



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 26—February 1
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Jeanne O. Armstrong;
Marlene Morris; Leo S. Sciarrotta

5:30 p.m. Theresa Barry; Leona O'Dwyer;
Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

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

9:30 a.m. Aaron Arnold; Roberta Wynne Bruley; John
J. Clesi; Charles Gegg; Fr. Stanley P. Klores;
Rene Paul Landry; Theodore May; Norma
McClellan; Marc Molyneux, Jr.; Frank
Pazos; John H. Schroder, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Eric Gordon Hansen; Beverly "Mickey"
Hogan; John Alison Hogan; Barbara Rush;
Deb Stauffer; Erik Stauffer; John Stauffer;
Pete Terrebonne, Sr.; Frances C. Vuskovich

5:30 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; James William Rhoads

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Lloyd C. Melancon; Leona O'Dwyer;
Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

11:30 a.m. Jeanne O. Armstrong; Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth F. Robert

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Tommy Fayard; Stephen A. Losee; Della
Springman; Jon Springman; Milton
Springman; Hazel Ducote Wells

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

11:30 a.m. Jeanne O. Armstrong; Leona O'Dwyer;
Eric N. Smith

12:00 p.m. Wade Brupbacher; Elisabeth F. Robert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Jeanne O. Armstrong; Peter William
Loetzerich; Stephen A. Losee

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

Sexagesima

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008**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.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

To stay informed about parish activities, please take a
Sunday Bulletin with you as you leave church. You can
also access our web site at: www.oldstpatricks.org to
read/print the bulletin.

SUNDAY OFFERING—January 20, 2008

First Collection \$ 7,115

Second Collection* \$ 1,500

* Restoration and Maintenance

CANCELED EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 27 and February 3

1. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
2. Coffee & doughnuts after Sunday morning Masses

Friday, February 1

First Friday Mass and Benediction

Sunday, February 3

5:30 P.M. Mass

CALL FOR ACOLYTES

Acolytes serve in the liturgical life of the parish, especially in the
celebration of the Mass. St. Patrick's Parish seeks inquires from
Catholic men, age 18 or older, single or married, sensing a call to the
ministry of acolyte, especially for service at the 11:00am Sunday
Mass. Interested men are invited to contact:

Robert Ramirez—899-3048, evenings or weekend

Email: bramirez@bellsouth.net.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

JULY 9—18, 2008

JUBILEE YEAR OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF LOURDES

During this Jubilee year of the 150th anniversary of the appearance by
the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous, Father Stan Klores
will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes. A four night stay in Lourdes will
allow ample time for prayer, healing, Stations of the Cross, Blessed
Sacrament procession; candlelight procession, group rosary and
visiting the many sites familiar to the young girl Bernadette
Soubirous. Other shrines of France that will be visited include Ars,
home of St. John Vianney the Curé of Ars; Paray-le-Monial where
Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; Nevers and the
famous Hospices de Beaune.

For a complete itinerary contact: Catholic Journeys—504-834-4951;

Van or Pat Stevens: 225-928-8335; CatholicJourneys.com

Tour price: \$3,969 from New Orleans.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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

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

Call the rectory office at 525-4413 if you would like to become an
active member of St. Patrick's Parish.

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: Tom Alexander; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio;
Tony Clesi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Ann
Clair Duplechin; Rose Fee; Reverend Stan Klores; 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedict XVI Leads the Faithful in "Looking Together At The Lord"

"What matters is looking together at the Lord." These words, written eight years ago by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, explain a subtle but decisive liturgical reform being enacted through the personal example of Pope benedict XVI.

The latest and perhaps most striking step in this reform took place on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord when, as has become customary, the Pope celebrated Mass in the Sistine Chapel and baptized newborn infants. As papal ceremonial goes, this is not usually a grand liturgical occasion: the Mass is in the vernacular and is largely said, not sung.

Yet it was precisely there – in perhaps as close to a parish setting as papal ceremonies often get – that the Holy Father chose to make a significant liturgical adjustment. Instead of celebrating the liturgy of the Eucharist at a temporary altar-table set up for the occasion that would have had him "facing the people" (as has often been done in recent years), at the preparation of the gifts Pope Benedict went up to the original altar of the Sistine chapel (which stands against the wall on which Michelangelo painted his Last Judgment) and celebrated "facing East" or "towards the Lord" as it were. The Pope faced in the same direction as all those present – towards the liturgical "East", towards the cross – in continuity with popes (including Pope John Paul II) and generations of the faithful before him.

Let us be clear, this has nothing at all to do with the Pope's decision that the more ancient rite of the Mass (in Latin) be available to those who wish it. No, this Mass was according to the modern Missal of Paul VI, in Italian. And that is why this occasion was so important. For in this silent gesture Pope Benedict stated once and for all that there is nothing at all wrong with using the older altars in our churches. For as he wrote in his preface to Fr Michael Lang's book *Turning Towards the Lord*: "there is nothing in the [Second Vatican] Council text about turning altars towards the people."

The Holy Father's example is not an isolated one. In his book *The Spirit of the Liturgy* Cardinal Ratzinger wrote "facing toward the East...was linked with the "sign of the Son of Man", with the Cross, which announces Our Lord's Second Coming. That is why, very early on, the East was linked with the sign of the cross." And, recognizing that in many places, altars "facing the people" have been set up (sometimes as the result of costly and unnecessary reordering) that make a return to celebrating the liturgy of the Eucharist facing East difficult. "Where a direct common turning toward the East is not possible, the cross can serve as the interior 'East' of faith. It should stand in the middle of the altar and be the common point of focus for both priest and praying community."

This is what Pope Benedict has done: the cross is now at the centre of the papal altar in St Peter's Basilica (which faces East in any case), as well as at the freestanding modern altar behind it that replaced the old altar of the Chair. He has even adopted this rule when celebrating outside the Vatican – as seen in his Advent Mass in the thoroughly modern chapel at the Knights of Malta hospital in Rome.

MASS AND RECTORY OFFICE SCHEDULE JANUARY 26—FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Saturday, Jan. 26	4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27	8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; and 5:30 p.m. <u>Adoration and Benediction—canceled</u>
Saturday, Feb. 2	4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 3	8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 11:00 a.m. <u>Church closes after the 11:00 a.m. Mass</u> <u>Adoration and Benediction—canceled</u> <u>5:30 p.m. Mass—canceled</u>
Monday, Feb. 4	11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Rectory office closed
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Church and rectory office closed

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Masses—11:00 a.m.; 11:45 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Distribution of ashes at all Masses

Confessions before the Masses

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Every Friday in Lent

Way of the Cross after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Every Sunday in Lent

3:00 p.m.	Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Solemn Vespers
5:00 p.m.	Benediction
5:30 p.m.	Mass

Here in England those few priests with the courage to take Cardinal Ratzinger's words seriously and return to the use of what we call "the high altar" in their churches have been misunderstood or even ridiculed by clergy and laity. Some have been upbraided for doing so by their superiors.

This is undoubtedly due to the erroneous impression that "facing the people" is a mandatory part of the modern liturgy. Well, now the Holy Father – in his customarily humble way – has definitively shown us that it is not. Indeed, he has shown us that facing East where that is all that is possible, or indeed facing the cross – which is possible everywhere, can and ought to be very much a part of the modern liturgy, for "a common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidentals, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord."

Dr. Alcuin Reid