



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 September 2 - September 8
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00 p.m. Carmelite Cogan; Stanley P. Fontenelle;
 Marlene Morris; Myrthe Webre

5:30 p.m. Toni Ragas

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Cammarata &
 Guzzardi Families; Jane O'Brien Chatelain;
 Tim Dauterive; Lester Desforges; Bryan
 Foley; Bruno & Ida Franceschina; Kelly
 Granier; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro;
 Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Dane Hitt; Jim &
 Penny Hitt; Jimmy Hitt; Wanda Hitt;
 Wilbur & Mary M. Hollier; Laura M.
 Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina;
 Simon A. Messina; Frank Pistocchi; Annie
 Rice; Father H. William Reed; John H.
 Schroder, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Thomas Carroll; C.C. Clifton; Carmelite
 Cogan; Joseph Dellucky; Faye Gesser;
 Joseph & Rose McMahon; Hugh Ramsey;
 Gloria Sloane

5:30 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:30 a.m. No Mass

12:00 p.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:30 a.m. Pope John Paul II

12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Matis; Karl Weilbacher

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Hugh Ramsey; Gloria Sloane

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:30 a.m. Stephen Luccioni

12:00 p.m. Catherine Babin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Dawn Marino; Father Timothy Pieris

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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, behind the rectory, after the
 Sunday morning Masses.

WHEN YOU SING, YOU PRAY TWICE!

St. Patrick's Choir currently has openings for new
 members., If interested contact music director, Joseph
 Hoppe: 391-2918.

SUNDAY OFFERING—August 27, 2006

First Collection \$ 7,226

Second Collection* \$ 1,956

* Restoration and Maintenance

LABOR DAY—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2006

The church and rectory office will be closed for the Labor Day
 holiday.

CLADDAUGH POTLUCK

Join us as we bid farewell to summer for our monthly potluck
 on Saturday, September 9. We will meet in the rectory following
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass. Please bring a covered dish to share, as
 beverages will be provided. The Claddaugh Group was formed to
 foster fellowship among the "younger" parishioners at St. Patrick's
 Church. Everyone is welcome.

**VERY SPECIAL MASS FOR ALL GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN;
 THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

Sunday, September 10, 2006 @ 2:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Church; 444 Metairie Road; Metairie, LA

For more information: Joy Zainey—834-5865

**ARCHDIOCESAN MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN
 SEPTEMBER 16, 2006**

Theme: *The Eucharist: Calm in the Storm*

St. Anthony of Padua Church; 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes will celebrate Eucharist and preach.

Speakers: Dr. Chris Baglow; Father Matthew Clark, O.S.B.

Confessions: English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The schedule includes prayer, talks, reconciliation and Eucharist.

ABORTION CLINIC ROSARY

Date: September 16, 2006

Time: 9 AM

Location: Corner of Ridgelake Drive and 20th Street in Metairie

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The St. Patrick's RCIA program resumes this fall with registration
 and a preliminary class **Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**
 in the church rectory. RCIA is a course of instruction required for
 adults (baptized or not) who wish to be received into the Catholic
 Church, as well as Catholic adults who have not yet received the
 sacrament of confirmation. For more information: 525-4413.

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.

**THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN
 CHARITY**—Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

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 Brasslet; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim
 Clynych; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond
 DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; The Dunlap Family; Joseph Ebberman;
 Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.; Donald Faust, Jr.; Anette Folse;
 Joseph French; 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; Hugh Ramsey; Ashley
 Turkington; Nell-Pape Waring; Jonathan Weiler; Father Anthony
 White

TWENTY –SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARCHBISHOP ALFRED HUGHES REFLECTS ON ANNIVERSARY OF KATRINA, SAYS GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BRING GOOD FROM SUFFERING

Amid commemorations and ceremonies surrounding the first anniversary of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in the American south, New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Hughes took a moment to reflect on the challenges and memories resulting from the storm and to discuss the good which can come from the tremendous suffering experienced by his people.

... Of the profound changes faced by the people of his archdiocese, including himself. "I never dreamed that God would be asking me at this time in my life to assume the responsibility of shepherding this good archdiocese in the face of such overwhelming destruction."

In addition to facing the destruction of a category 5 hurricane, the city of New Orleans was also forced to deal with a break in the levees which separated the city from Lake Pontchartrain. The resulting water covered over 80 percent of the city. Katrina and the resulting flooding are estimated to be responsible for \$81.2 billion in damages and took the lives of at least 1,836 people, making it the costliest and one of the deadliest natural disasters in U.S. history.

Forced to work from a command center in nearby Baton Rouge, Archbishop Hughes recalled the immediate support he received, which allowed him begin offering assistance to his flock within 48 hours of the storm.

"Communication was extremely difficult," the archbishop recalled, "but we mounted a humanitarian and pastoral response that made it possible to assist rescue workers, provide food to the needy (almost 40 million pounds in the first four months) and pastoral care to the people in the shelters."

"Catholic Charities mounted an extraordinary effort to provide survival assistance to those most in need (more than \$6 million to date). Perhaps the most remarkable story was the restoration of schools so quickly to help stabilize family life and to provide education to children across racial and religious lines," Hughes said.

Hughes said he thanks God for the many priests and staff members who worked as a team to provide the rapid

response. He also made note of the service several priests offered during and after the catastrophe, tending to the injured and those in need at the Superdome, where thousands sought shelter; the airport, where a giant medical station was set up; and in surround cities, to which many refugees fled.

"A crisis like this makes it clear how important it is to have good people in place to respond quickly and effectively."

"Many people have asked me why God could have allowed this to happen. Lord Jesus has revealed to us, God's ways are far more mysterious than ours. God is a loving God who, even when he allows suffering, wants to draw greater good. St. Paul has promised us that for those who love God all things will turn unto good. I have experienced God's grace. I have been strengthened by the extraordinary support of so many good people, both here in the archdiocese and in the country at large."

"I believe God is calling us to a new New Orleans wherein people of every race, ethnic and economic background are welcome and live together in harmony," the archbishop continued. "I believe that God is asking us to be a people of lively faith, earnest hope and self-sacrificial love."

Turning to the difficulties ahead, the archbishop mentioned a few areas of social concern. "As we continue to contribute to the rebuilding of our archdiocese and the metropolitan area in accordance with our own abilities, gifts and roles, I believe that God is already helping us to experiment with a new kind of public education that will be more effective for our children. I believe God is asking us to find a new way to offer health care to all, irrespective of income or social standing. I believe that God is inviting our public officials to be persons of integrity lead with conviction and truly serve the common good."

"This is a moment to remember in prayer those whom we have lost, to reclaim a vision for the future and both to pray and work for a renewal that will transform the Church and wider community," Hughes concluded. "God grant us this grace."

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WORSHIP AND LABOR

To worship God is in the first place to acknowledge the rights of the Creator over all that is. Worship in spirit and in truth implies that man offers to God what is dearest to him, not only the first-fruits of his labor, but his labor itself, his toil, in order to manifest to his own eyes, and before all human society, that he comes from God, and that he can only cooperate in God's act. In this way man's labor can become a great liturgy of worship and promise, to the glory of God as Creator.

And, as the work of man—this way in which man cooperates with the world to transform it—gives to man an intense awareness of time, of the passing nature of his work, as well as of his dependence on time, and of his relative power of control over it, he can organize it as seems good to him; to offer his work to God implies the offering of his time. And this offering of time places us in the presence of the mystery of God's eternity. We can, for God's sake, consume the little time we

have for living on earth, because God is eternal.

This mystery of God's eternity is one of the great attributes of God which we ought to consider more often in the present age, when we profess to find out the historical meaning of human follies and theories, and when we have such a clear awareness of the passing character of human affairs. Perhaps we are often in danger of assigning to these problems, which are undoubtedly very human and very important, a too absolute value, which gradually turns us away from the true absolute in the order of duration, that of eternity. For this reason it is very necessary for the believer often to return to the mystery of God's eternity, and, in the light of eternity, to gain a proper appreciation of human duration and its passing character.

Father M.D. Philippe, O.P.

Father Philippe is a Dominican priest and professor of philosophy and theology.