



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

May 19—May 25

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

4:00 p.m. Florence S. Ansardi; Artie Jean Dumesnil III; Eugene John Fischer; Marlene Morris

5:30 p.m. Monsignor Francis Boeshans; Mrs. Harry McCall; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Sal Segretto; Special Intention

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

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

9:30 a.m. Roberta Wynne Bruley; Anthony Canzoneri; Marlene Tessitore Cascio; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Mary Alice Gaudet; Charles Gegg; Frank C. Hemelt; Ludger M. Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Jane & Dave Schneider; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Geraldine Volke

11:00 a.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Peggy Fennerty; John Fulcher; Frank C. Hemelt; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Nolan-Lambert Families; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas; Agatha Formusa Sunseri; Matthew & Kai Theriot

5:30 p.m. Sanctification of Priests

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**

11:30 a.m. Alice Cohen; Stephen Luccioni

12:00 p.m. Joseph Maselli III

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. John Peter Alfortish; Laura Loetzerich

**THURSDAY, MAY 24**

11:30 p.m. Mary Jane Drndak

12:00 p.m. Salvadore Ciolino

**FRIDAY, MAY 25**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. John H. Schroder, Jr.

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

*Sunday after Ascension*

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the parish rectory at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

The rectory office will be closed **Friday, May 25** and **Monday, May 28, 2007** in observance of Memorial Day.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

To donate flowers for the high altar, or shrine altars, in memory/honor of a loved one please call the rectory office at 525-4413 and speak with Jessie.

**SUNDAY OFFERING—**May 13, 2007

First Collection \$ 9,157

Second Collection\* \$ 2,746

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**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 20<sup>th</sup> St. in Metairie, **Saturday, May 26, 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!

**ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR SCHEDULE**

**Pentecost Sunday—May 27, 2007**

The choir will sing Mozart's Mass in C (KV220), *The Sparrow Mass*. The soloists will be: Sarah Jane McMahon, soprano; Megan Dearie, alto; Rene Toups, tenor; Chris G'sell, baritone.

**Trinity Sunday—June 3, 2007**

The choir will sing Mozart's Mass in C (KV167), *The Mass in Honor of the Trinity*. Sarah Jane McMahon will be the guest soloist.

Both Masses will be accompanied by organ and orchestra and on both Sundays the prelude music will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT—FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007**

Family Life Apostolate is promoting an evening of marriage enrichment titled: *Companions for Life: Marriage According to the Theology of the Body*, Friday, May 25, 2007 at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 13396 River Road; Destrehan, LA. A gumbo dinner will be served at 6:00p.m. followed by a dynamic presentation by Father Jose Lavastida at 7:00p.m. Fee is \$10.00 per couple. For registration and more information: (985) 764-6383.

Father Lavastida, who is the regularly celebrant of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass here at St. Patrick's, graduated from Notre Dame Seminary, Summa Cum Laude in 1987 and was ordained that same year. In 1996 he completed his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Accademia Alfonsiana, and Institute of Moral Theology of Lateran University in Rome, again graduating Summa Cum Laude. He earned his Doctorate in 1998 from Lateran University. He presently serves as Academic Dean of Notre Dame Seminary and is a professor of fundamental moral theology and theological bioethics. Father Lavastida is also a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marines having served in Iraq from March 5—October 1, 2003.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER—PETER'S PENCE**

The Peter's Pence Collection, to be taken May 26 and 27, 2007. The Holy Father allocates these resources to charitable endeavors to express the Apostolic See's and the universal Church's closeness to the people of countries hit by disasters such as floods, famine, war and illnesses. Please be generous.

**SILVER JUBILEE—25 YEARS A CATHOLIC PRIEST**

On Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2007, our pastor, the Reverend Stanley P. Klores, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee as a Catholic priest, and Ruby Jubilee for his forty years in the Christian ministry.

**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; Dunlap Family; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Mildred Flynn; Anette Folse; Joseph French; John Fulcher; 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; James Leo Markey II; Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Madeleine Nicoladis; Suzanne Noguez; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

## CATHOLIC AMERICA

Catholics are poised to take on a historic role in America that can transform the future of our country. If we do the right thing now, we won't just restore the sanctity of life to its proper place as the fundamental right upon which all others depend — we will also make Catholics the most important force preserving and promoting the American ideal.

Or perhaps we will do nothing, watch our country slip further away from its principles, and leave our children a worse world than the one we have enjoyed.

Our final editorial in a series on the Supreme Court's decision to uphold a federal ban on partial-birth abortion comes, appropriately, as Pope Benedict XVI returns from his trip to Brazil, a trip marked by his words promoting life.

American Catholics can learn important lessons in hope from his visit there. He taught that faith, and only faith, will win the battle for the heart of a nation.

That was the lesson of the crowds that flocked to see him — more than 400% larger than expected — and it was the subject of his address to bishops, in which he compared the enduring presence of Our Lady of Gaudalupe to the fleeting fads of Marxism, capitalism and other ideologies.

"God is the foundational reality," he said. Attempts to build on any other reality are destined to fail; the foundational reality of God will outlast them all. Those who choose to ignore fundamental realities are always surprised by their own defeat. We can count on that same dynamic in America, too.

The Supreme Court made abortion legal in all 50 states in 1973 — when pictures of children in the womb were almost unheard of. But simultaneously, medical science — and fetal photography — were developing at an amazing pace.

Today, the curtain has been lifted. We know that, in an embryo as small as a pinpoint, DNA has already determined whether the child is a boy or girl, how tall she'll be, and what field position he'll be best suited for in baseball. And today, many American parents see their children's faces for the first time in ultrasound photos.

Reality is overtaking the abortion debate. Each year, a larger majority of Americans reports to pollsters that they are pro-life. It is only a matter of time before revulsion against abortion will reach a critical mass — a "tipping point," to use a marketing phrase. At that point, predominant cultural attitudes toward abortion will swing so far so fast, it will appear to have changed "overnight," whereas in reality this respect for life will have been growing incrementally for years.

If this sounds far-fetched, it shouldn't. God is always performing the same trick. From the fall of Adam to the crucifixion of Christ to the age of martyrdom in the Church, the forces of evil keep convincing themselves that at last they have won. And they are always learning that they have put all their eggs in the wrong basket as God neatly turns their own momentum against them.

When this happens in America, Catholics will find themselves in a leading cultural role, for three reasons.

First, because Catholic theology uniquely understands the interrelationship between natural law and divine revelation, the power of persuasion will be on our side. Just as Thomas Aquinas was the great defender of both theology and common sense, the Church today uniquely understands aspects of natural law the world has forgotten: Our teachings on abortion, marriage and even contraception are defenses of what man can

know without Scripture. Like the Declaration of Independence, Catholic moral thinking examines "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God."

Second, Catholics will dominate in the future of America because of sheer numbers. Immigration from Mexico and family sizes mean the old Protestant America is throwing itself off a demographic cliff. Tomorrow's America will be far less Protestant and far more Catholic.

And last, Catholics will have a prominent role in the future of America because we are the Church founded by Christ on the rock of Peter, the one Church that Christ promised would prevail against the gates of hell. Certainly, other Christian denominations rightly worship God, as the Second Vatican Council said. But Christ founded one Church, not many denominations, and our doctrines have the best expression of the "foundational reality" of God that will prevail.

What does this "Catholic future" mean for Catholics today? It certainly shouldn't mean that we can feel proud or presumptuous. After all, previous generations of Catholics had these same advantages and squandered them scandalously and ignominiously — often precisely while they were feeling most triumphal.

It doesn't mean that our fight will be easy, either — in the age of martyrdom, it never is. Rather, these "Catholic advantages" mean we have a grave responsibility to promote the culture of life and to defend the family — and that, no matter how hard the fight gets, we shouldn't lose heart. God always wins.

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## THE ASCENSION

Besides the hope and the joyful expectancy of heaven so characteristic of the Ascension feast there is a note of melancholy. Before the final departure of Jesus, the Apostles must have been very much disturbed: each felt the distress of one who sees his dearest friend and companion going away forever, and finds himself alone to face all the difficulties of life. The Lord realized their state of mind and consoled them once more, promising the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: "He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father... you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit, not many days hence." But even this time the Apostles did not understand! How much they needed to be enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit, in order to accomplish the great mission which was to be entrusted to them! Jesus continued "You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you and you shall be witnesses unto Me ... even to the uttermost part of the earth." For the moment, however, they were there, around the Master, weak, timid, frightened, like little children watching their mother leave for a distant, unknown land. In fact, "while they looked on, He was raised up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Two angels came to distract them from their great amazement and to make them realize what had happened. Then, placing their trust in the word of Jesus, which would henceforth be their only support, they returned to Jerusalem where, in the Cenacle, they awaited in prayer the fulfillment of the promise.

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