



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 12—April 18
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; George W. Elder; The Maselli Family; Marlene Morris; George P. Robbins III

5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Sally A. Main; Joseph Maselli III; Barbara Rush; Special Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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

9:30 a.m. Dolores R. Austin; Gordon C. Austin; Malcolm L. Barbarto, Sr.; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Charlotte Ducote; Charles Gegg; Norma McClellan; Sally A. Main; Sandra Schmitt; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Una Stables; Mary Venturella

11:00 a.m. Lopez M. Arbon; Madison Fauchaux; Dolores Galego; Cynthia Hemelt; Dr. & Mrs. Charles Taggart

5:30 p.m. James W. Rhoads; Barbara Rush; Hilton & Mary Toups; Mary L. Young

MONDAY, APRIL 14

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Sally A. Main; Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Sally A. Main; Elisabeth F. Robert

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen A. Losse; Sally A. Main

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Sally A. Main; Elisabeth F. Robert

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Nicholas Cammarato; Patricia M. Digeorge; Stephen Losee; Sally A. Main

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

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 6, 2008

First Collection \$ 14,796

Second Collection* \$ 2,058

* Maintenance and restoration

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The world-wide Church honors all Christian vocations. We are called by name and offered a special gift of a Christian vocation. We pray that we are open to God's call and ready to accept the gift. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is with us to guide and protect us on our life journey. Our parish will join with the universal church to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation.

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 and News Director Raymond Arroya will provide live "wall-to-wall" coverage of Pope Benedict XVI's historic U.S. trip.

EWTN will be the only television station providing complete coverage of the pope's visit. Live TV and radio coverage will be available online at www.ewtn.com

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.

St. Patrick's parishioners and guests are reminded that they may park in the lot for the regular **Saturday** and **Sunday** Masses, including the Sunday evening Mass, for a special discounted fee of \$1.00. Parking is allowed for one hour before and during the scheduled Mass. The fee is to be placed in the numbered pay slot box matching the number of the space in which the car is parked.

This special fee courtesy does not extend to weddings and other functions at St. Patrick's.

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; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Father John Corapi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Ann Clair Duplechin; Rose Fee; John Fulcher; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THERE'S A METHOD TO HIS MISTAKES

How Benedict shapes the news

During his U.S. visit, Pope Benedict XVI will make a shocking mistake that takes everyone by surprise, calls forth explanations — and changes conventional wisdom about something important.

Will there be an American version of Auschwitz,... Or an American version of Regensburg,... Or an American version of Aparecida,?

In each case, the Pope's trip produced an unexpected media eruption, and Vatican spokesmen sallied forth to issue clarifications about what the Pope really meant and did not mean. A consensus view is that Benedict, who was a university professor, makes mistakes by expressing himself in language that requires both nuance and context, and that complexity sometimes leads to misinterpretations which sabotage his message. That's possible.

But I contend for an alternative view, in that Benedict intends exactly the uproar that follows some of what he says. It draws attention to the larger point he is making.

...the Holy Father has been provoking international firestorms for his choice of language for so long that it is difficult to believe that it is not intentional. He thinks that occasionally lighting a fire is useful for shedding light, even if it includes the risk of getting burned.

In his 1985 interview book *The Ratzinger Report*, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger deliberately used the word "restoration" to speak about what was necessary 20 years after Vatican II. It sparked a fevered debate in the Church and earned criticism even from other bishops, but it was his remarks that framed the debate for the synod of bishops that year — the synod that called forth Cardinal Ratzinger's single most important work, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Fifteen years later, during the Great Jubilee of 2000, Cardinal Ratzinger, in his capacity as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, published *Dominus Iesus (The Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church)*, which used the words "gravely deficient" and "defects" to describe the situation of those outside of full communion with the Catholic Church. That firestorm required Pope John Paul II himself to publicly defend the document, so great was the criticism, even from within the Roman Curia. Yet again, Cardinal Ratzinger's intervention reshaped the debate, making it absolutely clear that ecumenism cannot mean relativism or indifferentism.

In 2005, just weeks before John Paul's death, Cardinal Ratzinger wrote the meditations for the papal Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) at the Colosseum. Writing of the Church, he wrote of the "filth" in the priesthood, and that the ship of faith was "taking on water from all sides." It too made international headlines, and remains today the most memorable and dramatic condemnation of the sexual abuse crisis.

At the funeral Mass of John Paul, it was Cardinal Ratzinger who moved the world to tears with the evocative image of the Holy Father standing at the window of the house of the Father. And then a few days later, on the threshold of the conclave, Cardinal Ratzinger used the phrase "dictatorship of relativism," which instantly made the front pages of newspapers around the world, and framed the challenge facing the Church in electing a new pope.

For more than 20 years, Ratzinger/Benedict has known how to generate global attention. He also is more than perfectly capable of speaking, if he wishes, in a manner that attracts almost no attention at all. Consider his inaugural homily as Pope, which

was a profound reflection on the Petrine office; it disappeared almost without comment and is rarely mentioned, containing as it did nothing especially arresting. What Benedict has demonstrated is that he is also skilled at using the media, but in a different way from his predecessor. While John Paul was the master of the iconic image, Benedict's forte is the magisterial discourse. But discourses by themselves do not attract attention unless they contain a spark of controversy. Benedict is, when he judges it prudent, ready to light that spark...

It is correct to say that Benedict is, at heart, a teacher, and his teaching is exceptionally clear and compelling. Yet he knows that teaching, whether as a professor or as a pastor, requires first getting the attention of the student, or of the faithful. A pastor also has to get the attention of those outside of his flock, which requires bold, and occasionally provocative, methods.

So will there be an American "mistake"?

It is quite possible, though by now it should be recognized that there is a method in those deliberate mistakes.

Father Raymond J. De Souza
National Catholic Register Correspondent

A SHEPHERD LIKE NO OTHER

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." What moves us about this image is the feeling of security we have. His sheep are just as important to this shepherd as his own life—even more important. At the critical moment he does not run away, does not abandon his charges in order to keep himself safe and save his own skin. Anyone with a shepherd like that knows he is safe. How badly we all need people like that, people who do not think only about themselves and their own comfort. How very much do children need such parents, workers such bosses, and believers such priests and bishops. How very much we need people who undertake their tasks, not merely as a job, but as pastoral care. The good shepherd does not abandon his flock when "things get hot", when the wolf becomes a threat to the flock. Part of a pastor's task is being prepared to stand up in person to evil, to what may hurt people, not to let things run their course so as to avoid taking unpleasant steps.

Parents are good shepherds whenever they do not simply let everything pass, when they protect their children from negative influences. And Christ, the "chief shepherd", expects the shepherds of the Church, the pastors, to have the courage not just to say "yes" and "Amen" to everything, merely to avoid rubbing people the wrong way. Jesus set an example of how the shepherd has to protect those who belong to him, even at the cost of being unpopular.

"I know my own and my own know me." The shepherd knows his flock, and his flock knows him. We usually know pretty quickly whether a "shepherd" is concerned for us or for himself. Children are hurt, not by their parents being strict, but by the feeling that they do not matter to their parents. We are deeply moved when we meet people who are good shepherds. And God be thanked, they are there: in the family, in professional life, in politics, and in the Church. They impart what we need so much, a feeling of care and security. We should be grateful to them. Yet no one is more of a shepherd, in that sense, than Jesus himself. No one loves us as he does. Only he is wholly and completely "the good shepherd".

Excerpt from *Behold God's, Son* by
Christoph Cardinal Schönborn