



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 5—April 11
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Cammarato–Guzzardi Family;
Marlene Morris; Father Anton Phan
5:30 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush; Special
Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Malcolm L. Barbarto,
Sr.; Roberta W. Bruley; Carol H. Carroll;
Jane O. Chatelain; Edmond M. d'Hemecourt;
Tim Dauterive; Bryan Foley; Reverend
Monsignor L. Earl Gauthreaux; Charles
Gegg; Maria Grisaro; Joseph & Louisa
Grisaro; Stephanie M. Grisaro; Leonard
Hensgens; Wilbur & Mae Hollier; Norma
McClellan; Clara L. McDavid; Laura M.
Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon
G. Messina; Frank Pistocchi; Rene F.
Pusissegur, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Una
Stables; Virginia Swartz
11:00 a.m. Lopez M. Arbon; Camden Boatright; Bob &
Penny Fitzgerald; Cynthia Hemelt; Stephen
Luccioni; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Frances C.
Vuskovich
5:30 p.m. James W. Rhoads; Barbara Rush; Mary L.
Young

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 11:30 a.m. Leona O'Dwyer
12:00 p.m. Elisabeth F. Robert

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Stephen A. Losse

Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday
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**

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 30, 2008

First Collection \$ 8,003
Second Collection* \$ 2,018

* Maintenance and restoration

ST. PATRICK'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Solemn High Mass, old Latin rite, in the presence of His Excellency, Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, followed by a gala brunch reception at Gallier Hall. During the reception a very special exhibit on the history of St. Patrick's Church will be on view.

Everyone is cordially invited to join with fellow parishioners, and friends of St. Patrick's, to celebrate this significant event in the long history of our Church.

Because the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the old Latin rite the regular 9:30 a.m. Mass, on this Sunday, will be celebrated in English.

CHRIST OUR HOPE—EWTN SPECIAL LIVE COVERAGE

April 15-20, 2008. EWTN Global Catholic Network will provide live coverage of every event in Pope Benedict XVI's historic U.S. trip, from the time his plane lands until he departs the country. Special live coverage will be provided by EWTN News Director

Raymond Arroyo, who has anchored more papal events than anyone in the industry and who obtained the only English language interview in existence today with the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Also, complete live TV and radio coverage online at www.ewtn.com

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

April 11-13, 2008 at Pontchartrain Center, Kenner, LA

Healing will be the focus of the annual Catholic Charismatic Conference. World renowned speaker and author Sr. Briega McKenna, OSC, will be featured along with Father Kevin Scallon, CM and the Irish singer, Dana. The theme is *By His Wounds We Have Been Healed*.

For information: (504) 828-1368; or register online: www.ccrno.org

WILLWOODS COMMUNITY—SEVENTH ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, April 12, 2008

In honor of

Most Reverend Alfred C. 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 Plimsoll Club in the World Trade Center. The evening will benefit the ministries of Willwoods Community. For information and tickets: (504) 830-3700.

PREMIUM PARKING LOT—CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

The Premium Parking lot at 732 Camp St., near the church and used by so many parishioners, will be closed for repairs on Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20, 2008.

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; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Murthe Webre

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EXPLANATION OF THE MOBILE SCULPTURE OF THE ST. LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM MALTESE CROSS BY INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN SCULPTRESS, LIN EMERY

Recently installed to the left-hand side of the main entrance of St. Patrick's Church is a beautiful mobile sculpture depicting the Maltese cross. It is a remarkable work of art because it combines creative intuition by incorporating the design of the eight-pointed Maltese cross and transforming it into a mobile sculpture. The lyrical quality of this design enables the wind to move the dancing eight-pointed ends of the cross as if the Holy Spirit in the form of doves is inspiring the eight Beatitudes. It is made from polished aluminum. The Maltese cross symbolizes the eight Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They are as follows:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Gospel of St. Matthew 5:3-10

This contemporary work of art was commissioned by the Grand Commandery of the South of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem through the generosity of Dame Betty Brooks Doss, DLJ, in honor of the Millennium Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a triumph of artistic accomplishment and skill reflecting the contemporary beauty of an inspired religious work of art.

Very Rev. Dr. Val A McInnes, O.P., SchLJ
National Chaplain, Grand Priory of America

LETTING ONESELF BE HELPED

The Gospel of today's Mass presents us with another appearance of Jesus on the evening of his Resurrection. Two disciples are making their way to the village of Emmaus, having lost all hope because Christ, in whom they had placed the whole meaning of their lives, was dead. Our Lord catches up with them, as if He too were just another traveler on the road, and walks with them without being recognized (Lk 24 13-35). They engage in broken conversation, as happens when people talk as they are going along. They speak about their preoccupation: what has happened in Jerusalem on the Friday evening—the death of Jesus of Nazareth. The Crucifixion of Our Lord had been a very severe test for the hopes of all those who considered themselves to be his disciples and who to some extent or another had placed their trust in him. Things had all taken place very quickly and they still hadn't got over all they had seen with their very eyes.

These men who are returning to their home village after having celebrated the Paschal feast in Jerusalem show by the tone of their conversation their great sadness and how discouraged and disconcerted they are... now they speak of Jesus as a reality belonging to the past...

These men did know about Christ's promise of rising on the

third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they speak of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They are a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.

On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our soul in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible... But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we be ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

Francis Fernandez