



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
May 6—May 12  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

4:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard; Anna Fox Hasenkampf;  
Marlene Morris

5:30 p.m. Rita Virgadamo; Geraldine Vocke

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

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

9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Roberta W.Brulley;  
Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Kale Alexander  
Crosby; Tim Dauterive; Bryan Foley;  
William Gandolini; Mary Gaudet; Joseph &  
Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria Grisaro;  
Wilbur & Mary M. Hollier; Merritt  
McMullen; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. &  
Rose C. Messina; Simon A. Messina; Frank  
Pistocchi; John H. Schroder, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Amber Blanchard; Russell Cuoco;  
Eileen Kinabrew; Mary Morissette

5:30 p.m. Pope John Paul II

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Amber Blanchard

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

11:30 a.m. Sanctification of Priests

12:00 p.m. John Peter Alfortish; Amber Blanchard

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Doug Clapp; Stephen Fayard

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

11:30 a.m. Lillian Lavenia Leson

12:00 p.m. Mary Guzzardi Commarata

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Gayle Alfortish; Cleve Terrebonne;

Joseph Maselli III

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

*Third Sunday after Easter*

**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.

**THIRD SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006—ST. JOHN THE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Cenacle of Our Loving Mother, a prayer group of the  
Marian Movement of Priests*

9:00am—11:00am

Eucharistic adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, rosary,  
confession, and Holy Mass. All are invited.

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING—April 30, 2005**

First Collection \$ 5,365

Second Collection\* \$ 2,636

\* Catholic Home Missions Appeal

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Christina Plunkett and Peter Viguerie will be receiving their First  
Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. We rejoice  
with Christina and Peter on their very special day!

**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 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.

**MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mother's Day, May 14, 2006 at the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses.  
Everyone is invited to bring flowers from their garden to place near  
the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PRO-LIFE YOUTH FEST—CELEBRATE LIFE!!**

*Be a Part of Saving Lives—Take a Stand, Not a Life*

Saturday, May 20, 2006—11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Laketown—Kenner, LA

New Orleans Friends for Life ([www.choosethechild.org](http://www.choosethechild.org)) will be  
holding their First Annual Pro-Life Youth Fest with a day of  
festivities including Pro-Life speakers, live music, tables of  
information, face painting, food, etc. The group is honored to have  
Archbishop Alfred Hughes as one of the speakers.

For more information:

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**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.

**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.

**STAY INFORMED...**

Log on to St. Patrick's website: [www.oldstpatricks.org](http://www.oldstpatricks.org)

**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; Irene  
Taormina; Frank Vonhoven

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### BOYCOTT DA VINCI FILM

The secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has called for a boycott of the film version of *The Da Vinci Code*, saying that the work is "full of calumnies, offenses, and historical and theological errors."

"I hope you will all boycott it," said Archbishop Angelo Amato at an April 28 seminar on the Church in the media. The seminar was held at the Roman University of the Holy Cross, which is run by Opus Dei, an apostolate that is given an extremely sinister portrayal in *The Da Vinci Code*.

Archbishop Amato argued that the gross misrepresentation of Catholic beliefs and institutions in *The Da Vinci Code* would not be tolerated by other religious faiths. He said that Christians should be more vigorous in responding to "hatred and gratuitous defamation." The success of the novel by American author Dan Brown, he said, is due in large part to the "extreme cultural poverty" of many Christians, who are not prepared to recognize

and reject anti-Christian propaganda.

With the film version of Brown's book due to appear in theaters around the world on May 19, Archbishop Amato suggested that a boycott could be effective. He said that in 1988, a boycott was successful in cutting revenues of *The Last Temptation of Christ*, the film by Martin Scorsese, which the archbishop described as "extremely annoying" and "historically false" in its representation of the Passion.

In today's world, the Salesian prelate said, the task of preaching the Gospel is inhibited not only by outright persecution in some countries, but also by the hostility of "a nihilist, relativist, biotechnological culture." He denounced the manipulation of public opinion by the mass media, which engage in "manipulations of people, of events, and of history."

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### THE DUTY TO LOVE

There is another teaching that comes to us from the love of God manifested on the cross of Christ. God's love for man is faithful and eternal: "I have loved you with an everlasting love," says God to man in the prophets (Jeremiah 31:3); and again, "I will not be false to my faithfulness" (Psalm 89:34). God has bound himself to love forever; he has deprived himself of the freedom to turn back. This is the profound meaning of the Covenant that in Christ became "new and eternal."

Questioned ever more frequently in our society is what relationship there might exist between the love of two young people and the law of marriage; what need love has, which is impulsive and spontaneous, to be "bound." Ever more numerous therefore are those who refuse the institution of marriage and choose so-called free love or simple, de facto, living together.

Only if one discovers the profound and vital relationship that exists between law and love, decision and institution, can one respond correctly to those questions and give young people a convincing reason to be "bound" to love forever and not to be afraid to make love a "duty."

"Only when the duty to love exists, only then is love guaranteed for ever against any alteration; eternally liberated in blessed independence; assured in eternal blessedness against any desperation." [S. Kierkegaard]. The meaning of these words is that the person who loves, the more intensely he loves, the more he perceives with anguish the danger his love runs. A danger that does not come from others, but from himself.

He knows well in fact that he is inconstant and that tomorrow, alas, he might get tired and no longer love or change the object of his love. And, now that he is in the light of love, he sees clearly what an irreparable loss this would entail, so he protects himself by "binding" himself to love with the bond of duty, thus anchoring in eternity his act of love in time.

Ulysses wanted to return to see his homeland and wife again, but he had to pass through the place of the Sirens that lured mariners with their singing and lead them to crash against the rocks. What did he do? He had himself tied to the vessel's mast, after having plugged the ears of companions with wax. Arriving at the spot, charmed, he cried out to be loosed to reach the Sirens, but his companions could not hear him and so he

was able to see his homeland and embrace his wife and son again.[Odyssey] It is a myth, but it helps to understand the reason for "indissoluble" marriage and, on a different plane, for religious vows...

Appearing one day in Holy Week to Blessed Angela of Foligno, Christ said a word to her that has become famous: "I have not loved you for fun!" Christ, indeed, has not loved us for fun. There is a gamesome and playful dimension in love, but it itself is not a game; it is the most serious thing and most charged with consequences that exists in the world; human life depends on it. Aeschylus compares love to a lion cub that is raised at home, "docile and tender at first even more than a child," with which one can even play but then growing up, is capable of slaughter and of staining the house with blood.

These considerations are not enough to change the present culture that exalts the freedom to change and the spontaneity of the moment, the practice of "use and discard" applied even to love. (Life, unfortunately, will do so when at the end we find ourselves with ashes in hand and the sadness of not having built anything lasting with love). But that they at least serve to confirm the goodness and beauty of the choice of those who have decided to live love between man and woman according to God's plan and to attract many young people to make the same choice...

Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa,  
preacher to the Pontifical Household

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### DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:17). The Christian message stands or falls by this truth. Both the empty tomb and the witness of those first disciples who saw, ate and conversed with the Risen Christ highlight this. This is not only the core of my faith but it is also the faith of the Church, namely, of those countless millions who since that first Easter Sunday have believed and proclaimed that Jesus is Risen. Therefore, his life and what he promised bring meaning and hope for everyone. ..

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor  
Archbishop of Westminster