



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 August 25—August 31
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 4:00 p.m. Joe Hoppe; Jerry Hornberger; Father Stan Klores; Ethel McArthur; Mrs. Alston McCall; Nelson McCall; Marlene Morris; John H. Schroder, Jr.; In Thanksgiving
- 5:30 p.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Theresa M. Barry; Loretta Doussan; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas; Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 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; Cameron Henry; Ludger M. Miller; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Richard Venable
- 11:00 a.m. Stella Bergeron; Loretta Doussan; Frank Casper Hemelt; Father Timothy Pieris; Jimmy Ann Smestad; Bobby & Kay Taranto
- 5:30 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Linda Dyer; Gladyce Grant

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:30 a.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Salvadore J. Anselmo; Linda Dyer;

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Linda Dyer; Percy P. Dupuy, Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 11:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer
- 12:00 p.m. Linda Dyer; Hazel Ducote Wells

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

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

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

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

To honor a loved one by donating flowers for the altar please call 525-4413.

SUNDAY OFFERING—August 19, 2007

First Collection \$ 13,265
 Second Collection* \$ 2,791

* Restoration and Maintenance

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES



SOLEMN HIGH MASS ACCORDING TO THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE ROMAN RITE

Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Friday, September 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

In celebration of the Promulgation of the *Motu Proprio* Summorum Pontificum of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Patrick's Choir, accompanied by organ and orchestra, will perform *Mass in Honor of the Holy Trinity*, by W. A. Mozart, KV 167.

All are invited. Security will be provided.

LABOR DAY—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2007

The church and rectory office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Special Presentations Honoring Parishioners

Friday, September 28, 2007

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

New Orleans Country Club

Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

Music and Song by Joe Hoppe and René Toups

Black tie optional

If you have not received an invitation or would like more information contact Jessie Brupbacher: 525-4413; 393-7034

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.

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.

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

On the day of his conversion, amidst terrible spiritual anguish that Augustine describes in his *Confessions* (book VIII, ch.12) - "A great storm broke within me, bringing with it a great deluge of tears" - Augustine went outside, far away from everyone else so that, as he explains, "I might weep and cry to my heart's content." Augustine then flung himself down "beneath a fig tree and gave way to the tears which now streamed from my eyes." And he began to pray in a way that went like this: "Lord, will you never be content? Must we always taste your vengeance? Forget the long record of our sins."

Augustine wanted to be quit of the sight of his sins, and quickly. But there is a benefit in being brought face to face with our sins; conversely, there is potential danger in dismissing the remembrance of our sins too soon.

At times our desire to be freed from the sight of our sins is prompted by pride. It hurts our "self-esteem" to be confronted by our immorality. When we beg God to forget the record of our sins, what in fact we want is to avoid the shame of our evil. In this way, we ask God to collude with the illusion that we possess some virtue of our own by which to fix our sinfulness. But God permits our awareness of our sinfulness precisely to show us the virtue that *we do not have!* As long as we persist in looking for motives of hope in ourselves, we are not completely converted to Christ, our only Hope. This is a perilous form of vanity. But when, in the realization of our infirmity and iniquity, we dare to turn to Christ in trust, *then* we become truly strong. Because then we believe that only Christ's grace is sufficient to cure our ills, and we renounce all our attempts at self-sufficiency. The awareness of our evil, as painful as it may be, inspires us to ask Jesus to do for us what we could never do on our own. Thus, the knowledge of our sins saves us from the trap of reverting to destructive self-deception and self-reliance.

We need to come to terms with a basic doubt in us, namely, the assumption that whatever we cannot do on our own will not be done. God wants us to have the confidence that he will do in us what exceeds our capacities. In our fallenness, we limit the possibilities of our lives to what we think lies within our own capabilities. Notice that the "long record" of Augustine's sins did not move him to despair, but rather to cry out even more insistently for God's mercy. That is the point. The sight of our sins provokes in us a confidence whereby God can work in us what we would otherwise presume to be impossible. Then we are moved to depend on God's strength and to expect to receive it to the full, even as God shows us the depths of our own weakness and our hopeless inclination to sin. Otherwise, when we pray, our prayer limits God's power to what *we* can do by its help. That is why the sight of insurmountable sins is so repugnant and damning to someone like Augustine. But God always promises to do in us what is necessary for us to be holy, no matter how far it goes beyond our won limits. This is the realization that Augustine needed to accept before the consciousness of his sins could fade.

It is a mark of God's mercy that he blesses his faithful with a habitual sense of sin. For to live without a regular recollection of sin is to risk forgetting what we have been rescued from... All of this is summed up in the wise counsel once given by a holy bishop: "Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon." The bishop? Saint Augustine of Hippo.

Peter John Cameron, O.P.

PRAY TOGETHER. STAY TOGETHER

"The family that prays together stays together." Millions of listeners quickly recognized and adopted this religious motto taught by Father Patrick Peyton on his weekly Family Theatre Productions radio dramas, which first aired in 1947.

To encourage family prayer, especially the Rosary, Father Peyton of the Congregation of Holy Cross repeated it on his TV programs, during Rosary crusades and across billboards. He meant for families to take this slogan to heart — and hand-in-hand with another memorable saying he popularized: "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

As this year marks the 65th anniversary of his Family Rosary Crusade, the 60th of Family Theatre, and the 15th of his death, it seems a good time to consider that his vision seems timelier than ever.

"If the need for families that pray together and stay together was important in the late '40s, it's 10 times more important today," says Holy Cross Father Willy Raymond, national director of Family Theatre. He stresses the family is under assault by conditions in our culture and forces wanting to undermine and destroy it. The remedy is what Father Peyton preached to millions. "I don't know of any better protection and defense of the family than praying together," reiterates Father Raymond, "and it's hard for me to conceive of a prayer more effective than the Rosary."

Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, points out that many factors disrupt and fragment families today, not the least of which is the busyness of daily family life. What can the Rosary do to counteract those strains? "It creates great trust in the family when they share their intentions together," explains Father Phalen. "When people pray together and know each other's prayer intentions, that creates the kind of trust where children would come to their parents when they need help rather than seek help elsewhere."

Father Peyton worked tirelessly to get that message out to families. By the time he died in 1991, he had spoken to more than 28 million people at 40 international Rosary Rallies...

He found he could reach even more families through the media. Over 22 years, his weekly Family Theatre Productions aired more than 500 radio programs and close to 60 TV specials and films, each featuring major Hollywood stars. His "Mysteries of the Rosary" series is currently being re-aired on EWTN.

Joseph Pronechen

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; guidance for our political leaders; the end of violence in our city; unity in our homes; and to 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

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Nancy:218-5057; Miriam: 861-4909; Cindy: 883-5783;