



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 March 17—March 23
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

- 11:30a.m. Stan Bird; Lt Jared Brupbacher, USAF; Wanda Daigle; Sister Madeleine Sophie Hebert, MSC; Charle Holloway; In Thanksgiving
 4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Coleman; F. Wayne Frey; Eileen George; Betty Hayes; Jack Lingenfelter; Marlene Morris; A Soul
 5:30 p.m. David Crofton Brennan, Jr.; Frank & Cindy Hemelt; Nidia V. Kinler; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church
 9:30 a.m. Dr. Rafael Barreda; Arthur Robert Brazda; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Morris Burka; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Charles Gegg; Eileen George; Michael Kleinpeter; Carol Ragas; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Dr. Marion Simpson
 11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Frank & Cindy Hemelt; Nidia V. Kinler; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Nolan-Lambert Family; Gabrielle Murphy; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Mr. & Mrs. Carol T. Ragas; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Anne Hathaway Roland
 5:30 p.m. Frank Hemelt

MONDAY, MARCH 19

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Woodrow & Stella Bergeron; Jessica Brupbacher; Eileen George; Nidia V. Kinder; Jack Lingenfelter; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Constance Sinozith; Addie Villavasso & Family; Ton & Dottie Watson & Family; Kathleen Williams

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- 11:30 a.m. Eileen George; Wanda Lee Johnson; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.
 12:00 p.m. Ila Constans; Eula Estay; Frank & Cindy Hemelt; Nidia V. Kinler; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Eileen George; Dee Givens; Nidia V. Kinler; Patricia & Mark Langley; Stephen Andrew Losee; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Tom & Dottie Watson

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- 11:30 a.m. Rene J. Chapoton; Eileen George; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer.
 12:00 p.m. Frank & Cindy Hemelt; Nidia V. Kinler; Joseph Maselli, III; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Angelina Gattuso; Eileen George; Frank & Cindy Hemelt; Nidia V. Kinler; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

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

Laetare Sunday

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Way of the Cross—Every Friday after the 12:00p.m. Mass

Special Lenten Series—Sunday, March 18, 2007

Between the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Sunday Mass.

Dr. James Jacobs, Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame Seminary.

The theme: Foundation of the Spiritual Life, A Transcendental Meditation.

SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The group, led by Father Klores, will pray a rosary in front of Louisiana's largest abortion facility, on the corner of Ridgelake Drive and 20th St. in Metairie, **Saturday, March 24, 2007 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!

PASCAL CANDLE DONATION—EASTER 2007

If anyone would like to donate the 2007 Easter Paschal candle *In Memory Of/In Honor Of*, please call the rectory office: 525-4413.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for donations to purchase the flowers that will be placed on the High Altar at Easter.

Please complete the envelope form and return it to the rectory office, or place it in any Mass collection basket, before the final date:

Monday, April 2, 2007. All names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin and the program for the Solemn High Mass of Easter.

HOLY WEEK DRAPING OF STATUES

Saturday, March 24, 2007—After the 5:30p.m. Vigil Mass.

The draping of statues in the church will take place in preparation for Holy Week. Please come and join the Claddaugh Group with this annual event. Everyone will meet in the rectory following the 5:30p.m. Vigil Mass. Afterwards a light dinner and refreshments will be served. All are invited!

MARDI GRAS BEAD COLLECTION—MARCH 12-25, 2007

Please donate your carnival beads to THE JOY CENTER (Jobs of Youth), at St. Michael's Special School. Collection bins will be located in the back of the church through Sunday, March 25, 2007. Thank you for helping with this worthy cause.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Ree Alario; D. J. Ales; Harold Berrigan, Jr.; Michael Brasset; Lillian Capozzi; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Tony Clesi; Jim Clynych; Celestine Cook; John Copes; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; The Dunlap Family; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Mildred Flynn; Anette Folse; Joseph French; John G. Fulcher; Frank Hemelt; Marie Herty; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Brenda Lawson; Carrie LeBoef; Albert Leonhard; Betty Leonard; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Dorothy Luquet; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; Colin McInnis; Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Madeleine Nicoladis; Suzanne Nogues; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Dr. Marion Simpson; Mercedes Sunseri; Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

March 17-18, 2007

The Collection will continue—as it has for more than 60 years—to support Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts. This ministry is often the only source of hope for millions of people around the world. Please be generous.

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 11, 2007

First Collection \$ 14,198

Second Collection* \$ 2,727

* Restoration and Maintenance

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

BACK TO THE TRIDENTINE? IT'S UP TO THE POPE

Speculation continues as to whether Benedict XVI will issue a document on a possible reform of the liturgy.

The secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Archbishop Malcolm Ranjith, spoke with Inside the Vatican magazine about rumors of a papal document that would loosen restrictions on the Tridentine Mass.

If he were to issue a document "motu proprio" (on his own initiative), Archbishop Ranjith said that the Holy Father will "decide what is best for the Church."

"The Tridentine Mass is not something that belongs to the followers of Archbishop Lefebvre only," he said. "It is part of our own heritage as members of the Catholic Church."

The Sri Lanka-born prelate added: "It is not so much a matter of the Tridentine Mass or of the Novus Ordo. It is just a question of pastoral responsibility and sensitivity. ..."

"The Church should always seek to help our faithful to come closer to the Lord, to feel challenged by his message and to respond to his call generously.

"And if that can be achieved through the celebration of the Novus Ordo Mass or the Pius V Mass, well, then space should be provided for whatever is best instead of getting down to unnecessary and divisive theological hair-splitting."

Current failure

Though noting positive results too, Archbishop Ranjith said that "the post-conciliar reform of the liturgy has not been able to achieve the expected goals of spiritual and missionary renewal in the Church."

"The churches have become empty," the 59-year-old said. "Liturgical freewheeling has become the order of the day, and the true meaning and significance of that which is celebrated has been obscured.

"One has to, then, begin wondering if the reform process had in fact been handled correctly."

Archbishop Ranjith recalled that the Second Vatican Council's constitution on the liturgy does not allow individual priests to modify the Mass.

"In the celebration of the Novus Ordo we have to be very serious about what we do on the altar," the Vatican official explained. "I cannot be a priest who dreams in his sleep about what I will do at the Mass the following day, walk up to the altar and start celebrating with all kinds of novel self-created rubrics and actions.

"The holy Eucharist belongs to the Church. Hence, it has a meaning of its own which cannot be left to the idiosyncrasies of the single celebrant."

Asked about a return to the Tridentine Mass or just a reform of the Novus Ordo, Archbishop Ranjith said: "An 'either-or' attitude would unnecessarily polarize the Church, whereas charity and pastoral concern should be the motivating factors. If the Holy Father so desires, both could coexist."

As to when or if a document "motu proprio" will be issued, "nothing yet is known," but, Archbishop Ranjith said, "it is the Holy Father who will decide. And when he does, we should in all obedience accept what he indicates to us and with a genuine love for the Church strive to help him.

"Any counter attitude would only harm the spiritual mission of the Church and thwart the Lord's own will."

The Boston Pilot

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Dear Father/Deacon,

In my pastoral letter, "Made in the Image and Likeness of God", I announced a Commissioning Service at the Cathedral. I write now to ask you personally to participate in this Vesper Service scheduled for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 25, 2007 at 4:00p.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. I consider it very important that we stand together in a commitment to implement the message and the action steps outlined in the pastoral letter.

I would ask all pastors to ensure that Parish leadership including school principals, CREs, DREs, and Catechists charged with responsibility for RCIA attend, as well as Business Managers and Presidents of Pastoral Councils. Executive Directors and Directors of Archdiocesan Offices are expected to attend along with managerial personnel. In addition, anyone who wishes to attend would certainly be welcome. Priests and deacons should be seated with their respective parishes or offices.

I place great hope in you and in the lay leadership of the parishes and archdiocese to make effective in the life of the Church of New Orleans a real and visible unity and harmony between all the various ethnic and culturally different communities of Catholics, and to reach out to embrace all other faith communities in the same manner. We must live the love of Christ for and with all the children of God. As I have said in the pastoral, "All of us need to embrace Christ's call to be sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters to one another."

"I pray" and ask you to pray with me, "that we might, as a Church and a community, become a place welcoming to linguistically, racially and culturally diverse people, a place of beauty, a place of safety, a place of peace, a place for spiritual enrichment and renewal. God grant us the grace, the wisdom and the courage to realize this vision." Please embrace this vision with me. I look forward to seeing you on March 25 at the Cathedral.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes
Archbishop of New Orleans

PALMS ARE NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Contributions of palms, to be blessed on Palm Sunday, may be dropped off in the alley between the church and rectory office starting Monday, March 26—29 between the hours of 9a.m.—1p.m.

SACRED CONCERT PRESENTED BY ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST— by Theodore Dubois

Good Friday, April 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

Presented by St. Patrick's Choir, sung in English with Sara Jane McMahon, Thomas Rushing, René Toups as soloists. Security will be provided for the evening.



Lent is a traditional time to "take stock" and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Here at St. Patrick's Church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly offered before all the Masses.