I wanted to evoke both the patron saint of Europe, who inspired a civilization of peace on the whole continent, and Pope Benedict XV, who condemned the First World War as a 'useless slaughter' and worked for a universal acknowledgment of the lofty demands of peace.

"The theme chosen for this year's reflection - 'In truth, peace' - expresses the conviction that wherever and whenever men and women are enlightened by the splendor of truth, they naturally set out on the path of peace."

"Peace cannot be reduced to the simple absence of armed conflict, but needs to be understood as 'the fruit of an order which has been planted in human society by its divine Founder.' ... As the result of an order planned and willed by the love of God, peace has an intrinsic and invincible truth of its own, and corresponds to an irrepressible yearning and hope dwelling within us."

"Whenever there is a loss of fidelity to the transcendent order, and a loss of respect for that 'grammar' of dialogue which is the universal moral law written on human hearts, whenever the integral development of the person and the protection of his fundamental rights are hindered or denied, whenever countless people are forced to endure intolerable injustices and inequalities, how can we hope that the good of peace will be realized? The essential elements which make up the truth of that good are missing"

"Who and what, then, can prevent the coming of peace? Sacred Scripture, in its very first book, Genesis, points to the lie told at the very beginning of history" by the serpent, the devil. "Lying is linked to the tragedy of sin and its perverse consequences, which have had, and continue to have, devastating effects on the lives of individuals and nations. We need but think of the events of the past century, when aberrant ideological and political systems willfully twisted the truth and brought about the exploitation and murder of an appalling number of men and women, wiping out entire families and communities. After experiences like these, how can we fail to be seriously concerned about lies in our own time, lies which are the framework for menacing scenarios of death in many parts of the world. Any authentic search for peace must begin with the realization that the problem of truth and untruth is the concern of every man and woman; it is decisive for the peaceful future of our planet."

"We need to regain an awareness that we share a common destiny which is ultimately transcendent, so as to maximize our historical and cultural differences, not in opposition to, but in cooperation with, people belonging to other cultures. These simple truths are what make peace possible."

"The truth of peace calls upon everyone to cultivate productive and sincere relationships; it encourages them to seek out and to follow the paths of forgiveness and reconciliation, to be transparent in their dealings with others, and to be faithful to their word."

"As a means of limiting the devastating consequences of war as much as possible, especially for civilians, the international community has created an international humanitarian law. In a variety of situations and in different settings, the Holy See has expressed its support for this humanitarian law, and has called for it to be respected and promptly implemented, out of the conviction that the truth of peace exists even in the midst of war.

"International humanitarian law ought to be considered as one of the finest and most effective expressions of the intrinsic demands of the truth of peace. Precisely for this reason, respect for that law must be considered binding on all peoples. Its value must be appreciated and its correct application ensured; it must also be brought up to date by precise norms applicable to the changing scenarios of today's armed conflicts and the use of ever newer and more sophisticated weapons."

"Nowadays, the truth of peace continues to be dramatically compromised and rejected by terrorism, whose criminal threats and attacks leave the world in a state of fear and insecurity."

"Not only nihilism, but also religious fanaticism, today often labeled

fundamentalism, can inspire and encourage terrorist thinking and activity. From the beginning, John Paul II was aware of the explosive danger represented by fanatical fundamentalism, and he condemned it unsparingly, while warning against attempts to impose, rather than to propose for others freely to accept, one's own convictions about the truth." Nihilism and fundamentalism "both show a dangerous contempt for human beings and human life, and ultimately for God Himself. ... In analyzing the causes of the contemporary phenomenon of terrorism, consideration should be given, not only to its political and social causes, but also to its deeper cultural, religious and ideological motivations.

"In view of the risks which humanity is facing in our time, all Catholics in every part of the world have a duty to proclaim and embody ever more fully the 'Gospel of Peace,' and to show that acknowledgment of the full truth of God is the first, indispensable condition for consolidating the truth of peace."

"History has amply demonstrated that declaring war on God in order to eradicate Him from human hearts only leads a fearful and impoverished humanity toward decisions which are ultimately futile. This realization must impel believers in Christ to ... place themselves at the service of peace in broad cooperation with other Christians, the followers of other religions and with all men and women of good will.

"Looking at the present world situation, we can note with satisfaction certain signs of hope in the work of building peace. I think, for example, of the decrease in the number of armed conflicts. ... These are reassuring signs which need to be confirmed and consolidated by tireless cooperation and activity, above all on the part of the international community and its agencies charged with preventing conflicts and providing a peaceful solution to those in course.

"All this must not, however, lead to a naive optimism. It must not be forgotten that, tragically, violent fratricidal conflicts and devastating wars still continue to sow tears and death in vast parts of the world."

"Those authorities who, rather than making every effort to promote peace, incite their citizens to hostility towards other nations, bear a heavy burden of responsibility."

"What can be said, too, about those governments which count on nuclear arms as a means of ensuring the security of their countries? Along with countless persons of good will, one can state that this point of view is not only baneful but also completely fallacious. In a nuclear war there would be no victors, only victims. The truth of peace requires that all - whether those governments which openly or secretly possess nuclear arms, or those planning to acquire them - agree to change their course by clear and firm decisions, and strive for a progressive and concerted nuclear disarmament. The resources which would be saved could then be employed in projects of development capable of benefiting all their people, especially the poor.

"In this regard, one can only note with dismay the evidence of a continuing growth in military expenditure and the flourishing arms trade, while the political and juridical process established by the international community for promoting disarmament is bogged down in general indifference."

"It can only be hoped that the international community will find the wisdom and courage to take up once more, jointly and with renewed conviction, the process of disarmament, and thus concretely ensure the right to peace enjoyed by every individual and every people."

"The first to benefit from a decisive choice for disarmament will be the poor countries, which rightly demand, after having heard so many promises, the concrete implementation of their right to development."

"The Catholic Church, while confirming her confidence in [the U.N.], calls for the institutional and operative renewal which would enable it to respond to the changed needs of the present time, characterized by the vast phenomenon of globalization. The United Nations Organization must become a more efficient instrument for promoting the values of justice, solidarity and peace in the world."

"Every community should undertake an extensive process of education and witness aimed at making everyone more aware of the need for a fuller appreciation of the truth of peace. At the same time I ask for an increase of prayers, since peace is above all a gift of God, a gift to be implored incessantly."
