



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
April 29—May 5  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

4:00 p.m. Anna Fox Hasenkampf; Marlene Morris  
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

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

9:30 a.m. Nancy Albert; Jane O'Brien Chatelain;  
Timothy Dauterive; William Gandolini;  
Mary Gaudet; Maselli Family; Merritt  
McMullen; Ruth Elise Medish; Miriam  
Ogden; John H. Schroder, Jr.;  
Allison Southall

11:00 a.m. Mona Centola; Russell Cuoco; Ruth Elise  
Medish; Charles J. Zuppardo

5:30 p.m. Ruth Elise Medish

**MONDAY, MAY 1**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Donald Aeschliman; Amber Blanchard;  
Peter Ignatius Leson; Jim Lucich;  
Doug Smith

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**

11:30 a.m. Easter Aeschliman Mackin;

Professor Vadim Medish

12:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard; Doug Smith

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard; Doug Clapp; Stephen  
Fayard; Easter Aeschliman Mackin; Doug  
Smith; Charles J. Zuppardo

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

11:30 a.m. Barry Breaux; Easter Aeschliman Mackin;  
Sanctification of Priests

12:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard;  
Camarata & Guzzardi Families

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard; Stephanie Maria  
Grisaro; The Maringo & Medish Families

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

*Good Shepherd 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2006**

7:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass

8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 p.m. Benediction

**FIRST SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006****MORNING OF PRAYER—9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.**

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING—April 23, 2005**

First Collection \$ 5,817

Second Collection\* \$ 2,515

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**ST. LOUIS KING OF FRANCE AWARD**

Congratulations to Mr. Robert Ramirez of St. Patrick's and Mr. G. Leighton Ciravolo of St. John the Baptist, this year's recipients of the St. Louis King of France Award. They will receive the award from Archbishop Alfred Hughes, Sunday, May 7, 2006 at St. Louis Cathedral.

**FIRST COMMUNION—SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006**

First Communions will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Those who have children making their First Communion, please contact the rectory office to arrange for first confession.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—MAY 7, 2006**

The annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on May 7, 2006 (Fourth Sunday of Easter). All the people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in prayer, both for an increase in vocations and for those men and women who have committed themselves to a religious vocation.

**UPDATING PARISH RECORDS**

Please contact the rectory office (525-4413) if you have had a change in **address and/or telephone number**. The staff is in the process of updating the parish records and would like to include all recent changes.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

"Support the Mission Church Here in America" is the theme for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) which is scheduled nationally this weekend. The Church is quite fragile in many parts of the United States where Catholics are a small minority. Please be generous during this important appeal and help strengthen our Church at home.

**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. Please indicate on the card if you are a member of St. John the Baptist.

**NEW ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR FOR SALE**

If interested in purchasing a brand new electric wheelchair, please call the rectory office (525-4413).

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

**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; Patricia Berrigan; Michael Brasset; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynych; 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; Henry Houin; Celeste Judell; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Albert Leonhard; Betty Leonard; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Colin McInnis; Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; James Martello, Sr.; Joseph Martello, Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Reverend Tim Pieris; Robert Plaskas; Peter Robbins; Eileen Swords; Irene Taormina; Frank Vonhoven

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### GOD MANIFESTS HIS LOVE FOR US

#### Christians, be serious in taking action!

"The time is sure to come when people will not accept sound teaching, but their ears will be itching for anything new and they will collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and then they will shut their ears to the truth and will turn to myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

This word of Scripture -- and in a special way the reference to the itching for anything new -- is being realized in a new and impressive way in our days. While we celebrate here the memory of the passion and death of the Savior, millions of people are seduced by the clever rewriting of ancient legends to believe that Jesus of Nazareth was never crucified. In the United States a best-seller at present is an edition of The Gospel of Thomas, presented as the Gospel that "saves us the crucifixion, makes the resurrection unnecessary, and does not present us with a God named Jesus."

Some years ago, Raymond Brown, the greatest biblical scholar of the Passion, wrote: "It is an embarrassing insight into human nature that the more fantastic the scenario, the more sensational is the promotion it receives and the more intense the faddish interest it attracts. People who would never bother reading a responsible analysis of the traditions about how Jesus was crucified, died, was buried, and rose from the dead are fascinated by the report of some 'new insight' to the effect that he was not crucified or did not die, especially if the subsequent career involved running off with Mary Magdalene to India ... These theories demonstrate that in relation to the passion of Jesus, despite the popular maxim, fiction is stranger than fact, and often, intentionally or not, more profitable."

There is much talk about Judas' betrayal, without realizing that it is being repeated. Christ is being sold again, no longer to the leaders of the Sanhedrin for thirty denarii, but to editors and booksellers for billions of denarii. No one will succeed in halting this speculative wave, which instead will flare up with the imminent release of a certain film, but being concerned for years with the history of Ancient Christianity, I feel the duty to call

attention to a huge misunderstanding which is at the bottom of all this pseudo-historical literature.

The apocryphal gospels on which they lean are texts that have always been known, in whole or in part, but with which not even the most critical and hostile historians of Christianity ever thought, before today, that history could be made. It would be as if within two centuries an attempt were made to reconstruct a present-day history based on novels written in our age.

The huge misunderstanding is the fact that they use these writings to make them say exactly the opposite of what they intended. They are part of the gnostic literature of the 2nd and 3rd centuries. The gnostic vision -- a mixture of Platonic dualism and Eastern doctrines, cloaked in biblical ideas -- holds that the material world is an illusion, the work of the God of the Old Testament, who is an evil god, or at least inferior; Christ did not die on the cross, because he never assumed, except in appearance, a human body, the latter being unworthy of God (Docetism).

If, according to The Gospel of Judas, of which there has been much talk in recent days, Jesus himself orders the apostle to betray him, it is because, by dying, the divine spirit which was in him would finally be able to liberate itself from involvement of the flesh and re-ascend to heaven. Marriage oriented to births is to be avoided; woman will be saved only if the "feminine principle" (theus) personified by her, is transformed into the masculine principle, that is, if she ceases to be woman.

The funny thing is that today there are those who believe they see in these writings the exaltation of the feminine principle, of sexuality, of the full and uninhibited enjoyment of this material world, contrary to the official Church which would always have frustrated all this! The same mistake is noted in regard to the doctrine of reincarnation. Present in the Eastern religions as a punishment due to previous faults and as something to which one longs to put an end with all one's might, it is accepted in the West as a wonderful possibility to live and enjoy this world indefinitely.

These are issues that would not merit

being addressed in this place and on this day, but we cannot allow the silence of believers to be mistaken for embarrassment and that the good faith (or foolishness?) of millions of people be crassly manipulated by the media, without raising a cry of protest, not only in the name of the faith, but also of common sense and healthy reason. It is the moment, I believe, to hear again the admonishment of Dante Alighieri:

Christians, be serious in taking action:  
Do not be like a feather to every wind,  
Nor think that every water cleanses you.

You have the New and the Old Testament

And the Shepherd of the Church to guide you;

Let this be all you need for your salvation ...

Be men, do not be senseless sheep.

*Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa,  
preacher to the Pontifical Household.*

*Taken from a translation of the Good Friday sermon preached in St. Peter's Basilica, before Benedict XVI and the Roman Curia.*

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...This is nothing new. Since Jesus Christ Our Lord founded the holy Church, this mother of ours has suffered constant persecutions. In times past the attacks were delivered openly. But today, as yesterday, the Church continues to be buffeted from many sides...

When we hear heretical voices about us..., when we see that the sanctity of marriage and the priesthood are attacked without fear of rebuke. We see people deny the Immaculate Conception and the perpetual Virginity of our Mother holy Mary, along with all the other privileges and gifts with which God adorned her. We see the perpetual miracle of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the primacy of Peter and even the Resurrection of Our Lord put in doubt. How can anyone not feel tempted to sadness? But have confidence, for the Holy Church is incorruptible.

*St. Josemaria Escrivá († 1975)  
Founder of Opus Dei*