



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
August 5 - August 11  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

- 4:00 p.m. Carmelite Cogan; Peter Eugene Leson;  
Thomas Davis Madere; Marlene Morris;  
Heinke E. Trapp; Heinke Schmidt Trapp
- 5:30 p.m. Cardinal Francis George; Susie Cooper  
Birmingham; Pip & Barbara Brennan; Karl  
Moore; Brianna Murphy; Toni Ragas

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church  
(Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Jane O'Brien  
Chatelain; Tim Dauterive; Ellie Dorsey;  
Bryan Foley; Catherine Gegenheimer;  
Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria  
Grisaro; Wilbur & Mary M. Hollier; Sister  
Therese Marie Iglesias; Laura M. Messina;  
Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon A.  
Messina; Vivian G. Miguel; Ann O'Brien;  
Edward F. O'Keefe, Jr.; Frank Pistocchi;  
Veryl A. Renard; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Dr.  
Otis Lee Tugwell
- 11:00 a.m. Becky Cass; Carl W. Cleveland; Faye  
Gesser; Mother Dorothy Gilbault; Joseph &  
Rose McMahon; Brianna Murphy; Father  
Tim Pieris; Catherine C. Schiro

5:30 p.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan; Thomas Davis  
Madere; Dawn Marino; Brianna Murphy

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

- 11:30 a.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan; Father Richard  
Gancayco; Cardinal Francis George
- 12:00 p.m. Karl Moore; Brianna Murphy; Paul J.  
Schenider; Stephen Young

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan; Elinor Dorsey;  
Paula & Tom Keltner; Brianna Murphy

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

- 11:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving: St. Joseph, St. Jude & St.  
Anthony; Cardinal Francis George
- 12:00 p.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan; Brianna Murphy;  
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Pip & Barbara Brennan; Mary Guzzardi  
Cammarata; Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux;  
Bishop Sam Jacobs; Brianna Murphy

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

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

**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.

**SUNDAY OFFERING—July 30, 2006**

First Collection \$ 8,772

Second Collection\* \$ 2,211

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**SUNDAY MORNING CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are now being heard before the 9:30am and 11:00am  
Sunday Masses. The confession schedule resumes as before with  
confessions being heard before all Masses.

**ST. PATRICK'S VOCAL SEXTET—MISSA DE ANGELIS**

On Sunday, August 6, 2006, at the 9:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass, **St. Patrick's Vocal Sextet** will sing *Missa de Angelis* (sur le Kyrie de la Messe des Anges) composed by Rene Quignard (1887-1978), Maitre de Chapelle a Notre Dame de Versailles.

Anyone wishing to become a member of St. Patrick's Choir, please contact the church office: (504) 525-4413 ex 0, or Choir Director, Joseph F. Hoppe: (504) 391-2918.

**SAINT PATRICK'S EVENING OF CELEBRATION**

... And Special Presentations Honoring Parishioners

Friday, August 18, 2006

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

New Orleans Country Club

Music and Songs by Joe Hoppe and René Toups

Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

Please make your reservation before August 11, 2006

If you have not received an invitation or would like more information please call the rectory office: 525-4413.

**ST. PATRICK'S STAINED GLASS SKYLIGHT**

Work is being done by the Conrad Schmitt Studios of New Berlin, Wisconsin, to restore the stained glass skylight over the main altar. The stained glass panels were carefully removed, crated and transported to CSS where they will undergo an extensive restoration. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year and St. Patrick's newly restored stained glass skylight should be in place for the start of 2007.

To read more about the beautiful stained glass windows and the history of St. Patrick's Church, an informative booklet written by the late Samuel Wilson, Jr., F.A.I.A., a recognized authority on the architectural history of Louisiana, is available in the rectory office for \$10.00.

**STAY INFORMED...**

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

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

The Claddaugh Group invites all for coffee and doughnuts in Reynolds Hall, behind the rectory, 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; J. Frank Armstrong; Patricia Berrigan; Michael Brasset; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynych; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; The Dunlap Family; Joseph Ebberman; Beverly Estes; Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.; Donald Faust, Jr.; Anette Folse; Joseph French; Darlene Fritz; John G. Fulcher; Archbishop Philip M. Hannan; Frank Hemelt; Marie Herty; Celeste Judell; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Albert Leonhard; Betty Leonard; Dorothy Luquet; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Colin McInnis; Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; James Martello, Sr.; Joseph Martello, Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Madeleine Nicoladis; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Peter Robbins; Irene Taormina; Ashley Turkington; Frank Vonhoven

# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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## TOP WORSHIP OFFICIAL SAYS CURRENT LITURGY DOES NOT CONFORM TO SPIRIT OF VATICAN II

The newly appointed Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship said recently that some liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council have not been true to the council's decrees. Archbishop Albert Malcolm Ranjith Patabendige Don accused a human-centered "spirit of total liberty...without roots or depth", of too often usurping the divine mystery—which should be at the heart of the liturgy—in the post-conciliar liturgical reforms.

"The Vatican II decree *Sacrosanctum Concilium*... was about making the liturgy the entry point to the faith, and liturgical changes were expected to emerge organically, by taking account of tradition, and not precipitately," said Archbishop Patabendige Don. But there had been drifts away from this spirit. "The direction of liturgical prayer in the post-conciliar reform has not always reflected the texts of Vatican II, and in this sense, we can speak of a necessary correction, or a reform of the reform. We must regain the liturgy in the spirit of the Council," he added.

Today, the problems concerning the liturgy turned upon language (vernacular or Latin), and the position of the priest (facing the congregation of God), said the Archbishop in an interview with *La Croix*, a French Catholic daily newspaper, on 25 June. "Nowhere, in the conciliar decree, is it laid down that the priest must henceforth face the congregation, nor that the use of Latin is forbidden. If the use of modern languages is accepted, notably for the Liturgy of the Word, the decree clearly specifies that the use of Latin will be maintained in the Latin rite. On these subjects, we await the Pope's instructions," he added.

The archbishop noted how much young priests in Rome like celebrating the Tridentine rite. "I must make clear that this rite, that of the Missal of St. Pius V, is not 'outlawed'. Should we encourage it more? The Pope will decide. But it is certain that a new generation is demanding a greater emphasis upon mystery. "In another interview with the I Media news agency on 23 June, Archbishop Patabendige Don said that due to the Lefebvrist schism, the Tridentine rite "has taken a certain identity that is not right". He emphasized the need for a liturgy that was "more beautiful, more transcendent" but cautioned that it was imprudent to press for quick decisions.

In a television interview broadcast in Poland last October the Pope invited Catholics to re-read Second Vatican Council documents and urged "all believers in Christ" to "keep alive the spirit" of the council. He said documents written by his predecessor, John Paul II were "the authentic interpretation of Vatican II". In suggesting that the documents be read again, the Pope appeared to some to be suggesting that there is ample room for a less "liberal" interpretation of the teaching.

Meanwhile, the Pope used the occasion of a Sistine Chapel concert of sixteenth and seventeenth century sacred music last Sunday to call for the preservation of the Church's heritage of sacred music. He said genuine renewal in Catholic music "cannot be achieved except by following the great traditions of the past, of Gregorian chants and sacred polyphony". He added that this musical tradition is "a priceless spiritual, artistic, and cultural heritage".

*Salve!*

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## JAMES, THE GREATER

The biblical lists of the Twelve mention two people with this name: James, son of Zebedee, and James, son of Alphaeus, who are commonly distinguished with the nicknames "James the Greater" and "James the Lesser". These titles are certainly not intended to measure their holiness, but simply to state the different importance they receive in the writings of the New Testament and, in particular, in the setting of Jesus' earthly life...

The name "James" is the translation of *Iakobos*, the Graecised form of the name of the famous Patriarch, Jacob. The Apostle of this name was the brother of John and in the above-mentioned lists, comes second, immediately after Peter, as occurs in Mark (3:17)... This James belongs, together with Peter and John, to the group of the three privileged disciples whom Jesus admitted to important moments in his life. James was able to take part, together with Peter and John, in Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the event of Jesus' Transfiguration. Thus, it is a question of situations very different from each other: in one case James, together with the other two Apostles, experiences the Lord's glory and sees him talking to Moses and Elijah, he sees the divine splendour shining out in Jesus.

On the other occasion, he finds himself face to face with suffering and humiliation, he sees with his own eyes how the Son of God humbles himself, making himself obedient unto death. The latter experience was certainly an opportunity for him to grow in faith, to adjust the unilateral, triumphalist interpretation of the former experience: he had to discern that the Messiah, whom the Jewish people were awaiting as a victor, was in fact not only surrounded by honour and glory, but also by suffering and weakness. Christ's glory was fulfilled precisely

on the cross, in his sharing in our sufferings.

This growth in faith was brought to completion by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so that James, when the moment of supreme witness came, would not draw back. Early in the first century, in the 40's, King Herod Agrippa, the grandson of Herod the Great, as Luke tells us, "laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword" (Acts 12:1-2)...

Consequently, we can learn much from St. James: promptness in accepting the Lord's call even when he asks us to leave the "boat" of our human securities, enthusiasm in following him on the paths that he indicates to us over and above any deceptive presumption of our own, readiness to witness to him with courage, if necessary to the point of making the supreme sacrifice of life.

Thus James the Greater stands before us as an eloquent example of generous adherence to Christ. He, who initially had requested, through his mother, to be seated with his brother next to the Master in his Kingdom, was precisely the first to drink the chalice of the passion and to share martyrdom with the Apostles.

And, in the end, summarizing everything, we can say that the journey, not only exterior but above all interior, from the mount of the Transfiguration to the mount of the Agony, symbolizes the entire pilgrimage of Christian life, among the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God, as the Second Vatican Council says. In following Jesus, like St. James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.

*Benedict XVI*