



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
April 19—April 25  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

4:00 p.m. Clare Cazalot; Eugenie Cazalot;  
Marlene Morris

5:30 p.m. Barbara Rush

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

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

9:30 a.m. Dolores R. Austin; Gordon C. Austin;  
Malcolm L. Barberto, Sr.; Roberta W.  
Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Charles Gegg;  
John H. Schroder, Jr.; Una Stables; Mary  
Venturella

11:00 a.m. Lopez M. Arbon; Camden Boatright; Alice  
Cohen; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Barbara Rush

5:30 p.m. James W. Rhoads

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Barbara Rush

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

11:30 a.m. Pope Benedict XVI; Seminarians

12:00 p.m. Elisabeth F. Robert; Conchetta C. Salvaggio

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen A. Losse

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

11:30 a.m. Monsignor John P. Reynolds

12:00 p.m. Elisabeth F. Robert

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee

*Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.*

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

After the Sunday morning Masses, The Claddagh Group hosts coffee and pastries in the Monsignor Reynolds Hall, located directly behind the rectory. Please stop by after Mass to enjoy refreshments and the fellowship of parishioners and visitors of St. Patrick's Church.

**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 13, 2008

First Collection \$ 10,222

Second Collection\* \$ 2,416

\* Maintenance and restoration

**ST. PATRICK'S 175<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Saint Patrick's Respect Life Committee, led by Father Klores, will pray a rosary in front of Louisiana's largest abortion facility, on the corner of Ridgelake Drive and 20<sup>th</sup> St. in Metairie, **Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 9:00a.m.** Prayers will offered for the babies who are scheduled to be killed, their mothers and fathers, and the conversion of our country. Everyone is invited!

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS—APRIL 26-27, 2008**

Next weekend the second collection will be taken for the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. The Appeal offers Catholics across our country a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the Southwest, Puerto Rico, and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children. Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It's one practical way our parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference.

**CLADDAGH'S JAMMIN' ON JULIA—SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008**

Join us in the rectory on Saturday, May 3 after the 4 pm Vigil Mass, as we toast Cinco de Mayo with dinner and margaritas. Afterwards, we will take a stroll to Julia Street for this year's *Jammin' on Julia Art Walk*, one of the great art events of the year. View contemporary showcases by local, national, and international artists in the 20 participating galleries. Live outdoor music, curbside cash bars, and restaurants will add to this festive occasion. Dinner in the rectory begins at 5:30 pm; *Jammin' on Julia* runs from 6 - 9 pm. Please bring a dish to share in the rectory, beverages will be provided.

**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.

**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; 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**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FIVE KEY ISSUES OF BENEDICT THE ROCK

Pope Benedict XVI is the successor to Peter, a name that means rock. As in bedrock. Jesus' prayer for Peter could just as easily be for Benedict: "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail," he said, in order to "strengthen your brothers."

As preparation for his visit to America, we present some "bedrock" principles of Pope Benedict XVI. Principles on which Pope Benedict will not budge.

### Doctrine

A dominant strain of Catholic thought from the 1970s persists to this day: The notion that the Church is mother but not teacher. It persists despite Blessed John XXIII's 1961 encyclical *Mater et Magistra* (Mother and Teacher), which said the Church "lays claim to the whole man, body and soul, intellect and will."

Pope Benedict XVI spent decades heading the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and launched the conclave that elected him by opposing the "dictatorship of relativism." When he comes to America, the dissent movement, which is already aging without much following, will again have to face the reality that their efforts to change the Church are increasingly irrelevant.

### Peace

Pope Benedict's reason for visiting the United States in the first place is the address he will give on April 18 to the United Nations.

Expect him to continue a theme that has developed since before he became Pope: War cannot solve problems.

The truth of that proposition isn't clear to Americans, who experienced World War II as victors who then got to go home. But in a German TV interview, Benedict explained what he means: "War is the worst solution for all sides. It brings no good to anyone, not even to the apparent victors. We understand this very well in Europe, after the two world wars. Everyone needs peace."

Benedict saw Nazis threaten to make his homeland anti-Christian, violent and opposed to the right to life. He saw war defeat the Nazis.

Then he saw Germany become largely anti-Christian, suffer from violent crimes and oppose the right to life anyway.

He also knows communists threatened to make Poland anti-Christian, violent and opposed to the right to life. But a peaceful Catholic movement defeated the communists there. Today, Poland is an exception to Europe's secular rule. It is exporting its priests — and its Catholic population — all over Europe.

If Americans don't see that lesson, it isn't lost on the German successor to Pope John Paul II.

### Education

Another major shift is taking place in Catholic higher education. In 1967, the nation's top Catholic university leaders signed the "Land o' Lakes Statement" claiming: "The Catholic university must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, external to the academic community itself."

Pope Benedict, a former professor, recently experienced personally where this anti-hierarchical attitude leads: not to more academic freedom, but to less. Students at La Sapienza University in Rome proved too hostile to the faith to even allow the Pope himself to visit and speak.

Expect Pope Benedict XVI, in his address at The Catholic University of America to further promote the renewal of Catholic education that is blossoming in the United States with new schools faithful to the canon law mandatum and true academic

freedom.

### Interreligious Dialogue

Too often, interreligious dialogue in America is marked by the extremes of severity or timidity. We either refuse to admit that the religions are very different at all or attempt to caricature other religions.

Pope Benedict has been ready to reach out to other religions but fearless in his pronouncements. He spoke to Jews at Auschwitz and at a synagogue in Cologne. He visited Istanbul and the Blue Mosque even after he had angered some Muslims at Regensburg. He baptized a Muslim at Easter vigil only a few days after Osama bin Laden's threatening reference to him.

In the United States, he plans a meeting with leaders of other religions and a Passover visit to a synagogue. Americans can learn from him that it is possible to dialogue with other religions, and that you don't have to pretend you have no differences — from false charity or fear — in order to do so.

### Liturgy

The major unheralded story of the new millennium of the Church is the renewal of the liturgy. Pope Benedict has been bringing to fruition the liturgical renewal begun by Pope John Paul II.

"My pontificate begins in a particularly meaningful way, as the Church is living the special year dedicated to the Eucharist," said the new Pope Benedict in 2005. "I ask everyone in the coming months ... to express courageously and clearly faith in the real presence of the Lord, especially by the solemnity and the correctness of the celebrations" (emphasis added).

Pope Benedict has written major documents on the liturgy since then, and made headlines by announcing that he would be celebrating certain key Vatican Masses *ad orientem* (to the east), facing the tabernacle instead of the people.

This will be Pope Benedict's first trip abroad with his new master of ceremonies, Msgr. Guido Marini, who has helped him re-introduce traditional liturgical accoutrements. Msgr. Marini said, "I hope the liturgical celebrations presided over by the Holy Father may be an example and also provide an orientation for the church in the United States."

But the real message will be the immovable stands Benedict takes. Like a rock.

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## THE POPE LOVES LIFE

### *Benedict's Notably Quotable Pro-Life Moments*

"Each according to his or her possibilities, profession and responsibilities, should feel in themselves an obligation to love and serve life, from its beginning to its natural end. It is, in fact, everyone's duty to welcome human life as a gift to be respected, protected and promoted, even more so when it is fragile and in need of attention and care, either before birth or when it is in its final stages." *Angelus address, February 3, 2008.*

:Selfishness and fear are at the root of (pro-abortion) legislation... We in the Church have a great struggle to defend life... Life is a gift, not a threat." *Aboard papal plane headed for Brazil, May 9, 2007.*