



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 April 8—April 14
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

4:00 p.m. Anna Fox Hasenkamps; Marlene Morris; Eileen Swords

5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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

9:30 a.m. Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Anthony Chimento; William Gandolini; Mary Gaudet; Cary Hallum; Cindy Hemelt; Frank Hemelt; Albert Joseph Krail, Jr.; Glen Lewis; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Eileen Swords

11:00 a.m. Blake Cormier; Kathleen O'Brien; Mary Morisette; Charles J. Zuppardo

5:30 p.m. Adrian O'Brien

MONDAY, APRIL 10

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Christopher Brown; August Joseph Ralph

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

11:30 a.m. Blake Kaplan

12:00 p.m. Mary Guzzardi Commarata

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen Fayard; Joseph Maselli III

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 p.m. Eileen Swords

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Holy Week schedule

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

Palm Sunday

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.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

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

RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

The presence of Christians in the Holy Land is more necessary than ever for the peaceful future of the area, as it is also for the good of the whole universal Church, which ought to find in the Holy Places living communities that profess the Gospel faith. Thus it is a duty of all Catholics throughout the world to accompany the Christian communities of that blessed Land with prayer and concrete solidarity.

From the Holy See's letter to bishops

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 2, 2005

First Collection \$ 5,229

Second Collection* \$ 1,923

*Restoration and Maintenance

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION—11:00 A.M. SOLEMN MASS

Parishioners attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass should meet in the church parking area to form the procession for the Solemn Mass.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the Easter Flower Memorials, flowers to be placed on the High Altar for Easter, are now available in the vestibule. Please complete the form and return it to the rectory office, or place it in the collection basket, before the final date: Monday, April 10, 2006. The memorial names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin and the program for the Solemn High Mass of Easter.

HOLY THURSDAY/EASTER ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS

Donations for these special floral arrangements can be made by contacting the rectory office: 525-4413.

SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The group will pray a rosary in front of Louisiana's largest abortion clinic, on the corner of Ridgelake Drive and 20th St. in Metairie, **Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 9:00a.m.** Prayers will be offered for the babies who are scheduled to be killed, their mothers, and the conversion of our country. Father Stan Klores will lead us in prayer. Everyone is invited!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard before all Masses

Vigil, Saturday, April 8, 2006

4:00 p.m. Mass, preceded by blessing of palms

5:30 p.m. Mass

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Tridentine Latin Mass

11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass, preceded by blessing of palms and procession

5:30 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2006

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose.

Watch at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

Good Friday, April 14, 2006

Special Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross at all Good Friday services.

7:30 a.m. Church opens for visitation

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Sacred Concert by St. Patrick's Choir:

The Seven Last Words of Christ by T. Dubois

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2006

4:00 p.m. No Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. No Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. *Vidi Aquam*, Procession and Solemn High Mass (Tridentine Latin). The choir will perform Schubert's *Mass in G (D 167)* accompanied by organ and orchestra.

11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass (English)

5:30 p.m. Mass

PALM SUNDAY

CARRY CROSS IN TRIUMPH, THE PROOF THAT GOD IS LOVE



Pueri Hebraeorum, portantes ramos olivarum.... The Jewish children went to meet the Lord waving olive branches.

This is the antiphon that we sing in the solemn procession as we carry our branches of olive and palm on this Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday. We have relived what took place on that day: in the midst of the crowd rejoicing around Jesus who entered Jerusalem riding a donkey there were crowds of children. Some Pharisees would have wanted Jesus to have them keep quiet, but he answered that if they would have been silent, even the stones would have cried out (cf. Lk 19,39-40).

The Cross is the sign of the Redeemer's total self gift for us.

The Cross is the focus of the liturgy today... Those who believe in Jesus, crucified and risen, carry the Cross in triumph as an indisputable proof that God is love. With the total gift of himself on the Cross, our Saviour decisively conquered sin and death. Therefore we joyfully proclaim: "Glory and praise to you, O Christ who has redeemed the world with your Cross".

Christ is present among us in his Easter Mystery.

Christ became obedient for us even to death, death on the Cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above every other name (Gospel acclamation).

...Faith in Christ can never be taken for granted. The reading of his Passion sets us before Christ, living in his Church. The Easter Mystery that we will relive during the days of Holy Week is always present. Today we are contemporaries of the Lord and, like the multitude in Jerusalem, like the disciples and the women, we are called to decide if we are to be with him, or flee, or just be spectators at his death.

Every year in Holy Week the curtain rises once again on the great scene in which the definitive drama is decided, not only for one generation, but for all humanity and for each one.

Christ is faithful to the truth.

The Passion narrative points out the *fidelity of Christ*, contrasted with *human infidelity*. In the hour of his trial, while the disciples and even Peter abandon Jesus (cf. Mt 26,56), He remains faithful, willing to pour out his blood to bring to fulfillment the mission the Father has entrusted to him. Beside him is Mary, silent and suffering.

... Learn from Jesus and from his and our Mother. The real strength of a man lies in the fidelity of his witness to the truth and in his resisting flattery, threats, misunderstandings, blackmail, even harsh and relentless persecution. This is the path on which our Redeemer calls us to follow him. Only if you are ready to do this, will you become what Jesus expects of you, that is, "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Mt 5,13-14)... The image of salt "reminds us that, through Baptism, our whole being has been profoundly changed, because it has been 'seasoned' with the new life which comes from Christ (cf. Rom 6,4)." ... do not lose your flavour as Christians, the flavour of the Gospel! Keep it alive by meditating constantly on the Easter Mystery: may the Cross be your school of wisdom. Boast of nothing else save this sublime throne of truth and love.

Be faithful in following Christ.

The liturgy invites us to climb towards Jerusalem with Jesus, hailed by the young Jews. In a little while he "will have to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" (Lk 24,46). St Paul has reminded us that Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" (Phil 2,7) to obtain for us the grace of divine sonship. From him springs the true spring of peace and joy for each one of us! Here is the secret of the Easter joy that is born from the hardship of the Passion.

I hope that each one of you will share in this joy... The One you have chosen as Teacher is not a merchant of deceptions, not a powerful one of this world, not a ready and skilled debater. You know who it is you have chosen to follow: the Crucified is risen! The Crucified is risen! Christ died for you, Christ rose for you.

The Church assures you that you will not be disillusioned. Indeed, no one else other than he can give you that love, peace, and eternal life for which your heart so deeply yearns. Blessed are you... if you will be

faithful disciples of Christ! Blessed are you who are ready to witness on every occasion that this man is truly the Son of God (cf. Mt 27,39).

May Mary, Mother of the incarnate Word guide and go with you, ready to intercede for everyone who comes into the world.

Pope John Paul II († 2005)

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

To stay informed about parish activities, please take a Sunday Bulletin with you as you leave church. You can also access our web site at: www.oldstpatricks.org to read/print the bulletin.

ST. PATRICK'S MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of St. Patrick's Church new members, along with members of St. John the Baptist Church, are asked to submit an Archdiocese of New Orleans registration card (white) to the rectory office. The cards can be obtained by calling: 525-4413. St. John the Baptist members please make a notation of your status on the card.

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.

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 Brassett; 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; Peter Robbins; Eileen Swords; Irene Taormina; Frank Vonhoven