MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 3—May 9
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MAY 3

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Cammarato Guizzaro Family; Claudine Campbell; Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Marlene Morris; Catherine A. Sicard; Dr. Earl Sonnier; Josephine Stansbury

5:30 p.m. Sandra Cockrell

SUNDAY, MAY 4

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

9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Drago & Klara Cvitanovich; Edmond M. d'Hemecourt; Tim Dauterive; Bryan Foley; Reverend Monsignor L. Earl Gauthreaux; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Maria Grisaro; Stephanie M. Grisaro; Wilbur & Mae Hollier; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon G. Messina; Frank Pistocchi; Rene F. Puissegur, Jr.; Mehmet & Nadime Rendee & Family; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Una Stables; Virginia Swartz

11:00 a.m. Deborah Arnold; Dr. Marcus Black; Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Stephen Luccioni; Dr. Earl Sonnier

5:30 p.m. James W. Rhoads; Barbara Rush

MONDAY, MAY 5

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, MAY 6

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Elisabeth F. Robert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Stephen A. Losse

THURSDAY, MAY 8

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. John P. Alfortish; Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Elisabeth F. Robert

FRIDAY, MAY 9

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial L

12:00 p.m. John P. Alfortish; Clare & Eugenie Cazalot; Stephen Losee

Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 27, 2008
First Collection $ 12,877
Second Collection* $ 2,459
* Catholic Home Missions

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Father Stan Klores sends a sincere thank you to all who participated in making St. Patrick's anniversary celebration a joyous and memorable occasion, one to be recorded in the splendid history of our parish.
Commemorative souvenir programs of the solemn high Mass are available in the vestibule. Please take as many as you would like to share with family and friends.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place this Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses.

ORDER OF ST. LOUIS IX MEDALLION

Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes will present the Order of St. Louis medallion to Mr. G. Peter Robbins and Mrs. Patricia Robbins, of our parish in ceremonies this Sunday, May 4, 2008 at St. Louis Cathedral. The Order of St. Louis was established some thirty years ago to recognize individuals who have given unselfishly of their time and talent to the work of the Church over a long period.
We wish to congratulate Peter and Pat and thank them for their unselfish and generous gift of themselves in so many ways to our parish.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY CRUSADE FOR LIFE

Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Causeway Medical Clinic
3044 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie (Ridgelake Drive and 20th Street).
Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes along with priests and seminarians will lead us in praying the 20 decades of the rosary in honoring the Blessed Mother and praying for an end to abortion.

FIRST SOLEMN HIGH MASS—PENTECOST SUNDAY

Father Adam Travis will celebrate his first solemn high Mass, in the extraordinary form, at the 9:15 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 11, 2008.
When Father Travis was a seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary, he frequently served at St. Patrick's Church. He is now the parochial vicar at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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, a four night stay; 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
Van or Pat Stevens: 225-928-8335; On-line: Catholic Journeys.com
Tour price from New Orleans: $3,969

PAPAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

Did you miss a Papal Visit Event?
Catch up on all the events of the papal visit with video, photos, stories and more on **www.uspapalvisit.org.**

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; Frank Cook; Father John Corapi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Rose Fee; John Fulcher; Mikell & Pete Johnson; Joseph; 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS

If we do not want the Ascension to be a sad "farewell," but rather a true feast, then we must understand the radical difference between a disappearance and a departure. With the ascension, Jesus has not departed, he has not become absent; he has only disappeared from our sight. Those who leave are no longer here; those who only go out of our sight, however, can still be near us—it is only that something prevents our seeing them. Jesus does disappear from the apostles' sight at the ascension but he does so to be present in another more intimate way.

He is no longer outside them but within them. This is similar to the Eucharist. So long as the host is outside of us we see it, we adore it; when we receive the host we no longer see it, it has disappeared, but it has disappeared to be within us. It is present in a new, more powerful way.

But it will be asked: If Jesus is no longer visible, how will men come to know of his presence? The answer is that he wants to make himself present through his disciples! In his Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, the Evangelist Luke closely links the Ascension with the theme of testimony: "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48).

The "you" indicates in the first place the apostles who were with Jesus. After the apostles, this "official" testimony—official because it is connected to their office—passes to their successors, the bishops and priests. But the "you" also regards all the baptized and believers in Christ. "Each individual layman," says a document of the Second Vatican Council, "must stand before the world as a witness to the resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and a symbol of the living God" ("Lumen Gentium," 38).

Pope Paul VI has famously said that "the world needs witnesses more than it needs teachers." It is relatively easy to be a teacher. It is much less easy to be a witness. In fact, the world is full of both true and false teachers, but has few witnesses. Between the two roles there is the same difference as that between saying and doing. "Actions," an English proverb says, "speak louder than words."

The witness is one who speaks with his life. A believing father and mother must be "the first witnesses of faith" for their children. (The Church asks this for them from God in the blessing that follows the rite of matrimony).

Let us give a specific example. At this time of year many children are preparing for first Communion and confirmation. A believing mother or father can help the child review the catechism, explain the meaning of the words to him, and help him memorize the responses. Such parents are doing a beautiful thing and if only there were more who did this!

But what would a child think if after all that his parents said and did for his first Communion, they never go to Mass on Sunday, they never make the sign of the cross and never pray? They have been teachers, but they haven't been witnesses.

Naturally, the testimony of the parents must not limit itself to the time of the first Communion or confirmation of their children. With the way they correct and forgive the child and forgive each other, with the way they speak with respect of those who are not present, with the way they conduct themselves before a poor person begging for alms, with the comments they make in the presence of the children when they are listening to the news, parents have the possibility of bearing witness to their faith every day.

The souls of children are like sheets of photographic film: Everything they see and hear in the years of childhood leaves a trace and one day the "film" will be "developed" and will bear its fruits—for good or for bad.

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap
Father Cantalamessa is the Preacher to the Papal Household

POPE SAYS TRIP TO UNITED STATES WAS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE, RECEIVE HOPE, FAITH

Pope Benedict XVI said his April 15-20 visit to the United Nations and the United States was an opportunity to give—and to receive—a witness to the power of hope and faith.

Reflecting on his trip during his April 30 weekly general audience, the pope said the hope that flows from faith in Christ can vanquish even the darkness cast by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Christian hope, "stronger than sin and death, animated a moment filled with emotion, which I passed in silence in the abyss of ground zero, where I lighted a candle, praying for all the victims of that terrible tragedy," the pope said.

The pope began his general audience by publicly thanking the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and President George W. Bush for inviting him, and all those who greeted him with affection and offered prayers for the success of his visit. Particularly when celebrating his third anniversary as pope with an April 19 Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, he said "it was a moving moment in which I experienced in a tangible way all of the support of the church for my ministry."

…The pope said he set out on the trip "to confirm Catholics in the faith, to renew and increase brotherhood with all Christians and to proclaim to all the message of Christ our hope… I was able to experience the fact that the faith is alive, that Christ is there today among the people, that he shows them the way and helps them to build the present as well as the future… that God gave him an opportunity to try to strengthen the faith of others, 'but at the same time, I was strengthened and came back strengthened.'"

Pope Benedict said that the United States, from its founding, was built "on the foundation of a felicitous joining of religious, ethical and political principles, which still today constitutes a valid example of healthy secularity. The United States is a place where the religious dimension in all its variety is not only tolerated, but is valued as the spirit of the nation and as the fundamental guarantee of human rights and responsibilities."

…As he did throughout his trip, the pope also spoke at his audience about the clergy sex abuse scandal that rocked the U.S. church.

"Thinking of the painful affair of the abuse of minors committed by ordained ministers, I wanted to express my closeness to the bishops, encouraging them in their commitment to bind up the wounds and to reinforce relations with their priests," he said.

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