



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

January 12—January 18

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE

PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Carolyn Bieller; Gilbert Kreig; Marlene Morris; Marie Pivert; Natalie Tatje
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa Barry; Bruno & Ida Franceschina; Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; John J. Clesi; Charlotte Ducote; Doris M. Fernandez; Charles Gegg; Reverend Stanley Klores; Glenda Lubrano; Beatrice Main; Norma McClellan; Marc Molyneux, Jr.; Anna R. Persich; Sandra Schmitt; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Mrs. Kenneth Sullivan; Carmen Waterson; Ann-Marie Wingerter; Corinne Wingerter; Michael Wingerter
- 11:00 a.m. Eric G. Hansen; Cynthia Hemelt; Beverly Hogan; John A. Hogan; Leland D. Montgomery; Beverly Orillion; Karl Snyder, Jr.; Natalie Tatje
- 5:30 p.m. Anna Giacona; Carlo Giacona; James W. Rhoads

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush; Natalie Tatje

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 11:30 a.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Pivert Family
- 12:00 p.m. Elisabeth F. Robert; Barbara Rush; Ben & Angelina Silvestri

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Tommy Fayard; Jim Letten; Stephen A. Losee; Della Springman; Jon Springman; Milton Springman

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- 11:30 a.m. Alice Hughes; Leona O'Dwyer
- 12:00 p.m. Georgiana Ford; Elisabeth F. Robert; Barbara Rush

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Antonio Family; Parker & Rosalie Davis; Stephen A. Losee;

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

Holy Family

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH—MORNING OF PRAYER

Cenacle of Our Loving Mother Prayer Group

Saturday, January 19, 2008; 9:00a.m.—11:00a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass. All are invited.

SUNDAY OFFERING—January 6, 2008

First Collection \$ 15,440

Second Collection* \$ 2,804

* Restoration and Maintenance

A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

James Arthur Redmann Infant son of David and Mary Redmann	Drago Cvitanovich Infant son of Gerald and Heidi Cvitanovicl
Jude Francis Schroder Infant son of John and Jennifer Schroder	Emily Noelle Kuhn Infant daughter of Phillip and Kimberly Kuhn
Lucia Elizabeth Grillot Infant daughter of John and Lisa Ann Grillot	

THE CENACLE COMMITTEE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Light the Fire! A speaker series to connect young adults with each other and make the connection between faith and life.

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.; Speaker 6:30 p.m.

Monkey Hill Bar

6100 Magazine Street

Father Tony Ricard, pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will kick off the winter series, "Sex in the City: Making Sense of Love, Lust, and God." For more information: 250-9697.

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.

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

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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.

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 honor a loved one by donating flowers for the altar please call Jessie at 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: Tom Alexander; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Ann Clair Duplech; Rose Fee; Reverend Stan Klores; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; James Martello; Betty McArthur; Lucille Ogden; Stephanie Summers; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Diane Sikes; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Turkington Family

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SEVEN REASONS TO BE A PRIEST

It's Vocations Awareness Week January 13-19, and there is a lot of news on the vocations front. But the best news is old news: The seven sacraments are the original, and best, seven reasons to be a priest. But here are seven that incorporate recent news headlines about the priesthood.

First: The World Needs Heroes.

God has shown his love and respect for human beings by taking an incredible risk, putting the very future of his project of redemption into our hands. He has arranged things such that the graces he intends for mankind reach us primarily through the seven sacraments. If men will step up and accept the responsibility to be the channel of these graces, then the risk will pay off, with eternal rewards. If they don't, it simply won't.

Second: To Make Christ Present to More People.

Before he ascended into heaven, Christ said, "Behold, I am with you until the end of time." He didn't mean he would be with us "in spirit" or in our "thoughts and prayers." He meant he would be with us for real, in his body, blood soul and divinity. Christ fulfilled his promise in an astonishing way: by being present in the Eucharist. He will always be present in the sacrament somewhere in the world.

... The more priests we have, the more people Christ can be present to. Christ's presence increases exponentially with new priests.

Third: To Forgive Sins.

Confession has been in the news a lot recently, with mainstream news articles explaining it, wondering at its disappearance and pointing out where it is being renewed. It's no wonder. Christ taught about the true value of human beings when he said, "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" In confession, a priest gives the greatest gift possible, worth more than all the riches in the world: He restores penitents' souls.

Christ instituted many sacraments throughout his life, but only one after his resurrection. That was the sacrament of confession, when he breathed on the Apostles and told them, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven."

Fourth: To Be a Living Icon of Christ.

The Vatican call for perpetual adoration is a call "to make amends before God for the evil that has been done and hail once more the dignity of the victims" who suffered from the "moral and sexual conduct of a very small part of the clergy." Perpetual adoration won't just atone for the small percentage of guilty clergy — it will help the innocent majority become more holy.

That's a necessity. Human beings respond to other human beings. Jesus Christ was not just a teacher, and he wasn't just an instrument of salvation. He was a man with a face. People can experience Christ's presence in the Eucharist and his forgiveness in confession, but the human heart still needs to see a man behaving in a Christlike way to fully understand Christ's message. We need more priests to do this for the Church.

Fifth: To Be Like Mary.

Like Mary, may you know how to keep, ponder and follow the Word that became flesh in Bethlehem, and enthusiastically spread his message of salvation— Benedict XVI

It may seem odd, calling on an all-male priesthood to be like Mary, but Mary is the perfect model for any Christian — and especially a priest. She brought Christ into the world and, from the wedding feast at Cana to Pentecost, was at the center of efforts to introduce him to the world. Priests uniquely imitate her

in the Mass

Sixth: To Preach and Teach.

Priests have at the same time the easiest and most challenging teaching job in the world. What they have to teach is Christ — God himself who united himself with humanity in order to show us how to live. The Gospel contains unique, powerful answers to all our yearnings, problems and desires. A preacher who immerses himself in Christ's life will be a profound and wise teacher just by saying the simple and true things the Church teaches. But it's a challenging task, also, precisely because of its simplicity.

Seventh: To Expand Your Family.

... In Mark 10:29-30, Jesus gives the apostles a novel reason to follow him, leaving everything, and everyone: "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Christ doesn't promise riches, and he doesn't promise a "happily ever after" ending. But what he does promise, he delivers — priests have many homes, and many more family members than a layperson could hope to have. They also have a fraternal relationship with other priests, if they seek it out.

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church, this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism, which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Right Reverend Monsignor Rudolph G. Bandas