



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 February 18—February 24
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00 p.m. Michael Mariano; Marlene Morris;
 5:30 p.m. Dr. Robert Miller; Anna de Rojas;
 Dr. Humberto Rojas

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O'Brien
 Chatelain; Lucille Corpora; Catherine
 Danos; Rosalie Davis; Maria Ferra;
 Michael Grabert; Peter Grabert; Cindy
 Hemelt; Bishop Sam Jacobs & Diocese of
 Houma-Thibodoux; Margaret Bolden
 Matis; Kevin Mazarac & Family; Brian
 McNamara; Father Jim Morrison; Anne
 Meade Nalty; Richard Norris; John H.
 Schroder, Jr.; Dr. & Mrs. Marion G.
 Simpson; Peggy Swan

11:00 a.m. Frank & Cynthia Hemelt;
 Charles J. Zuppardo

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Alicia Flynn McKay

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:30 a.m. Nell Pearl Boudreaux Flagout

12:00 p.m. Joseph Timothy McKay

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Melba Henderson; Conchetta Cammarata
 Salvaggio; Jon Springman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:30 a.m. Muriel Hanemann

12:00 p.m. David L. Garrison, Jr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Lois Terrebbonne Boudreaux

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

Sexagesima

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

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

**THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF
 CHRISTIAN CHARITY**

To schedule a Mass, please fill out the Mass Form (ivory-colored envelope) found in the vestibule of the church and deliver it to the rectory office, or place it in the collection basket.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—February 12, 2005

First Collection \$ 5,188.75

Second Collection* \$ 2,561

*Restoration & Maintenance

**MASS AND RECTORY OFFICE SCHEDULE
 FEBRUARY 18—FEBRUARY 28**

Saturday, Feb. 18 4:00p.m. and 5:30p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 19 8:00a.m.; 9:30a.m.; 11:00a.m.; & 5:30p.m.
 Adoration and Benediction—canceled
 Saturday, Feb. 25 4:00p.m. and 5:30p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 26 8:00a.m.; 9:30a.m.; and 11:00a.m.
Church closes after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
 5:30p.m. Mass—canceled
 Monday, Feb. 27 11:30a.m. and 12:00p.m.
 Rectory office closed.
 Tuesday, Feb. 28 Church and rectory office closed.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
 MARCH 1, 2006**

Masses— 11:00a.m.; 11:45a.m.; 12:30p.m.; and 5:00p.m.
 Distribution of Ashes—At all Masses
 Confessions—Before the Masses

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Way of the Cross Fridays during Lent following the
 12:00p.m. Mass
 Confessions Before the Masses

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES

A special Lenten series will be given between the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Sunday Masses (10:30a.m.—10:55a.m.), by Professor David Liberto, Professor of Systematic Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. The theme of Dr. Liberto's series will be: *Discourses On Love*. The talks, to be given in church, will be held on the following Sundays: March 12, 19 and 26. Dr. Liberto will also be available for questions and discussion during the Coffee Hour in the rectory following the 11:00a.m. Mass.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR—SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006
 TENEBRAE—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.

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 Brasslet; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynch; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; 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, Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Reverend Tim Pieris; Robert Plaskas; M.G. "Doc" Simpson; Irene Tarormina.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POPE, CURIA TO DISCUSS RECONCILIATION WITH SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Pope Benedict XVI met with leaders of the Roman Curia on February 13. The top item on the agenda for discussion, according to an Italian media report, was the Vatican efforts to achieve a reconciliation with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X (SSPX).

...The Italian daily *Il Giornale* reported that the main topic would be the SSPX: the traditionalist group that broke with Rome in 1988 after its founder, the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, ordained three new bishops in defiance of Rome's orders. The Vatican responded to those illicit episcopal ordinations by excommunicating Archbishop Lefebvre and the three bishops he ordained. Now, according to *Il Giornale*, the Pope wants to discuss the possibility of rescinding those excommunications. That move could eliminate a source of tensions in the continuing talks between the Vatican and the SSPX, aimed at restoring the traditionalist group to full unity with the Holy See.

Pope Benedict will also discuss his own inclination to allow broader use of the pre-conciliar Roman Missal, *Il Giornale* reports. The SSPX clings exclusively to the old, or Tridentine, rite. Since 1984, the traditional Mass has been allowed in Catholic dioceses only with the permission of the local bishop. Pope Benedict might eliminate the need for priests to obtain that permission, according to *Il Giornale*. The Italian newspaper said that it had obtained its information from Church officials directly involved in the talks between the Vatican and the SSPX leadership. ...

Bishop Bernard Fellay, the superior general of the SSPX, has recently given indications that substantial progress has been made in the latest negotiations with Rome. "The discussions have been lengthy, but they have probably been the most fruitful that we have had to date."... The SSPX leader said that the talks were aimed toward the "regularization" of the status of the traditionalist group.

At that press conference, Bishop Fellay said that traditionalists were particularly delighted by Pope Benedict's address to the Roman Curia last December 22, in which the Pontiff discussed the proper interpretation of Vatican II. "One can readily see that the Holy Father is trying to put the Council in a new light," the SSPX leader observed. Traditionalist

leaders have frequently complained that the teachings of Vatican II are a radical departure from prior Catholic traditions; in his December 22 the Pope inveighed against the notion that the Council created a "discontinuity and rupture" in Church teaching, arguing instead for "a hermeneutic of reform, renewal, and continuity" with Catholic tradition. That papal address, and several subsequent statements by Curial officials, seemed to be worded deliberately to encourage traditionalist Catholics. At the same time, Bishop Fellay and other SSPX leaders have issued statements respectful of the Vatican, avoiding the direct criticism that has often marked the group's statements in the past. The careful framing of public statements by both Vatican officials and SSPX leaders has encouraged observers to believe that negotiations toward a reconciliation are advancing rapidly. ...

Pope Benedict, who was involved in unsuccessful last-minute talks with Archbishop Lefebvre in 1988, aimed at averting a split, has always hoped for a restoration of full unity with the traditionalist group. In 1985, three years before the final break, then-Cardinal Ratzinger said: "We must all work for reconciliation, as much as possible, and use every opportunity for that purpose."

At the same time, Cardinal Ratzinger, then working in his role as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, warned traditionalist leaders that they must accept the teachings of the Church. He said that there is "no future of a position of fundamental rejection in respect to Vatican II."

The ideological rejection of Vatican II is illogical in itself, Cardinal Ratzinger remarked, since traditionalists who profess to uphold the inerrant authority of the magisterium cannot reject the magisterial teaching of the Council and the post-conciliar Pontiffs. "Why the popes up to Pius XII, and not afterward?" he asked. In the 1980s, Cardinal Ratzinger told Archbishop Lefebvre that he could not make his fidelity to the Holy See contingent, applying his obedience only to the teachings that he found congenial. Now, as Pope Benedict XVI, he hopes to make the same point to Archbishop Lefebvre's followers.

Catholic World News Brief

The following is taken from a writing by Pope Benedict XVI titled "Europe and Its Discontents" in which USA could easily be substituted for Europe/European.

...The last element of the European identity is religion. I do not wish to enter into the complex discussion of recent years, but to highlight one issue that is fundamental to all cultures; respect for that which another group holds sacred, especially respect for the sacred in the highest sense, for God, which one can reasonably expect to find even among those who are not willing to believe in God. When this respect is violated in a society, something essential is lost. In European society today, thank goodness, anyone who dishonors the faith of Israel, its image of God, or its great figures must pay a fine. The same holds true for anyone who dishonors the Koran and the convictions of Islam. But when it comes to Jesus Christ and that which is sacred to Christians, freedom of speech becomes the supreme good.

This case illustrates a peculiar Western self-hatred that is nothing short of pathological. It is commendable that the West is trying to be more open, to be more understanding of the values of outsiders, but it has lost all capacity for self-love. All that it sees in its own history is the despicable and the destructive; it is no longer able to perceive what is great and pure. What Europe needs is a new self-acceptance, a self-acceptance that is critical and humble, if it truly wishes to survive.

Multiculturalism, which is so passionately promoted, can sometimes amount to an abandonment and denial, a flight from one's own things. Multiculturalism teaches us to approach the sacred things of others with respect, but we can do this only if we ourselves are not estranged from the sacred, from God. With regard to others, it is our duty to cultivate within ourselves respect for the sacred and to show the face of the revealed God—the God who has compassion for the poor and the weak, for widows and orphans, for the foreigner; the God who is so human that he himself became man, a man who suffered, and who by his suffering with us gave dignity and hope to our pain.

Unless we embrace our own heritage of the sacred, we will not only deny the identity of Europe. We will also fail in providing a service to others to which they are entitled. To the other cultures of the world, there is something deeply alien about the absolute secularism that is developing in the West...