



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
February 4—February 10  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

4:00 p.m. Jules Boudreaux; Commarata & Guzzardi Families; Marlene Morris;

5:30 p.m. Intentions of Benedict XVI

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)

9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Anthony K. Bailey; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Father Van Constant & his intentions; Lucille Corpora; Tim Dauterive; Charles C. Deano; Louis Eichhorn, Sr.; Maria Ferra; Bryan Foley; David Garrison; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Wilbur & Mary M. Hollier; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon A. Messina; Anne Meade Nalty; Frank Pistocchi; Raymond Salassi, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Dr. & Mrs. Marion G. Simpson; Kaye Vath; Col. Joseph D. Wright; Marcelle J. Wright

11:00 a.m. The Dyer Family; Thomas A. Fettes; Cyndy Hernandez; Jocelyn Ducros Peters; Jean Segura; Matthew J. Theriot; Anna Mae Totina; Richard Vinas; Charles J. Zuppardo

5:30 p.m. Albert Joseph Krail, Jr.; John & Irma Schultz

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Pope John Paul II

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

11:30 a.m. Monsignor John P. Reynolds

12:00 p.m. Pope Benedict XVI

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Damian Peters

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

11:30 a.m. Monsignor John P. Reynolds

12:00 p.m. Cyril Tallon

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Monsignor Terry Tekippe

**TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

**Solemn High Mass**—First Sunday of the month.

**Benediction**—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

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

Psalm 101: 16 & 17, "The gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion, and he shall be seen in his majesty."

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING—January 29, 2005**

First Collection \$ 5,124

Second Collection\* \$ 1,835

\*Restoration & Maintenance

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION**

The second collection for Catholic Charities will be taken this weekend. The following is from Archbishop Alfred Hughes: ... "We have all been touched by this disaster, some more than others. I pray that you have not experienced too much of a personal loss... If you are in a position to help us help others, please do so whether by volunteering or by a financial contribution in today's second collection... We are all a part of Catholic Charities and the ministry to care for those in need. When someone asks 'Where are the Catholic?' tell them we are where people are in need, where Christ has called us to be."

**CLADDAUGH POTLUCK & ART GALLERIES**

Saturday, February 4, 2006, in the rectory following 5:30 pm Vigil Mass. Our first potluck since Katrina followed by a brief meeting, then a stroll through the many art galleries in the neighborhood.

**BLESSED CANDLES**

Blessed candles from Candlemas are available in the church. Please limit one box per family. A voluntary donation of \$5.00 per box is suggested.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR**MISSA BEATAE MARIAE VIRGINIS

St. Patrick's Choir will sing *Missa Beatae Mariae Virginis*, composed by Kevin Redmann on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The choir will be accompanied by organ and string orchestra.

TENEBRAE

A Service of Darkness (*Tenebrae* is a word derived from Latin meaning "darkness." Through word and music, the service dramatizes the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.) This Service of Darkness will be presented by the choir in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

**CENACLE OF OUR LOVING MOTHER**Saturday, February 18, 2006—St. Patrick's Church

9:00 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the rosary

10:00 a.m. Holy Mass

The prayer group will meet on February 18, 2006, and thereafter the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, at St. Patrick's Church. Everyone is invited to attend. This prayer group is a cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests, and its purpose is to promote and to deepen consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and, of course, to pray for priests. **Father Stan Klores** is the spiritual director.

The Cenacle of Our Loving Mother will be joining the Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc for the special intention of the conversion of Greater New Orleans. For information contact:

Cindy Hemelt: 433-9613; Nancy Albert: 218-5057.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENECTION EVERY SUNDAY 3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.****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 Brassett; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynych; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; Lawrence Dufour; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Anette Folse; Joseph French; Catherine Gegenheimer; Frank Hemelt; 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.

---

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

---

### THE GLORIA: “AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH”

What is this peace promised by the Christmas angel that we joyously repeat as part of our Eucharistic worship? Saint Augustine describes peace as “serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity.” More than the mere absence of animosity or aggression, the peace claimed in the Gloria proclaims a momentous proposal to us... a proposal upon which the very possibility of our happiness depends.

#### **The point of departure for peace**

“One of the astonishing things about peace,” writes Dominican theologian Father Servais Pinckaers, “is that it usually begins at the very point where it seems most unlikely, with our recognition of our sinfulness, which is the cause of our conflicts and evils.” Peace appears when our life has fallen apart. Ironically, it materializes from the midst of chaos. It is proposed where we seem indisposed.

Peace is a point of stillness where rebuilding can begin. “The proper work and special office of peace,” says Saint Leo the Great, “is to join to God those whom it removes from the world.” Both parts of that process remain indispensable: we need peace to remove us from the disintegrating forces of the world; we need peace to join us to God, because we cannot on our own join ourselves to God. When Adam and Eve sinned in Eden, our peace with God got forfeited, and something catastrophic came between us. The whole human race has waited for the

Event of Christmas night in the hopes of the merciful possibility to start over again. “Peace to God’s people on earth” means that the reparation we so desperately need now is real. It has taken flesh.

In this way, peace is a kind of rehabilitation. It recovers our potential to live in a justified relationship with God. Peace is the restoration of the harmony that makes it possible for us to respond in friendship to God’s offer of love. This is what moves Saint Leo the Great to assert that “peace is that which brings forth the sons of God, the nurse of love and the mother of unity.”

#### **The plenitude of peace**

The gift that the angels promise at Christmas is the gift that Jesus will bestow at Easter: “Peace be with you” (Jn 20: 19,21). Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the peace of Jesus is perfect because it calms us interiorly and exteriorly, and because it disposes us to enjoy eternal things. Keep in mind that the opposite of peace is discouragement, dissension, disorder, doubt. Contrari-wise, Gospel peace—“the tranquility of order” - is totality, wholeness, well-being, prosperity. Peace remains a prerequisite for our personal flourishing. It is its matrix.

Christ’s peace infuses us with the ability to be content and serene with whatever divine providence offers us in the present moment. It gives us trustful confidence in the integrity of God’s care

for us. The unfolding of the Lord’s will in our life right now—whatever that entails—remains the truest source of our serenity and rectitude; it is the best antidote to any trouble or turbulence. Christ’s peace visits us with supernatural assistance to diffuse all the violence, tyranny, and discord in our lives. With Christ’s peace comes, not pacification, but fortification.

We crucially need this kind of sanctified contentment in our lives because, if we are not peaceful about what God gives us in the present moment, then we will not be open to what the Lord would give us in the next. Our ability to accept future good things relies on our peaceful disposition to accept whatever God gives us in the here and now. Peace draws our energies together so that we can embrace God’s will. Peace is a kind of certainty—like the assurance of a lion tamer as he walks into the lion’s cage.

New Testament peace is “the power of God radiating through the believer and inclining him to spread the peace of Christ around him: (Pinckaers). The gift of peace we sing at the start of Mass we will later offer as a gift to our neighbor so that our Holy Communion will be genuine and complete.

In short, “peace is the plenitude that fulfills all desires” (Saint Peter Chrysologus).

*Reverend Peter John Cameron, O.P.*

---

### SAINT PATRICK’S CHURCH—NEWCASTLE, MAINE

*The following are prayers and heartfelt messages, sent to us from Saint Patrick’s Church in Newcastle, Maine  
The original copies are on view in the vestibule*

- ◆ We are thinking of you, trying to help with relief efforts throughout the Gulf Coast. There are many, many people here in Maine who care. *Catherine*
- ◆ I am keeping you in my prayers. Please know that my family and I are so horrified by all that you and your family have suffered. God bless you. *Emma*
- ◆ My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. May your life get back to normal soon! God is good! *Sarah*
- ◆ Bless you—We are hoping and praying for all good things for you.
- ◆ Just a note to say that we care. We have never gone through such an ordeal and wish you God’s help in enduring it. *Charlie & Fran*
- ◆ My thoughts and prayers are with you. My home and family are the dearest thing to me and I feel greatly for your hardship. May God bless you through this time. *Rina*
- ◆ Please know that you remain in our prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones during this difficult time. We will not forget you and the challenges you face in the days ahead. *Maureen*
- ◆ Dear friend, Just to let you know that we at St. Patrick’s are praying for you all every day. I wish we could do more. All my best. *Theodora*