



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
 August 18—August 24  
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

4:00 p.m. Florence S. Ansardi; Ray Comeaux; Loretta Doussan; Joe Hoppe; Ethel McArthur; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush

5:30 p.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

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; Joe Hoppe; Ludger M. Miller; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Intention of B. Bradley Ramirez; John H. Schroder, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Sister Helen Groudis; Nolan-Lambert Families; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Jimmy Ann Smestad

5:30 p.m. Father Stan Klores

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Joe Hoppe

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**

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

12:00 p.m. Joe Hoppe

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Andrew Fitzhugh; Joe Hoppe; Father Stephen Kosinski; Joseph Maselli III; Father Timothy Benedict Pieris

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**

11:30 p.m. Arlene Rogers

12:00 p.m. Joe Hoppe

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Joe Hoppe; Reverend Mother Mary Regina, O.C.D.

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

*Twelfth 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 REFRESHMENTS**

After the Sunday morning Masses, The Claddaugh Group hosts coffee and pastries in the Monsignor Reynolds Hall, located directly behind the rectory. Please stop by after Mass to enjoy refreshments and the fellowship of parishioners and visitors of St. Patrick's Church.

**STAY INFORMED...**

Log on to St. Patrick's website: [www.oldstpatricks.org](http://www.oldstpatricks.org)

**SUNDAY OFFERING—August 12, 2007**

First Collection \$ 7,964

Second Collection\* \$ 2,161

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL  
 EVENING SERVICES**

**FATHER STAN KLORES**

Father Klores is very appreciative of all the prayers, cards and best wishes that he continues to 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 20<sup>th</sup> St. in Metairie, **Saturday, August 25, 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**

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

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S HISTORY**

Copies of the recent reprinting of the book *St. Patrick's Church 1833-1992* are on sale in Reynolds Hall after the Sunday morning Masses. The price is \$20.

**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.

**UPDATING PARISH RECORDS**

Please contact the rectory office (525-4413) if you have had a recent change in **address and/or telephone number**.

**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; Joseph Hoppe; Reverend Stan Klores; Brenda Lawson; Carrie LeBoef; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Colin McInnis; Suzanne Nogues; Lucille Ogden; Abbey Pererz; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Mary Silva; Eileen Swords Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

## TWENTIETH SUDNAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WHO IS THE CHURCH?

A couple of weeks ago, the Holy See released a short document entitled, "Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church." Because of some reactions to this document addressed to Catholic theologians, it is probably good to review who we understand the Church to be. First of all, the Church begins with Jesus Christ. He is the Church's head and the Church is his Body. The Church belongs to him, and all who call themselves Christ's disciples or followers belong to the Church on his terms.

What are those terms? They are found in receiving the gifts that Jesus gained for the world through his death and resurrection and that he himself wants all who know and love him to share. In other words, we belong to Christ's Church to the extent that our lives are shaped by Christ's gifts. The most important gift is the grace that brings us God's own life and our salvation. Grace is invisible, as are faith and hope and love itself. All those whose lives are shaped by God's grace are, in some fashion, related to Jesus Christ and his Church, even if they don't know who Christ is. But the Church is also a visible community; and the three gifts of Christ that visibly mark the Church he established are 1) the profession of the apostolic faith, 2) the celebration of the seven sacraments, and 3) apostolic governance.

The apostolic faith was proclaimed in the preaching of the apostles themselves. The Church existed before the New Testament was written, but the written witness to apostolic preaching is found in the Acts of the Apostles and in the writings of St. Peter and St. Paul and St. John in the New Testament. The Church expresses this faith in the creeds of the Ecumenical Councils and in the professions of faith that have been written as the Church's understanding of the truths God wants us to believe has deepened through the ages. The essentials of the apostolic faith in the official teaching of the Church have been preserved through the action of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth that Jesus promised to send his Church to keep her from error.

The seven sacraments of the apostolic Churches are actions of the risen Christ and continue to be celebrated in the Catholic Church and in the Orthodox Churches. At the time of the Protestant Reformation, the sacrament of Holy Orders was explicitly rejected by the Reformers, and ordained priests were succeeded by ministers. This action leaves only sacramental baptism common to all Christians. It also changed how Protestants understand church governance.

Apostolic governance in the Catholic Church is continued visibly through the body of pastors that succeeds to the authority of the apostles as evangelizers and heads of local churches. These pastors constitute the college of bishops in union with the successor of St. Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

The Catholic Church understands herself as enjoying, only through Jesus' own will and love, all the gifts that he

left for his people. Other Churches and faith communities enjoy most or some of these gifts, depending on their history and their own self-understanding. We should try to understand people as they understand themselves. Many sincere followers of Jesus Christ reject the Catholic Church's understanding of who the Church is. Some think Catholics are not even Christian; others say the Pope is the anti-Christ. They don't want to be Catholic, and that should be respected. But the Catholic understanding of Church should also be respected. It has a two thousand year history. It seems somewhat strange that only the Catholic Church's self-understanding should be a matter of public indignation.

Finally, the recent statement of the Holy See says nothing about any individual's eternal salvation. The linkage of the Church's self-understanding about her visible gifts to conclusions about the invisible gift of an individual's salvation is a different question. Nor does the Church's teaching about her objective gifts draw any conclusions about an individual's subjective holiness. One can be baptized and still sin; one can be ordained and still betray the Lord. Nevertheless, both baptism and ordination remain sacramental means of holiness.

What we as Catholics need most is a clear grasp of the Catholic faith. Without that, every report or article by people who don't understand our Church or have even rejected her faith causes unnecessary dismay. Our parishes and schools should increase their efforts to teach the Church's faith as it comes to us from the apostles, so that Catholics can rest secure in that faith and be eager to share it and all Christ's gifts with others.

*Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago*

### **GREATER NEW ORLEANS ROSARY BOWL**

Saturday, September 8, 2007

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Audubon Park—Newman Bandstand & Shelter #10  
(near the Golf Clubhouse)

- † To pray for the rebuilding of New Orleans according to God's Holy and Moral Laws.
- † To pray for the spiritual guidance for our political leaders.
- † To pray for the end of violence that plagues our city.
- † To strengthen unity in our homes and communities.
- † To help foster peace.

Featured speaker—Father James Kelleher, S.O.L.T.  
Spiritual Director of Rosary Bowl—Father Joseph Cazenavette  
Spiritual Director—Father Stan Klores  
Vocalist—Kitty Cleveland  
Honor Guard—Knights of Columbus

Brochures and park maps are available in the vestibule or call:  
Nancy: 218-5057; Miriam: 861-4909; Cindy: 883-5783;  
Charlie & Pat: 985-624-2903.

[www.greaterneworleansrosarybowl.org](http://www.greaterneworleansrosarybowl.org)