



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

July 28—August 3

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

SATURDAY, JULY 28

4:00 p.m. Arthea Adam; Francis Adam; Mary Adam; Ronald Adam; Martina Battistella; Gail A. Cannis; Carol Knopp Keller; Father Stan Klores; Brad Knopp; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lawson; Janet A. Martinez; Marlene Morris; Agnes Theriot; Kevin Theriot; Tamara Theriot; Camilla Wingerter

5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Loretta Doussan; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas; Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, JULY 29

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

9:30 a.m. Diane Brown & Family; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Louanne & Peter Cho; John M. Coogan; Mimi Finley; Ray Finley; Frank Paul Formusa; Charles Gegg; Robert Henry Johnson, Sr.; Father Stanley P. Klores; Patricia Langley & Family; Ludger M. Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Mary Arthemise Silva; Thomas & Dottie Watson

11:00 a.m. Nancy Bonomolo; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Joseph Dellucky; Loretta Doussan; Frank Hemelt; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Cindy Mitchell; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas; Barbara Rush

5:30 p.m. Woodrow J. Bergeron; Sr.; Father Stan Klores
MONDAY, JULY 30

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, JULY 31

11:30 a.m. Mary Dale; Kay Gonda

12:00 p.m. Glen & Jessie Brupbacher; Loretta Doussan; Reverend Mother Mary; Barbara Rush

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Jack Lingenfelter; Dr. Anna Pou; Reverend Mother Mary Regina, O.C.D.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

11:30 p.m. Reverend Stanley Klores

12:00 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Mrs. Audrey Knecht Pfaff; Dr. Anna Pou

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Father Stanley Klores; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Anna Pou

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

Ninth 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 BENECTION—Every Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

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.

CLADDAGH'S WHITE LINEN NIGHT

Join us on **Saturday, August 4, 2007** for this year's White Linen Night, summer's annual pre-art season celebration throughout the Arts District. Plan to meet in the rectory following the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and start the evening with wine and appetizers from 5:00pm - 8:00pm (the rectory will close at 8:00pm). Afterwards, stroll through the Arts District to view contemporary works by local, national and international artists in the 20 participating galleries. Please bring an appetizer or snack to share in the rectory, beverages will be provided.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES—CLADDAGH GROUP

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

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.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism at St. Patrick's Church, please contact the rectory office at least six (6) weeks in advance of the desired date of baptism. Telephone: (504) 525-4413.

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

FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

7:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass

8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 p.m. Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2007

CRUSADE FOR THE CONVERSION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS—MORNING OF PRAYER

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass All are invited.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS—REYNOLDS HALL

After the Sunday morning Masses

SECOND COLLECTION AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

The second collection at the weekend Masses is now dedicated to St. Patrick's Education Fund. This important fund will assist college, graduate and seminary students in achieving their academic and spiritual goals.

SUNDAY OFFERING—July 22, 2007

First Collection \$ 8,794

Second Collection* \$ 1,985

* Education Fund

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VETOING EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL BILL

President George W. Bush, June 20, vetoed a bill to expand federal funding for medical research on human embryonic stem cells, saying it "would compel American taxpayers, for the first time in our history, to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos."

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, praised the veto. "This bill would not actually enhance stem-cell research, but divert federal funds from legitimate research toward avenues requiring the destruction of innocent human life," he said. "The cause of science is not enhanced but diminished when it loses its moral compass."

In conjunction with the veto, Bush issued an executive order calling on federal agencies to strengthen the nation's commitment to research on pluripotent stem cells.

Adult stem cells from a variety of sources, including bone marrow, the placenta and umbilical-cord blood, have led to successful treatments for a number of diseases. Adult stem cells are called pluripotent because they have the power to turn into many of the 200-plus types of differentiated cells found in the body.

Embryonic stem cells are called omnipotent because they can turn into any of those differentiated cells.

Cardinal Rigali welcomed the executive order. "Adult stem cells continue to produce new clinical advances on a regular basis, most recently showing benefits for patients with juvenile diabetes," he said.

He said a recent research breakthrough has shown that ordinary adult cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent stem cells, showing that "science not only raises new ethical questions but at times can help address them."

"Tragically, some embryonic stem-cell advocates in Congress have dismissed such advances or even greeted them with suspicion, as though medical progress was less genuine or praiseworthy when it respects early human life," the cardinal said.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver said that the church always supports scientific research "that genuinely serves the human person."

"Stem cells harvested from adults or umbilical cords pose no moral problems and have great value for medical research," he said, but the "killing of human embryos is never justified, even for the advancement of scientific research."

The vetoed bill was titled the Stem-Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007. It passed in the Senate April 11 by a 63-34 vote and in the House June 7 by a vote of 247-176. Neither vote reflected the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override a veto.

The day before the House voted to relax the funding restrictions on human embryonic research, Cardinal Rigali had urged it to defeat the bill.

In a letter to all House members, he said, "Embryonic stem-cell research has been as disappointing in its results as it has been divisive to our society. Pursuit of this destructive research will almost certainly require you to embrace more and more egregious violations of moral norms in the effort to bring its 'promise' to fruition."

"Ethically sound research using nonembryonic stem cells has continued to advance, helping patients with over 70 conditions in clinical trials," he added. "Since Congress debated this issue

last summer, further evidence has emerged on the versatility of adult stem cells and on the ability of adult cells to be reprogrammed to rival the flexibility of embryonic cells."

... In his veto message to the Senate, Bush said since 2001 his administration "has made more than \$130 million available for research on stem-cell lines derived from embryos that had already been destroyed. We have also provided more than \$3 billion for research on all forms of stem cells, including those from adult and other nonembryonic sources."

The president's new executive order directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health to ensure that any human pluripotent stem-cell lines produced in ways that do not create, destroy or harm human embryos will be eligible for federal funding.

It expands the NIH's Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry to include all types of ethically produced human pluripotent stem cells as well, and renames the registry the Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Registry.

It encourages scientists to work with the NIH to add ethically produced stem-cell lines to the registry.

Jerry Filteau

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

The Forgotten Part of the Fatima Message

The Promise

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady promised Sister Lucia she would "assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation."

How To Do The Five First Saturdays

There are four requirements to faithfully fulfill the Five First Saturdays:

1. Go to confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. (Separate from saying the rosary.)

During the apparition of February 15, 1926, Sister Lucia presented Our Lord the problem some people had in confessing on Saturdays. She asked Our Lord if the confession would be valid if done within a period of eight days before or eight days after the first Saturday. Our Lord answered, "Yes, it can even be within many more days provided they are in the state of grace when they receive Me, and have the intention of offering reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

The Intention

To console the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offer reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world.

The Reasons For This Devotion

On May 29, 1930, Our Lord explained to Sister Lucia why the Five First Saturdays. "My daughter, the reason is simple. Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, five kinds of offenses and blasphemies are committed: 1. Those committed against the Immaculate Conception. 2. Those committed against the virginity of Our Lady. 3. Those committed against the Divine maternity, refusing at the same time, to accept her as the mother of men. 4. Those committed by men who publicly attempt to instill indifference, scorn and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children. 5. Those committed by men who insult her directly in her statues.