



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 4:00 p.m. PJeremy Curtis Austin, Jr.;
Patricia Kilgore; Dr. Charles E. Mary;
Marlene Morris
- 5:30 p.m. Monsignor Terry Tekippe
- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church
(Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Joseph Bennett; Jane O'Brien Chatelain;
William Gandolini; Joshua Grabert; Marica
Grabert; Natalie Grabert; Patrick Grabert;
Richard Grabert; Therese Grabert; Mrs.
James Longacre; Margaret Bolden Matis;
Father Robert Rogers; John H. Schroder, Jr.
- 11:00 a.m. Stella A. Bergeron; Camden Boatright;
Jessica Brupbacher; Mary Louise
Cleveland; Frank Hemelt; Patricia Kilgore;
Hermann Koffi; Robert LeCorgne; George
J. Melancon; Father Tim Pieris; Ray A.
Robishauc, Sr.; Matthew J. Theriot; Sister
Janet Wolf, D.C.; Charles J. Zuppardo

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Souls of Purgatory;
Albert Joseph Krail, Jr.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Charles J. Zuppardo
- TUESDAY, MARCH 21**
- 11:30 a.m. Patricia Kilgore; Sidonia Boudreaux Leson
- 12:00 p.m. Oscar Grabert Family; Father Stan Klores;
Rick Spottswood Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Rene Chapoton; Stephen Fayard;
Conchetta Commarata Salvaggio
- THURSDAY, MARCH 23**
- 11:30 a.m. Sidonie Leson Trapp
- 12:00 p.m. Father Van Constant; Samuel Grabert, Sr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Bob Segura & Family

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

Third Sunday in Lent

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND BENEDICTION**

Every Sunday 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Way of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent, after the 12:00p.m. Mass

Confessions

Before the Masses

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 12, 2005

First Collection \$ 5,225

Second Collection* \$ 2,120

*Restoration & Maintenance

FATHER TIM'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Father Timothy Pieris, who for several years has been our faithful Father Confessor, will celebrate his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this **Sunday, March 19, 2006** at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. A reception honoring Father Tim will be held in the rectory following the Jubilee Mass. All are cordially invited.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES—MARCH 19 AND 26, 2006

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 19 and 26, 2006.

RETOUVAILLE/REDISCOVERY WEEKEND—MARCH 24-26

Many marriages are experiencing unprecedented stress in light of Hurricane Katrina. Retrouvaille/Rediscovery, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a program for couples who want to save their marriage and continue their journey together. The scheduled Retrouvaille weekend, March 24-26, 2006, will be held at the Tracey Retreat Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For more information call the Family Life Apostolate: 504-467-3105; ext. 164.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—MARCH 25 & 26, 2006

The Catholic Relief Services Collection, which supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, will be taken next weekend **March 25 & 26, 2006**. The annual appeal supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church through advocacy on behalf of powerless and impoverished people and relief and resettlement services to victims of earthquakes, floods, war, and religious and ethnic persecution. Please be generous.

CLADDAUGH'S EVENING WITH FATHER KLORES

St. Patrick's Claddaugh group will hold a very special evening of dinner and discussion with Fr. Klores on **Thursday, March 30, 2006** at 6:30 pm in the rectory. Please bring a covered dish to share. After dinner, Father Stan will lead the group over to the church for the annual Covering of the Statues, followed by his extraordinary story of conversion.

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.

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Ree Alario; D. J. Ales; Michael Brassset; Margie Case; 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; Carol Mallette; Joseph Martello, Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Reverend Tim Pieris; Robert Plaskas; Eileen Swords; Irene Taormina.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A SAINT WHOSE TIME HAS COME

There is nothing more powerful than the intercession of a saint in heaven whose time has come. Never before has the help of the patron-protector St. Joseph been so essential, as in this hour of the Church. In a time of ever-increasing spiritual battle and faced with the spread of impurity and the attempts by radical feminism to undermine the family and the dignity of fatherhood, we need to go to Joseph.

It has always been the plan of God to overcome the mighty by means of the small and humble. Thus Joseph most just, most chaste, most prudent, most strong, most obedient and most faithful to grace, protects the Church, the family of God as he once protected and headed the Holy Family.

History records the powerful intercession of St. Joseph at a very painful moment in the Church's history. In the early fifteenth century the Church was plunged into a grave crisis with the Great Schism in the east and heresy widespread in the West, not to mention three Popes claiming the See of Peter at the same time. At the Ecumenical Council of Constance in 1416, the Chancellor of the University of Paris stood up and proposed

devotion to St. Joseph to those earnestly seeking to heal the deep wounds afflicting the Church. Canon Sheehan records that Garson "argued that St. Joseph was the guardian of Christ, and he whom Christ obeyed on earth still retains an authority of affection over Christ in heaven; and thus his wishes, like the wishes of Mary, are commands, and his intercession is all-powerful." These words, says Canon Sheehan, were received as the words of one who had a mission from heaven, and, as devotion to St. Joseph spread in the Church, the troubles of the Church, one by one, disappeared. In less than a year, perfect peace was restored.

The role of St. Joseph is no less essential for the family of God today, in both the lay and religious calling. In particular, St. Joseph illuminates both marriage and the monastic life as a vocation combining prayer and work, befitting a priestly household. As St. Peter writes, 'Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet 2:5). Both family life and monastic life flourish through stability, by sinking their roots in one place, under one roof; both require a lifestyle which grows through dependence on one another; both

are nourished through faithfulness to small duties, hidden sacrifices and loving kindness. Both are based on labour, where work is the expression of love for neighbour - that is, those closest to us. Both are routine: marriage and monastic life relive the hiddenness of Nazareth, repeat the same activities and gestures day in and day out. However, in God's plan, foresight and faithfulness to small things out of love for God and neighbour, release all the graces needed to belong to Him and each other. These sentiments are summed up in what the Rule of Benedict refers to as "Ora et Labora": Pray and Labour.

.Let us pray: "St. Joseph, by the power of the Holy Spirit you were constituted the most powerful protector in the holy Church, were set as the holy steward over all Christian households and religious communities in the Church. Take my heart also under your care as the least of God's dwellings, so that this house might become a guardian of peace, a temple of God and a tabernacle for our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of men. Keep me pure and hold afar from me all intrusive pleasure, so that no stain remains clinging to my soul, and so that you, St. Joseph, might find in me a cause for joy. Amen

Billy Stainsby

THE LORD WILL PREPARE A BANQUET FOR ALL PEOPLES

The Lenten journey prepares us for the celebration of Christ's Passover, the mystery of our salvation. Anticipating this mystery, there is the banquet which the Lord celebrates with his disciples on Holy Thursday, offering himself under the signs of bread and wine. In the Eucharistic celebration, as I wrote in the Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*, "the Risen Lord becomes really, substantially and enduringly present. . . and the Bread of Life is offered as a pledge of future glory" (No. 39).

The banquet is a sign of joy, because in it we see the intense communion of all who take part. The Eucharist is therefore the realization of the banquet for all the peoples foretold by the

Prophet Isaiah (cf. Is 25:6), and we cannot fail to see in it an eschatological meaning. Through faith, we know that the Paschal Mystery has already been accomplished in Christ; but it has still to be accomplished fully in each of us. In his Death and Resurrection, the Son of God has bestowed upon us the gift of eternal life, which begins in the Paschal Mystery but will have its definitive fulfillment in the eternal Easter of heaven. Many of our brothers and sisters can bear their situation of misery, discomfort and sickness only because they are certain that one day they will be called to the eternal banquet of heaven. Lent therefore directs our gaze beyond the present time, beyond history, beyond the horizon of this world, towards perfect and eternal communion

with the Most Holy Trinity.

The blessing which we receive in Christ breaks down for us the wall of time and opens to us the door which leads us to a full share in the life of God. "Blessed are those invited to the wedding-banquet of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9): we cannot forget that in this banquet – anticipated in the Sacrament of the Eucharist – our life finds its final goal. Christ has gained for us not only new dignity in our life on earth, but above all the new dignity of the children of God, called to share eternal life with him. Lent invites us to overcome the temptation of seeing the realities of this world as definitive and to recognize that "our homeland is in heaven" (Phil 3:20).

Pope John Paul II