



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 August 11—August 17
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

- 4:00 p.m. Alba "Ree" Alario; Sister Bernardette, O.C.D.; Loretta Doussan; Father Stanley Klores; Ehtel McArthur; Marlene Morris; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Jonathan McCall; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta Wynne Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Charles Gegg; Glenda Lubrano; Ludger M. Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.
- 11:00 a.m. Martha Battistella; Loretta Doussan; Bobby Fauchaux; Frank Casper Hemelt; Joseph Maselli III; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush; Jimmy Ann Smestat

5:30 p.m. Father Stan Klores

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Joed Loustaunau Stutts

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Conchetta Cammarata Salvaggio
- 5:15 p.m. Father Stanley Klores

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:15 p.m. Mary Guzzardi Cammarata; Loretta Doussan; Lee Gonzales; Paul J. & Theresa H. Johnson; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer
- 5:15 p.m. Father Stanley Klores

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- 11:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Cammarata-Guzzardi Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Maselli Families; Barbara Rush

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ADORATION— EVERY SUNDAY, 3:00PM –5:00P.M.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—August 5, 2007

First Collection \$ 10,759
 Second Collection* \$ 2,014

* Restoration and Maintenance

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL
 EVENING SERVICES**



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 Wednesday, August 15, 2007
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Vigil Mass—5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

11:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; 5:15 p.m. (Latin)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR—SAINT PHILOMENA

An anonymous donor has given the altar flowers this week in honor of Saint Philomena, who has become known as the "wonder worker."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH CENACLE OF OUR LOVING MOTHER PRAYER GROUP—MORNING OF PRAYER

Saturday, August 18, 2007; 900a.m.—11:00a.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass.
All are invited.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR

Anyone wishing to become a member of St. Patrick's Choir is asked to telephone Joseph F. Hoppe, Music Director at 391-2918.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

A registered parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish must have:

- ◆ An Archdiocese of New Orleans registration card on file with the rectory office.
- ◆ And should be receiving contribution envelopes.

Please 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; John Copes; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Dunlap Family; Patricia Durel; Alfred Dyer; Mildred Flynn; Richard Hellenus; Reverend Stan Klores; Brenda Lawson; Carrie LeBoef; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Colin McInnis; Suzanne Nogues; Lucille Ogden; Abbey Pererz; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Eileen Swords Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN HER FACE WE CAN TRULY PERCEIVE THE DIVINE LIGHT

In the Magnificat, we find some surprising words. Mary says: "Henceforth all generations will call me blessed." The Mother of the Lord prophesies the Marian praises of the Church for all of the future, the Marian devotion of the people of God until the end of time. In praising Mary, the Church did not invent something "adjacent" to Scripture: She responded to this prophecy which Mary made at that moment of grace. And Mary's words were not only personal, perhaps arbitrary words. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit as St. Luke said, exclaimed with a loud cry: "Blessed is she who believed." And Mary, also filled with the Holy Spirit, continues and completes what Elizabeth said, affirming: "All generations will call me blessed." It is a real prophecy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and in venerating Mary, the Church responds to a command of the Holy Spirit; she does what she has to do.

We do not praise God sufficiently by keeping silent about his saints, especially Mary, "the holy one" who became his dwelling place on earth. The simple and multiform light of God appears to us exactly in its variety and richness only in the countenance of the saints, who are the true mirrors of his light. And it is precisely by looking at Mary's face that we can see more clearly than in any other way the beauty, goodness and mercy of God. In her face we can truly perceive the divine light. "All generations will call me blessed." We can praise Mary, we can venerate Mary for she is "blessed," she is blessed for ever. And this is the subject of this feast. She is blessed because she is united to God, she lives with God and in God.

On the eve of his passion, taking leave of his disciples, the Lord said: "In my Father's house are many rooms ... I go to prepare a place for you." By saying, "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word," Mary prepared God's dwelling here on earth; with her body and soul, she became his dwelling place and thereby opened the earth to heaven.

... St. Luke, with various allusions, makes us understand that Mary is the true Ark of the Covenant, that the mystery of the temple—God's dwelling place here on earth—is fulfilled in Mary. God, who became present here on earth, truly dwells in Mary. Mary becomes his tent. What all the cultures desire—that God dwells among us—is brought about here.

St. Augustine says: "Before conceiving the Lord in her body she had already conceived him in her soul." She had made room for the Lord in her soul and thus really became the true temple where God made himself incarnate, where he became present on this earth. Thus, being God's dwelling place on earth, in her the eternal dwelling place has already been prepared; it has already been prepared for forever. And this constitutes the whole content of the dogma of the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heavenly glory, expressed here in these words. Mary is "blessed" because—totally, in body and soul and forever—she became the Lord's dwelling place.

If this is true, Mary does not merely invite our admiration and veneration, but she guides us, shows us the way of life, shows us how we can become blessed, how to find the path of happiness. Let us listen once again to Elizabeth's words fulfilled in Mary's Magnificat: "Blessed is she who believed." The first and fundamental act in order to become a dwelling place of God and thus find definitive happiness is to believe: It is faith, faith in God, in that God who showed himself in Jesus Christ and

makes himself heard in the divine word of holy Scripture.

Believing is not adding an opinion to others. And the conviction, the belief that God exists, is not information like any other. Regarding most information, it makes no difference to us whether it is true or false; it does not change our lives. But if God does not exist, life is empty, the future is empty. And if God exists, everything changes, life is light, our future is light and we have guidance for how to live. Therefore, believing constitutes the fundamental orientation of our life.

To believe, to say: "Yes, I believe that you are God, I believe that you are present among us in the incarnate Son," gives my life a direction, impels me to be attached to God, to unite with God and so to find my dwelling place, and the way to live. To believe is not only a way of thinking or an idea; as has already been mentioned, it is a way of acting, a manner of living. To believe means to follow the trail indicated to us by the word of God. In addition to this fundamental act of faith, which is an existential act, a position taken for the whole of life, Mary adds another word: "His mercy is on those who fear him."

Together with the whole of Scripture, she is speaking of "fear of God." Perhaps this is a phrase with which we are not very familiar or do not like very much. But "fear of God" is not anguish; it is something quite different. As children, we are not anxious about the Father but we have fear of God, the concern not to destroy the love on which our life is based.

Fear of God is that sense of responsibility that we are bound to possess, responsibility for the portion of the world that has been entrusted to us in our lives. It is responsibility for the good administration of this portion of the world and of history, and one thus helps the just building of the world, contributing to the victory of goodness and peace.

"All generations will call you blessed": This means that the future, what is to come, belongs to God, it is in God's hands, that it is God who conquers. Nor does he conquer the mighty dragon of which today's first reading speaks, the dragon that represents all the powers of violence in the world. They seem invincible but Mary tells us that they are not invincible.

The woman—as the first reading and the Gospel show us—is stronger, because God is stronger. Of course, in comparison with the dragon, so heavily armed, this woman who is Mary, who is the Church, seems vulnerable or defenseless. And truly God is vulnerable in the world, because he is love and love is vulnerable. Yet he holds the future in his hands: It is love, not hatred, that triumphs; it is peace that is victorious in the end.

This is the great consolation contained in the dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heavenly glory. Let us thank the Lord for this consolation but let us also see it as a commitment for us to take the side of good and peace. And let us pray to Mary, queen of peace, to help peace to be victorious today: "Queen of peace, pray for us!" Amen!

Benedict XVI
August 15, 2006

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us from all harm during this hurricane season,
and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.