



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
September 9 - September 15
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 4:00 p.m. Brenda Lawson; Marlene Morris; Myrthe Webre
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Dudley Atkinson; Margueritte Carrere & Family; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Anthony Chimento; Debra Cuny; Amber Nunez; Nancy Ogle; John H. Schroder, Jr.
- 11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; C.C. Clifton; Faye Gesser; Joseph & Rose McMahan; Mary Morissette; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Gloria Sloane; Joseph Greve Traylor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Mary Guzzardi Cammarata

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 11:30 a.m. Alice Cohen; Dawn Marino
- 12:00 p.m. Joseph Maselli III; Gloria P. Moino

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Adriel Graham Arceneaux; David Garrison

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 11:30 a.m. Alice Cotten
- 12:00 p.m. Joanie O'Rourke; Joed Loustannau Stutts

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Joyce Bourgeois; Carmelite Cogan; Judge Adrian Duplantier

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

THIRD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Saturday, August 19, 2006 @ 9:00am—11:00am

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, September 16, 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. Everyone is invited!

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—September 3, 2006

First Collection \$ 7,908

Second Collection* \$ 1,771

* Restoration and Maintenance

ARCHBISHOP PHILIP HANNAN, ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS SCHULTE, ARCHBISHOP ALFRED HUGHES

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is unique in the United States in that it has three living archbishops, who combined will celebrate 100 years of ministry as bishops. Archbishop Hannan, the fourth oldest bishop in the United States, will celebrate 50 years of ordination as a bishop; Archbishop Hughes and Schulte will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their episcopal ordinations. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has invited the cardinals and bishops of the United States to a major celebration on September 14, 2006 which will culminate with a 2:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Louis Cathedral. Our prayers and best wishes are offered for their good health and continued ministry among us.

JOURNEY—A VOCATION DISCERNMENT PROGRAM

Journey is a vocation discernment program for young men; high school seniors, college age and older; wishing to take a closer look at priesthood or religious life. An orientation meeting will be held:

Sunday, September 17, 2006; 1:30pm—3:30pm

St. Angela Merici Parish Rectory; Metairie, Louisiana

Participants will then gather periodically throughout the year for prayer, input and reflection. For more information contact the Vocation Office: (504) 861-6298.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

September 22-24, 2006 at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Houma, LA Beginning Experience is a powerful, positive, and spiritual weekend program designed to help separated, divorced and widowed people make a new beginning in their lives, a time to begin again. For an application call: Mary (504) 544 1346; Susie (504) 621 7888; Sue (601) 528-9338.

JOSEPH HAYDN: MISSA BREVIS SANCTI JOANNIS DE DEO (SMALL ORGAN MASS)

Sunday, October 1, 2006 at the 9:30 AM Mass

St. Patrick's choir will perform Joseph Haydn's *Missa Brevis Dancti Joannis de Deo (Small Organ Mass)* accompanied by string orchestra and organ.

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; Lillian Capozzi; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynch; 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; Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Madeleine Nicoladis; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Ashley Turkington; Nell-Pape Waring; Jonathan Weiler; Father Anthony White

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE SHOULD NOT BE DEAF IN THE PRESENCE OF RELIGIOUS IGNORANCE

There is a deafness of soul which is worse than that of the body, since no one is more deaf than he who does not want to hear. There are many who have their ears closed to the Word of God, and many, too, who become more and more insensitive to the innumerable invitations of grace. An apostolate which is patient, tenacious, full of understanding, accompanied by prayer, will make many of our friends hear the voice of God and be themselves converted into new apostles who will speak of him everywhere. This is one of the missions which we receive in Baptism.

We Christians cannot remain dumb when we must speak of God and transmit his message openly: parents to their children, teaching them their prayers and the basics of their faith from their infancy; a friend to his friend, when the opportune moment presents itself, and even making it arise if necessary; an office worker to his colleagues, offering them, by this word and example, a cheerful model to imitate; the student at the university, among those with whom he spends so many hours. We cannot remain silent during the countless opportunities the Lord places before us, in which we can show to everyone the path of sanctity in the middle of the world. There are even moments in which it would be unnatural for a good Christian not to say something supernatural: the death of a loved one, a visit to a sick person (what broad horizons can be opened to those who suffer, if we ask them to offer their discomfort for some intention, for the Church or the Pope!), the conversation that touches upon some slanderous story in the news... what opportunities to give good doctrine! People expect it of us and we cannot defraud them by remaining silent.

There are many reasons to speak of the beauty of our Faith, of the incomparable joy of having Christ. And, among others, there is the responsibility given in Baptism not to let anyone lose the Faith through the avalanche of ideas and doctrinal errors that leaves many defenseless. *The enemies of God and of his Church, manipulated by the devil's unrelenting hatred, are relentless in their activities and organization. With 'exemplary' constancy they prepare their cadres, run their schools, appoint leaders and deploy agitators. In an undercover way—but very effectively—they spread their ideas and sow, in homes and places of work, a seed that is deliberately destructive of religion. What is there that we Christians should not be ready to do in order to serve our God, of course always with the truth? (J. Escrivá).* Are we perhaps content to remain passive? The mission we received on the day of our Baptism must be put into practice all our life, in all circumstances...

The difficult battle, if it is fought by one who is armed with sincerity and docility, will always be won; engaged in by someone equipped with deceit, in isolation, and with pride in his own opinion, it will invariably be lost. It is the Lord who cures and who chooses the means He will use—means that will always be disproportionate. Saint Vincent Ferrer affirmed that God *never gives his grace to one who, having available to him someone capable of instructing and directing him, chooses to despise this most efficacious means of sanctification, believing that he is sufficient unto himself and that by his efforts alone he can seek and find what is necessary for salvation...*

Francis Fernandez

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

We find in Simeon's prophecy the first explicit announcement of the part the Blessed Virgin was to have in the Passion of Jesus: "Thy own soul a sword shall pierce" (Lk 2,35). This prophecy was fulfilled on Calvary. "Yes, O Blessed Mother," says St. Bernard, "a sword has truly pierced your soul. It could penetrate Your Son's flesh only by passing through your soul. And after Jesus had died, the cruel lance which opened His side did not reach His soul, but it did pierce yours. His soul was not longer in His body, but yours could not be detached from it." This beautiful interpretation shows us how Mary, as a Mother, was intimately associated with her Son's Passion.

The Gospel does not tell us that Mary was present during the glorious moments of the life of Jesus, but it does say that she was present on Calvary... No one had been able to keep her from hastening to the place where her Son was to be crucified, and her love gave her courage to *stand* there, erect, near the Cross, to be present at the sorrowful agony and death of the One whom she love above all, because He was both her Son and her God. Just as she had once consented to become His Mother, so she would now agree to see Him tortured from head to foot, and to be torn away from her by a cruel death.

She not only accepted, she offered. Jesus had willingly gone to His Passion, and Mary would willingly offer Her well-beloved Son for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity and the

salvation of men. That is why the sacrifice of Jesus became Mary's sacrifice, not only because Mary offered it together with Jesus, and in Him, offered her own Son; but also because, by this offering, she completed the most profound holocaust of herself, since Jesus was the center of her affections and of her whole life. God, who had given her this divine Son, asked, on Calvary, for a return of His gift, and Mary offered Jesus to the Father with all the love of her heart, in complete adherence to the divine will.

The liturgy puts on the lips of Our lady of Sorrows these touching words: "O you who pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow" (*Roman Missal*). Yes, her grief was immeasurable, and was surpassed only by her love, a love so great that it could encompass that vast sea of sorrow. It can be said of Mary, as of no other creature, that her love was stronger than death; in fact, it made her able to support the cruel death of Jesus...

The sight of Mary at the foot of the Cross makes the lesson of the Cross less hard and less bitter; her maternal example encourages us to suffer and makes the road to Calvary easier. Let us go, then, with Mary, to join Jesus on Golgotha; let us go with her to meet our cross; and sustained by her, let us embrace it willingly, uniting it with her Son's.

Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.