



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 April 21—April 27
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

4:00 p.m. Florence S. Ansardi; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Markeky-Burkek-Knowles Family; Marlene Morris; Margaret O'Brien; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

5:30 p.m. Elaine & James Badeaux; Monsignor Francis Boeshans; Mrs. Harry McCall; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
 9:30 a.m. Roberta Wynne Bruley; Marlene Tessitore Cascio; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Ben Dupuy; Robert E. Garofalo, Sr.; Charles Gegg; Joseph Maselli, III; Ludger Mark Miller; William O'Neil; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Elaine & James Badeaux; Olga Strohmeier Falati; Frank C. Hemelt; Blake Kaplan; Ludger Mark Miller; Nolan-Lambert Families; Agatha Formusa Sunseri;

5:30 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer

MONDAY, APRIL 23

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Frank Hemelt; Jorge Menes; Ludger Mark Miller; Adriane O'Brien; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Sr.;

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

11:30 a.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer
 12:00 p.m. David Crofton Brennan, Jr.; Christopher Brown; Frank Hemelt; Ludger Mark Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Woodrow & Stella Bergeron; Frank Hemelt; Ludger Mark Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Special Intentions

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

11:30 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer;
 Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.
 12:00 p.m. Frank Hemelt; Ludger Mark Miller;
 Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
 12:00 p.m. Winnie Duhon; Frank Hemelt; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

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

Second 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.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, behind the rectory; after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 15, 2007

First Collection \$ 9,331

Second Collection* \$ 1,967

* Maintenance and Restoration

My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

This Sunday, the bishops are asking Catholics in parishes across the nation to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. It supports missions here in the United States.

Some people may be wondering what "home missions" are. There are many places in America—Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states—where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith.

Last year, Home Missions gave more than \$3,000,000 to the dioceses along the Gulf Coast devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Please God, there will be no repetition of these disasters. But Catholic parishes in rural America still struggle to offer Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes.

The Appeal allows more prosperous Catholic communities to offer poorer ones practical support. It's as simple as that. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes out to the missions.

Please help strengthen our Church at home. Thank you for your generous support.

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

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, April 28, 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!

EXHIBITION OF THE VATICAN MOSAIC STUDIO

Old Ursuline Convent; 1100 Chartres St., New Orleans
 Through June 1, 2007; 9:00 A.M.—5 P.M.
 504-569-1401; 800-536-7786; www.vaticanmosaics.com
 Thirty-seven mosaic artworks from the Vatican Mosaic Studio, replications of prominent artwork.

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; Kelly Granier; Archbishop Philip Hannan; Richard Hellenus; Marie Herty; Reverend Stan Klores; 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; Mercedes Sunseri; Charlene Taranto; Ashley Turkington; Eleanor Mary Wells

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ARCHDIOCESAN STATEMENT CONCERNING THE PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

April 18, 2007

The Archdiocese of New Orleans welcomes this most recent decision by the United States Supreme Court upholding the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. This decision clearly signals a victory for life over death. The U.S. Supreme Court has indicated that life is our most basic right and the killing of the about-to-be-born not only violates the Constitution, but also the basic standards of human decency. The Archdiocese welcomes this reversal of a previous decision that allowed the about-to-be-born to be killed. We hope this decision by the U.S. Supreme court will be a signal that American law is once again recognizing the most basic right, the right to life.

We are grateful that the Court considered the Constitution and the horrific procedure known as partial birth abortion and decided that we are a better people. The Archdiocese of New Orleans, again, welcomes this decision in support of life and human dignity.

Rev. William Maestri,
Director of Communications and Spokesperson
Archdiocese of New Orleans

CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. BISHOPS' COMMITTEE FOR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

April 18, 2007

"Today, after a decade of struggle in legislatures and courts, the U.S. Supreme Court finally upheld a federal law prohibiting the brutal and inhumane partial birth abortion procedure. This is the first time in 34 years that the court has upheld a ban of any type of abortion," the cardinal said.

The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George Bush in 2003. It aimed to prohibit the particular abortion procedure which involves partially removing the fetus from the womb and then puncturing the skull and extracting the brain, then delivering the rest of the dead body. Because of court challenges, the ban never went into effect.

"The court's decision does not affect the legal status of the great majority of abortions, and does not reverse past decisions claiming to find a right to abortion in the Constitution," Cardinal Rigali wrote. "However, it provides reasons for renewed hope and renewed effort on the part of pro-life Americans.

"The court is taking a clearer and more unobstructed look at the tragic reality of abortion, and speaking about that reality more candidly than it has in many years."

The cardinal, who is archbishop of Philadelphia, added: "Especially welcome is the court's explicit recognition of certain key facts: that abortion is the taking of a human life, and that government has a legitimate interest in protecting and preserving this life at every stage."

He further praised the court's recognition "that 'respect for human life finds an ultimate expression in the bond of love the mother has for her child'; that abortion may also cause grief and sorrow for women, which is only made worse when the reality of the procedure has been withheld from them until it is too late; and that the ethical integrity of the medical profession, as well as the fabric of our society, is threatened by the acceptance of practices that are difficult to distinguish from infanticide.'..."

FOLLOW ME

"Follow me. " The Risen Lord says these words to Peter. They are his last words to this disciple, chosen to shepherd his flock. "Follow me" - this lapidary saying of Christ can be taken as the key to understanding the message which comes to us from the life of our late beloved Pope John Paul II. Today we bury his remains in the earth as a seed of immortality - our hearts are full of sadness, yet at the same time of joyful hope and profound gratitude.

Follow me. How often, in his letters to priests and in his autobiographical books has he spoken to us about his priesthood... In these texts he interprets his priesthood with particular reference to three sayings of the Lord. First: "You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (Jn 15:16). The second saying is: "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). And then: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (Jn 15:9). In these three sayings we see the heart and soul of our Holy Father. He really went everywhere, untiringly, in order to bear fruit, fruit that lasts... "Rise, let us be on our way!" - with these words he roused us from a lethargic faith, from the sleep of the disciples of both yesterday and today. "Rise, let us be on our way!" he continues to say to us even today. The Holy Father was a priest to the last, for he offered his life to God for his flock and for the entire human family, in a daily self-oblation for the service of the Church, especially amid the sufferings of his final months. And in this way he became one with Christ, the Good Shepherd who loves his sheep. Finally, "abide in my love:" the Pope who tried to meet everyone, who had an ability to forgive and to open his heart to all, tells us once again today, with these words of the Lord, that by abiding in the love of Christ we learn, at the school of Christ, the art of true love...

Follow me! ...Cardinal Wojtyła once again heard the voice of the Lord. Once more there took place that dialogue with Peter reported in the Gospel of this Mass: "Simon, son of John, do you love me? Feed my sheep!" To the Lord's question, "Karol, do you love me?," the Archbishop of Krakow answered from the depths of his heart: "Lord you know everything; you know that I love you." The love of Christ was the dominant force in the life of our beloved Holy Father. Anyone who ever saw him pray, who ever heard him preach, knows that. Thanks to his being profoundly rooted in Christ, he was able to bear a burden which transcends merely human abilities: that of being the shepherd of Christ's flock, his universal Church...

... the Holy Father found the purest reflection of God's mercy in the Mother of God. He, who at an early age had lost his own mother, loved his divine mother all the more. He heard the words of the crucified Lord as addressed personally to him: "Behold your Mother." And so he did as the beloved disciple did: he took her into his own home" (Jn. 19:27) - Totus tuus. And from the mother he learned to conform himself to Christ.

None of us can ever forget how in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing *urbi et orbi*. We can be sure that our beloved Pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that he sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the eternal glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Excerpt from the Homily of the Funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger*