



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
March 29—April 4
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Clare Cazalot; Dorothea Hackett; Marlene Morris; Elizabeth Lagroue; Ronald Pitisci, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Charles Blancq III; Lynn Duncan; Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush; Special Intention

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Carolyn Bankston; Caroline M. Brody; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Charles Gegg; Harold Haydel; James E. Kock, Jr.; Norma McClellan; Clara L. McDavid; Cliff Montgomery; John H. Schroder, Jr.
11:00 a.m. Cynthia Hemelt; Barbara Rush; Patricia Taggart; Frances C. Vuskovich; Hazel Wells
5:30 p.m. Lynn Duncan; Leona O'Dwyer; James W. Rhoads; Mary L. Young

MONDAY, MARCH 31

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Lynn Duncan; Leona O'Dwyer

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

- 11:30 a.m. Gloria Cayolla; Dennis Lemoine, Jr.
12:00 p.m. Lynn Duncan; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth F. Robert; Barbara Rush

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Stephen A. Losse; Leona O'Dwyer; Carol S. Schiaffino

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- 11:30 a.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush
12:00 p.m. Elisabeth F. Robert; Carol S. Schiaffino

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Verda Loetzerich; Stephen A. Losse
7:30 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*Low Sunday***Solemn High Mass**—First Sunday of the month.**Benediction**—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008**

- 7:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass
8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 p.m. Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 23, 2008

First Collection \$ 15,622

Second Collection* \$ 4,800

* Maintenance and restoration

MERCY SUNDAY—DAY OF GRACE

The graces of My Mercy are drawn by Trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive... - Our Lord to St. Faustina

MASS HONORING DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, March 30, 2008

St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana

1:30 p.m. Rosary and Adoration

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 p.m. Holy Mass

The Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans will be the celebrant.

Bring a flower for the Blessed Virgin; please go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.

WILLWOODS COMMUNITY—SEVENTH ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, April 12, 2008

In honor of

Most Reverend Alfred E. Hughes, S.T.D.

Most Reverend Francis B. Schulte

Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Louis Cathedral, followed by cocktails and dinner at the Plimssoll Club in the World Trade Center. The evening will benefit the ministries of Willwoods Community. For information and tickets: 504-830-3700.

RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

Sojourners of The Burning Heart, a local youth group dedicated to spreading the word of Christ to youth, will be holding a bake sale and selling raffle tickets before and after all masses this weekend. The raffle is for an all expense paid trip to Medjugorje and all proceeds go to help defray costs for teens traveling to Medjugorje. Please support these youth in their mission to bring Christ to our youth through Our Lady.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DISABLED—SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

2:00 p.m.; St. Francis Xavier Church; 444 Metairie Road; Metairie, LA Everyone's invited to attend.

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF LOURDES**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE**

July 9-18, 2008, Father Stan Klores will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes; Ars, the home of St. John Vianny; 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

On-line: CatholicJourneys.com

Tour price from New Orleans: \$3,969

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Eugenie Cazalot; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Father John Corapi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Ann Clair Duplechin; Rose Fee; John Fulcher; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; Lucille Ogden; Robert B. Ramirez; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Diane Sikes; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Stephanie Summers; Turkington Family; Murthe Webre

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION IS AN EVENT OF LOVE

Excerpt from Easter message of Pope Benedict XVI

In the words "I have risen, I am still with you" which ring out at the beginning of today's Mass, said the Pope, "the Church recognizes the voice of Jesus Himself Who, on rising from death, turns to the Father filled with gladness and love, and exclaims: ... Your Spirit never abandoned me. ... The death and resurrection of the Word of God incarnate is an event of invincible love, it is the victory of that Love which has delivered us from the slavery of sin and death. It has changed the course of history, giving to human life an indestructible and renewed meaning and value".

"With His redeeming sacrifice, Jesus of Nazareth has made us adopted children of God, so that we too can now take our place in the mysterious dialogue between Him and the Father", said the Pope. "In this perspective, we note that the words addressed by the risen Jesus to the Father on this day ... apply indirectly to us as well, 'children of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him'".

"In this way we enter the depths of the Paschal mystery", he explained. "The astonishing event of the resurrection of Jesus is essentially an event of love. ... From today's solemnity, in which we relive the absolute, once-and-for-all experience of Jesus' resurrection, we receive an appeal to be converted to Love; we receive an invitation to live by rejecting hatred and selfishness, and to follow with docility in the footsteps of the Lamb that was slain for our salvation".

The Holy Father proceeded: "Dear Christian brothers and sisters in every part of the world, dear men and women whose spirit is sincerely open to the truth, let no heart be closed to the omnipotence of this redeeming love! Jesus Christ died and rose for all; He is our hope - true hope for every human being. Today, just as He did with His disciples in Galilee before returning to the Father, the risen Jesus now sends us everywhere as witnesses of His hope. ... Fixing the gaze of our spirit on the glorious wounds of His transfigured body, we can understand the meaning and value of suffering; we can tend the many wounds that continue to disfigure humanity in our own day".

The Pope indicated that in Christ's wounds "we recognize the indestructible signs of the infinite mercy of the God. ... It is He who heals the wounds of broken hearts, who defends the weak and proclaims the freedom of slaves, who consoles all the afflicted and bestows upon them the oil of gladness instead of a mourning robe. ... If with humble trust we draw near to Him, we encounter in His gaze the response to the deepest longings of our heart: to know God and to establish with Him a living relationship in an authentic communion of love, which can fill our lives, our interpersonal and social relations with that same love".

"How often", the Pope remarked "relations between individuals, between groups and between peoples are marked not by love but by selfishness, injustice, hatred and violence! These are the scourges of humanity, open and festering in every corner of the planet, although they are often ignored and sometimes deliberately concealed; wounds that torture the souls and bodies of countless of our brothers and sisters. They are waiting to be tended and healed by the glorious wounds of our Risen Lord and by the solidarity of people who, following in His footsteps, perform deeds of charity in His name, make an active commitment to justice, and spread luminous signs of hope in areas bloodied by conflict and wherever the dignity of the human person continues to be scorned and trampled. It is to be hoped that these are precisely the places where gestures of moderation and forgiveness will increase!"

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THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION

Although the message of Divine Mercy is prominent in the teachings of Jesus, and expressed through His works of healing throughout His Galilean ministry, the gospel writers emphasize that it is the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus, above all, that is the most decisive breakthrough of God's merciful love in this fallen world. For example, after St. Peter's confession of faith in Christ in chapter 9 of St. Luke's gospel, the rest of the book tells the story of Jesus' final missionary walk from Galilee to Jerusalem, His arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. In other words, the story of the Cross and of Easter really begins at Lk. 9:22, and continues right to the end of the gospel in chapter 24! This clearly illustrates the overwhelming importance of these events in the story of God's merciful love that Luke is narrating.

When our Lord was dying on the Cross, He never ceased to shower his merciful love upon those around Him. For example, He prayed for His persecutors: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34). He gave the hope of pardon and eternal peace to the penitent thief crucified alongside Him: "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43). He even made provision for the care of His mother from the Cross, and gave her to us as Mother of all Christians: "Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother!" (Jn. 19:26-27).

The theology embedded in the gospel also points to the importance of the paschal mystery as the supreme revelation of Divine Mercy. First of all, Jesus is shown to be the divine Son of God Himself in human flesh, giving His life for the salvation of the world. This clearly shows that in His very depths God is merciful love. (Note: That is why the gospels are careful to report to us that at the moment of Jesus' death, the curtain of the Temple in Jerusalem was torn in two from top-to-bottom, revealing the Holy of Holies as Divine Love. Interestingly, this is not just theological symbolism: historical reportage from that era from outside the gospels confirms that this mysterious tearing of the Temple curtain really took place!). By dying on the Cross for us, Jesus satisfied the requirements of Divine Justice for us—but He went way beyond justice, obtaining for us an infinite ocean of graces of His merciful love. ..

According to Pope John Paul II, the Resurrection too is a testimony to Divine Mercy through and through. For the Resurrection shows us not only that Christ's love was more powerful than sin and death, but more powerful than OUR sin and OUR death! His resurrection is for US, not just for Himself: He rises to new life in order to be with us always, to the end of time (Mt. 28:20), to fill us with His new life and thereby enable us to share in His Easter triumph.

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