



MASS FOR THE WEEK
August 16—August 22
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Clifton Billiot; Bruce Calamari;
Carol Leonard; Marlene Morris; Barbara
Rush

5:30 p.m. Dolores Bryan; Leona O'Dwyer; Janice
Young; Three Special Intentions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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

9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Mr. &
Mrs. F. W. Cirlot; Mark Fasola; Cecil
Keeney; Claudio Keyes; Carol Leonard;
Jacqueline Mills; Mehmet & Nedime Rende
& Family; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Geraldine P.
Vocke

11:00 a.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Janice Russo

5:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Ray Comeaux; Sister Helen Groudis;
Mary O'Brien; Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Mary O'Brien; Leona O'Dwyer;
Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee;
Mary O'Brien

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Mary O'Brien; Leona O'Dwyer;
Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Dolores Bryan; Fr. Stephen Kosinski;
Stephen Losee; Mary O'Brien; Fr. Timothy
Pieris; Conchetta C. Salvaggio; Harper Mann
Stanley

Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule

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

Fpirteemtj Sunday after Pentecost

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—August 10, 2008

First Collection \$ 9,002

Second Collection* \$ 3,128

* Education Fund

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 20th St. in Metairie, **Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 9:00a.m.** Prayers will be offered for the babies who are scheduled to be killed, their mothers and fathers, and the conversion of our country. Everyone is invited!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—SEPTEMBER 24-NOVEMBER 2, 2008

You are invited to participate in the *40 Days for Life New Orleans* campaign, a national pro-life campaign that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion AND a constant peaceful and prayerful vigil outside of the Ridgelake abortion facility in Metairie. Please consider joining us for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

For more information please contact the New Orleans Right to Life office: 504-835-6520; www.40daysforlifefenola.com

ST. PATRICK'S TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Sunday, August 24, 2008; 5:15 p.m. in Reynolds Hall

Brother Valdir Hagamann, of the Heralds of the Gospel, will conduct six monthly sessions based on the devotion to the Blessed Mother and the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. Everyone is cordially invited, registration is open to all and will take place at the first meeting. For more information contact Ann Moll : 392-8784

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR—JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

All adult parishioners are invited to come and make a "joyful noise unto the Lord." There are openings in both the polyphonic choir and the Gregorian Schola for new members. By singing with either group at Mass, you are actually taking part in the celebration of the liturgy. Do not be shy!!! Please telephone the rectory: 525-4413, or Joseph F. Hoppe, Music Director : 391-2918 for more information.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS—
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

By increasing our numbers with new members, we continue the work of Christ and strengthen the faith of our community. Please direct anyone thinking of becoming Catholic to call the parish office at 525-4413 for information on the RCIA process. Your input may change someone's life.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us from all harm during this hurricane season,
and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Tristan Anderton; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Al Duroncelet; Rose Fee; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Mikell & Pete Johnson; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Mary O'Brien; Lucille Ogden; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Carmelite Salassi; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Earl Sonnier; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Houston Walker

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WITH A PRAYERFUL HEART, ASK GOD: WHICH IS MY ROAD TO HEAVEN?

No one can live a “half-way” Christianity. It never works. Every double life inevitably self-destructs. So the question facing every Catholic young adult who is serious about his or her faith is pretty straightforward: How are we going to live in this world? How can we lead a Christian life in a secular age?

We can’t really answer that question until we get a few things straight about what it means to be a Christian. And that means first getting some things straight about Jesus Christ. One of the by-products of our age is that we don’t really quite know what to think about Jesus anymore.

A few years before he became Pope Benedict XVI, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote something that is, unfortunately, very true. He wrote: “Today in broad circles, even among believers, an image has prevailed of a Jesus who demands nothing, never scolds, who accepts everyone and everything, who no longer does anything but affirm us. . . . The figure is transformed from the ‘Lord’ (a word that is avoided) into a man who is nothing more than the advocate of all men.”

We all know people—friends or family members or both—who think about Jesus in these terms. It’s hard to avoid. Our culture has given Jesus a make-over. We’ve remade him in the image and likeness of secular compassion. Today he’s not the Lord, the Son of God, but more like an enlightened humanist nice guy.

The problem is this: If Jesus isn’t Lord, if he isn’t the Son of God, then he can’t do anything for us. Then the Gospel is just one more or less interesting philosophy of life. Therefore, if we want to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ in a secular age, we need to trust the Gospels, and we need to trust the Church that *gives* us the Gospels. We need to truly believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the son of Mary. True God and true man. The One who holds the words of eternal life. If we aren’t committed to that truth, then nothing else about the Catholic faith can make any sense.

Jesus didn’t come down from heaven to tell us to go to church on Sunday. He didn’t die on the cross and rise from the dead so that we would pray more at home and be a little nicer to our next-door neighbors. The one thing even non-believers can see is that the Gospels aren’t compromise documents. Jesus wants all of us. And not just on Sundays. He wants us to love God with *all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our mind*. He wants us to love our neighbor *as ourselves*. That is, *with a love that’s consuming and total*.

We need to take Christ at his word. We need to love him like our lives depend on it. Right now. And without excuses. Remember that man in Scripture who told Jesus: I’m ready to be your disciple, but first I need to plan my father’s funeral? The way Jesus responds is blunt and disturbing: “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. Follow me and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Of course, Jesus is not commanding disrespect for our parents. What he’s saying is that there is no more urgent priority in our lives than following him and proclaiming his kingdom.

Being a follower of Jesus Christ can *never* be just one more among many aspects of our daily life. Being a Christian is who we are. Period. Being a Christian means our life has a mission. It means striving every day to be a better follower, to become more like Jesus in our thoughts and actions.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld once said that, “God calls all the souls he has created to love him with their whole being. . . . But he does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way. What sort of work, then must *I* do? Which is *my* road to heaven?”

If we ask those questions with a determined and prayerful heart, God will always listen, and respond.

*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Denver*

PEACE B W/ U

Pope Benedict XVI has gone high-tech. On July 15, the opening of World Youth Day celebrations in Sydney, Australia, Benedict sent the first of his daily text messages to an undisclosed number of pilgrims registered for the world’s largest youth gathering. The message read: “Young friend, God and his people expect much from u because u have within you the Fathers supreme gift: the Spirit of Jesus.” Signed, “BXVI.” Benedict’s messages focused on the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of young Christians. On the fourth day, using abbreviations common among the millennial generation, Benedict wrote, “The spirit impels us 4ward 2wards others; the fire of his love makes us missionaries of God’s charity. See u tomorrow nite - BXVI.” The text messages serve as a creative venue to communicate Gospel hope, and Benedict should be commended for employing this tool.

Amid the excitement of receiving a “text” from the pope, however, pilgrims should not neglect Benedict’s full WYD message. Benedict wisely tempered his openness to gadgetry with warnings about the “the cult of material possessions” and the perils of “acquiring as many possessions and luxuries as we can.” Undisciplined desire for the latest technological practices (texting, for instance) can be a symptom of consumerism. What results in the “spiritual desert” of a materially rich society, according to Benedict, is “an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of despair.” In our technological age, the quantity of communication has increased, but the quality—that personal encounter with Christ in the other person—has deteriorated. Through his words and example, BXVI is teaching us that technology, which can be used for good, should not be used uncritically and without reflection.

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MAGNIFICAT ROSARY NOVENA

Please join in prayer for the upcoming national election, proclaimed to be one of the most critical in our nation’s history.

In the vestibule and on the St. Patrick’s website (www.oldstpatricks.org) are flyers to announce and encourage prayer for the upcoming national election. It consists of 5 decades of the Rosary each day for 27 days in petition, then 5 decades each day for 27 days in thanksgiving, whether or not the request has been granted. On the first day meditate on the Joyful Mysteries, second day the Light Mysteries; third day the Sorrowful Mysteries, fourth day the Glorious Mysteries; so on throughout the 54 days. Booklets are available at most Catholic bookstores, and at www.theholyyrosary.org.

The 54 + 4 day Rosary Novena should be prayed from September 8 through November 4. Prayer and Fasting on Tuesdays and a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration can begin now.