



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

SATURDAY, JULY 21

- 4:00 p.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Barrett J. Ehret, Sr.; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Marlene Morris; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas
- 5:30 p.m. Monsignor Francis Boeshans; Loretta Doussan; Mrs. Harry McCall; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Martina Battistella; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Frank Paul Formusa; Robert Henry Johnson, Sr.; Father Stanley P. Klores; Joseph Maselli III; Ludger M. Miller; Marlene Morris; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.
- 11:00 a.m. Barbara Blanchard & Family; Shelby Blanchard; Loretta Doussan; Frank Hemelt; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

MONDAY, JULY 23

- 5:30 p.m. Father Stan Klores
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, JULY 24

- 11:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McKay
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Bishop James D. Niedergeses; John H. Schroder, Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

- 11:30 p.m. Dennis Dale, Jr.
- 12:00 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; John Sparck

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

Eighth 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, 3:00pm—5:00pm

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

The Claddagh Group invites all for coffee and doughnuts in Reynolds Hall, behind the rectory, after the Sunday morning Masses.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING—July 15, 2007

First Collection \$ 14,192

Second Collection* \$ 2,286

* Black and Indian Mission

FATHER STAN KLORES

Father Klores is very appreciative of all the prayers, cards and best wishes that he has received while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Even though it is recommended that he not personally greet everyone after the Sunday Masses, his prayers and thoughts are with the parishioners and visitors of St. Patrick's Church.

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, July 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!

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

The choir will resume the regular Thursday night rehearsals on August 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room, located in Reynolds Hall. If you would like to become a member of this organization please telephone the music director, Joseph F. Hoppe: 391-2918 or the rectory office: 525-4413 and leave a message.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The St. Patrick's RCIA program resumes this fall with registration and a preliminary class **Monday, September 10, 2007 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.

IKONS—WINDOWS OF HEAVEN—NOMA

An exhibit of 16th- to 20th-century Russian religious paintings from the collection of Daniel R. Bibb and the New Orleans Museum of Art. NOMA; Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; through Aug. 26, 2007; Louisiana residents free.

John Webster Keefe, NOMA's curator of the decorative arts, will discuss "Collecting the Devotional, Connecting the Spiritual: Ikons as Windows of Heaven" July 22 at 2 p.m.

FALL 2007 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE—EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTOR

The 2007 Workshop Schedule, with instructions, dates and places has been announced. Copies of the schedule can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please take as many as needed.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES—CLADDAGH GROUP

As you travel this summer, remember to save and bring back the small "Travel Size" toiletries. The Claddagh Group will be collecting these items for the Ozanam Inn and St. Joseph's on Tulane. The drive will take place at the end of summer. Watch the bulletin for further details.

TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Call the rectory office at 525-4413 if you would like to become an active member of St. Patrick's Parish.

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: Patricia Berrigan; Lillian Capozzi; Sarah Cashio; Tony Clesi; John Copes; Dunlap Family; Alfred Dyer; Mildred Flynn; Richard Hellenus; Reverend Stan Klores; Brenda Lawson; Carrie LeBoef; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Colin McInnis; Suzanne Nogues; Lucille Ogden; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Eileen Swords Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSES TO SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE DOCTRINE ON THE CHURCH

The Second Vatican Council, with its Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, and its Decrees on Ecumenism (*Unitatis redintegratio*) and the Oriental Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*), has contributed in a decisive way to the renewal of Catholic ecclesiology... The vastness of the subject matter and the novelty of many of the themes involved continue to provoke theological reflection... A number of these interpretations have been referred to the attention of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Given the universality of Catholic doctrine on the Church, the Congregation wishes to respond to these questions by clarifying the authentic meaning of some ecclesiological expressions used by the magisterium which are open to misunderstanding in the theological debate.

RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS

First Question: Did the Second Vatican Council change the Catholic doctrine on the Church?

Response: The Second Vatican Council neither changed nor intended to change this doctrine, rather it developed, deepened and more fully explained it.

This was exactly what John XXIII said at the beginning of the Council. Paul VI affirmed it² and commented in the act of promulgating the Constitution *Lumen gentium*: "There is no better comment to make than to say that this promulgation really changes nothing of the traditional doctrine. What Christ willed, we also will. What was, still is. What the Church has taught down through the centuries, we also teach. In simple terms that which was assumed, is now explicit; that which was uncertain, is now clarified; that which was meditated upon, discussed and sometimes argued over, is now put together in one clear formulation"³. The Bishops repeatedly expressed and fulfilled this intention⁴.

Second Question: What is the meaning of the affirmation that the Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church?

Response: Christ "established here on earth" only one Church and instituted it as a "visible and spiritual community"⁵, that from its beginning and throughout the centuries has always existed and will always exist, and in which alone are found all the elements that Christ himself instituted.⁶ "This one Church of Christ, which we confess in the Creed as one, holy, catholic and apostolic [...]. This Church, constituted and organised in this world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and the Bishops in communion with him"⁷.

In number 8 of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* 'subsistence' means this perduring, historical continuity and the permanence of all the elements instituted by Christ in the Catholic Church⁸, in which the Church of Christ is concretely found on this earth.

It is possible, according to Catholic doctrine, to affirm correctly that the Church of Christ is present and operative in the churches and ecclesial Communities not yet fully in communion with the Catholic Church, on account of the elements of sanctification and truth that are present in them.⁹ Nevertheless, the word "subsists" can only be attributed to the Catholic Church alone precisely because it refers to the mark of unity that we profess in the symbols of the faith (I believe... in the "one" Church); and this "one" Church subsists in the Catholic Church.¹⁰

Third Question: Why was the expression "subsists in" adopted instead of the simple word "is"?

Response: The use of this expression, which indicates the full

identity of the Church of Christ with the Catholic Church, does not change the doctrine on the Church. Rather, it comes from and brings out more clearly the fact that there are "numerous elements of sanctification and of truth" which are found outside her structure, but which "as gifts properly belonging to the Church of Christ, impel towards Catholic Unity"¹¹.

"It follows that these separated churches and Communities, though we believe they suffer from defects, are deprived neither of significance nor importance in the mystery of salvation. In fact the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation, whose value derives from that fullness of grace and of truth which has been entrusted to the Catholic Church"¹².

Fourth Question: Why does the Second Vatican Council use the term "Church" in reference to the oriental Churches separated from full communion with the Catholic Church?

Response: The Council wanted to adopt the traditional use of the term. "Because these Churches, although separated, have true sacraments and above all – because of the apostolic succession – the priesthood and the Eucharist, by means of which they remain linked to us by very close bonds"¹³, they merit the title of "particular or local Churches"¹⁴, and are called sister Churches of the particular Catholic Churches¹⁵.

"It is through the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord in each of these Churches that the Church of God is built up and grows in stature"¹⁶. However, since communion with the Catholic Church, the visible head of which is the Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Peter, is not some external complement to a particular Church but rather one of its internal constitutive principles, these venerable Christian communities lack something in their condition as particular churches¹⁷.

On the other hand, because of the division between Christians, the fullness of universality, which is proper to the Church governed by the Successor of Peter and the Bishops in communion with him, is not fully realised in history¹⁸.

Fifth Question: Why do the texts of the Council and those of the Magisterium since the Council not use the title of "Church" with regard to those Christian Communities born out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century?

Response: According to Catholic doctrine, these Communities do not enjoy apostolic succession in the sacrament of Orders, and are, therefore, deprived of a constitutive element of the Church. These ecclesial Communities which, specifically because of the absence of the sacramental priesthood, have not preserved the genuine and integral substance of the Eucharistic Mystery¹⁹ cannot, according to Catholic doctrine, be called "Churches" in the proper sense²⁰.

The Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI, at the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, ratified and confirmed these Responses, adopted in the Plenary Session of the Congregation, and ordered their publication.

Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, June 29, 2007, the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

William Cardinal Levada
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