



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 13—May 19

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:00 p.m. In Honor of St. Michael, The Angelic Host;
Sue Comeaux; Marlene Morris;
Violet Pizani

5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Laura Louise Loetzerich
SUNDAY, MAY 14

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

9:30 a.m. Amy M. Barston; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane
O'Brien Chatelain; Anthony Chimento;
William Gandolini; Mary Gaudet; Cynthia
Hemelt; Merritt McMullen; Lora H.
Robbina; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Joed
Loustaunau Stutts

11:00 a.m. Stella A. Bergeron; Camden Boatright;
Russell Cuoco; Cynthia Hemelt; Theresa H.
Johnson; Janice Marie LeBruyere; Beverly
Orillion; Mary Reed Perkins; Mary Peters;
Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Rose Marie
Stoddard Simmens; Thais Whitmeyer

5:30 p.m. Pope John Paul II
MONDAY, MAY 15

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Steve Enright

TUESDAY, MAY 16

11:30 a.m. Sanctification of Priests

12:00 p.m. Monsignor Terry Tekippe

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18

11:30 a.m. Pope John Paul II

12:00 p.m. Monsignor John P. Reynolds

FRIDAY, MAY 19

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. United States Military

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

Fourth 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—May 7, 2006

First Collection \$ 7,952

Second Collection* \$ 2,154

* Restoration and Maintenance

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYERS AND WISHES

Father Stan Klores, and all the assisting priests, extends prayers and
best wishes to all of the mothers and grandmothers on this, your
special day. All Masses will be offered for your intentions this
weekend, and may Mary, the Blessed Mother of us all, protect and
intercede for all of our mothers, living and departed.

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.

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, May 17, 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 Van Constant will lead us in
prayer. Everyone is invited!

THE DA VINCI HOAX—EWTN

Father Mitch Pacwa interviews the authors of 'The Da Vinci Hoax',
Carl Olson and Sandra Miesel, about the errors contained within
Dan Brown's best-selling novel.

Wednesday, May 17 at 9:00 p.m.; Friday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Check local listings for changes.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR—PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

St. Patrick's Choir, with soloists, chamber orchestra and organ, will
perform Mozart's *Mass in D-minor (KV65)*, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on
Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2006.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006—A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

As we begin the 2006 hurricane season the Bishops of the Province
of Louisiana have declared Friday, June 2, 2006 as a Day of prayer
and fasting so that Catholics all across the state will be in solidarity
in beseeching God for protection of life and property during the
coming hurricane season. Archbishop Alfred Hughes recommends
following the prescribed penance for Ash Wednesday and Good
Friday, to be modified or adapted as needed. The archbishop also
asks that the following prayer, or a comparable prayer be recited at
all weekend celebrations of the Eucharist from June 1-Nov. 30, 2006.

**Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may
we be delivered from the suffering inflicted by Hurricanes
Katrina and Rita and spared from further loss of life and
property in this hurricane season. Amen.**

**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; Michael
Lagarde; 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WOMAN'S GENIUS: TO PROTECT, LOVE AND NOURISH

Christian understanding of men's, women's roles based on complementary gifts

Genesis tells us that, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Gen 1:27).

That one simple truth about the equality of men and women flows through 4,000 years of faith. Sometimes we've forgotten it. Many times we haven't lived it well. But it underpins all of Catholic culture so strongly that even Christianity's greatest enemies have seen it.

In 1665, right at the peak of Muslim conquest in Europe, a Turkish writer and diplomat — Evliya Celebi — visited Vienna. In his report home he wrote:

"In this country I saw a most extraordinary spectacle. Whenever the emperor meets a woman in the street, if he is riding, he brings his horse to a standstill and lets her pass. If the emperor is on foot and meets a woman, he stands in a posture of politeness. The woman greets the emperor, who then takes his hat off his head to show respect for the woman. After the woman has passed, the emperor continues on his way. In this country and in general in the land of the (Christians), women have the main say. They are honored and respected out of love for Mother Mary."

Bernard Lewis, the great Middle East scholar, once said that the status of women is the single biggest difference between Christian and Muslim civilization. He noted that early "Muslim visitors to Europe (spoke) with astonishment, often with horror . . . of the incredible freedom (and) deference" shown to Western women.

Of course, this little history lesson doesn't do a lot for women experiencing bias or mistreatment here and now. But it does show us two things.

First, no movement, ideology, political party or institution anywhere, in any country, can match the Christian faith in promoting the dignity of women. And second, women should always turn to the Church as their mother and defender, because in her arms, in her strength, they can begin to re-humanize the world.

People who criticize the Church for not ordaining women to the priesthood ignore her record of promoting the dignity of women. They also misunderstand the nature of the Church

herself, the sacramental nature of the priesthood and the Christian understanding of equality based on different but complementary gifts from God.

God made men and women equal but different for a reason — to love each other, to help and complete and depend on each other in the family and in the world. Women express their genius through mercy, patience, endurance and forgiveness — a hunger to embrace and protect what Edith Stein described as the "living, personal and whole." But they also have a realism that comes from the labor of bearing new life. I think women, better than men, know what's true and important about the world.

Sigrid Undset, the great Norwegian Catholic writer and Nobel laureate, once said that, "Facts may be true, but they are not truths — just as wooden crates or fence posts or doors or furniture are not 'wood' in the same way a forest is, since it consists of the living and growing material from which these things are made." Men usually understand the facts of their daily life. But I think women more easily see the truth of the people and the relationships hidden behind the facts.

The genius of every woman is to love; to protect and nourish the lives entrusted to her; and to support the full development of life in others. It's the same whether you're a mother, or a consecrated religious, or a woman who lives the single vocation. It was true for Dorothy Day in all of her political organizing. Day often described her radicalism as "works of mercy." And in converting to the Catholic faith she said, "I loved, (and) like all women in love, I wanted to be united to my love." The genius for love is written on the heart of every woman, and it's the same whether you're a teacher or lawyer, a scientist or secretary.

St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great doctors of the Church and the intellectual equal of any man of her day, reminded herself and her Carmelite sisters every morning to, "Accustom yourself continually to many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

Teresa knew what was true and important. Women who love well become real women. And in becoming real women, they lead men into being true men.

*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Denver*

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

The Gospels tell of a group of women companions who accompanied Jesus and the apostles. They portray the women as remaining more steadfast during the Passion than the apostles themselves. In all four gospels, women are the first to receive the announcement of the Resurrection. Clearly the memory of these women was revered by the early Church community.

St. Paul's letters and the Acts of the Apostles record the support given by women to the spread of the Gospel. The women whose names appear in the Roman Canon testify to the reverence given to female as well as male martyrs.

As new ways emerged for Christians to answer the call to discipleship, women as well as men founded great religious communities—St. Scholastica along with St. Benedict in the sixth century, St. Clare with St. Francis of Assisi in the thirteenth century, and St. Jane Frances de Chantal with St. Francis de Sales in the seventeenth century.

Women renowned for their piety exercised powerful influence in their eras: St. Catherine of Alexandria in the third to fourth centuries, St. Catherine of Siena in the fourteenth century, and St. Teresa of Avila in the sixteenth century.

Three Americans saints are women who profoundly influenced the Church in this country: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who served the needs of immigrants and the underprivileged; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who is considered the founder of the Catholic school system; and St. Katherine Drexel, who left a life of luxury to work with African and Native Americans.

Above all, the Church has always had a special devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus, the handmaid of the Lord, and the perfect disciple.

All of these examples testify to the truth that in discipleship of Christ the lives of both women and men enrich the Church by their holiness.

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