



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
August 23—August 29  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Clifton Billiot; Carol Leonard;  
Marlene Morris; Marlene Wilson

5:30 p.m. Arlene Rogers; Barbara Rush; Janice Young;  
Three Special Intentions

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)  
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Ben  
Dupuy; Frances Gambino; Colin Goodier;  
SFC David Hurst, USA; Carol Lenoard;  
Randy Malloy; Jeanne M. Miller; Mehmet &  
nedime Rende & Family; Sandy & Gene  
Schaeetz; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Raymond  
Von Bodungen

11:00 a.m. Michelle Chappuis; Leona O'Dwyer; Ashley  
Moll; Reverend Mother Mary Regina, OCD

5:30 p.m. Barbara Rush; Mark A. Toups

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona O'Dwyer

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

11:30 a.m. Stella Bergeron

12:00 p.m. Father Stanislaw Poszwa, S.Ch.; Elisabeth  
Robert; Barbara Rush; Leo S. Sciarrotta

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Philip J. Miller; Leona  
O'Dwyer

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

11:30 a.m. Salvadore J. Anselmo, Sr.

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth  
Robert

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Barbara Rush; Harper M.  
Stanley

*Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule*

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

*Fifteenth 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

**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.

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

**SUNDAY OFFERING—August 17, 2008**

First Collection \$ 14,301

Second Collection\* \$ 1,893

\* Restoration and maintenance

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend, the flowers on the altar of the Blessed Mother are in  
honor of Sandy and Gene Schaeetz on the occasion of their 40th  
wedding anniversary.

**HURRICANE KATRINA ANNIVERSARY MASS**

On Friday, August 29, 2008 at 7:30a.m. Archbishop Hughes will  
celebrate the morning Mass at St. Louis Cathedral to mark the third  
anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. This Mass will be televised live on  
WLAE.

In addition at 7:00p.m., the 3rd Anniversary Katrina Interfaith Prayer  
Service will be held at Temple Sinai at 6227 St. Charles Avenue in  
New Orleans. The prayer service will be a service of hymns and chants  
by the members of the Islamic, Judaic, Geek Orthodox, Episcopal,  
Methodist, Sikh, Bahai, Church of God in Christ, Evangelical Baptist  
and Roman Catholic Faiths, a homily by Archbishop Hughes, and  
prayers by the host, Rabbi Edward Cohn, Chief Rabbi of Temple Sinai.

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 AT 9:15 A.M.**

St. Patrick's Choir, accompanied by orchestra, will sing F. Schubert's  
*Mass in G* at the **9:15 A.M.** Mass. Note the early start of this Mass.

**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.

**ACOLYTES FOR ST. PATRICK'S**

The Parish has a continuing need for men of any age willing to serve  
as acolytes at the 11.00 Sunday Mass. Instruction and training will be  
provided in evening workshops. Please contact Robert Ramirez for  
further details: 504-899- 3048; email: [bramirez@bellsouth.net](mailto:bramirez@bellsouth.net).

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

Through baptism we are called to continue the mission of the apostles  
to evangelize. If you know of anyone who is considering joining the  
Catholic Church, please speak to them about the RCIA process which  
is starting September 8, 2008. Your interest and support may be all  
they need to a make a decision. Interested parties can obtain  
information from the rectory office: 525-4413.

**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; Fritz Dahlberg; 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; Stephanie  
Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Houston Walker

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES**

### RENDER UNTO CAESAR...

A few days ago, a book was released in the United States that will be widely discussed, especially in the run-up to the presidential elections. The author is Charles J. Chaput, archbishop of Denver.

Chaput, 64, born to a farming family in Kansas, is a member of the Native American tribe of the Prairie Band Potawatomi. He is a Franciscan, of the Capuchin order. Before going to Denver, he was bishop of Rapid City in South Dakota. He is among the candidates for two top-level archdioceses waiting for new archbishops: New York and Detroit.

The title of the book itself gives a hint to its contents: *Render Unto Caesar. Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life*. It is right to give Caesar what belongs to him. But one serves the nation by living out one's own Catholic faith in political life.

Chaput moves decisively against the prevailing cultural tide in the media, in the universities, among political activists, a tide that wants to thrust the faith from the public stage.

But he is also issuing a challenge to the American Catholic community. There are 69 million Catholics in the United States, one fourth of the population. More than 150 congressmen say they are Catholic. In the Senate, the Catholics are one out of four. They are the majority on the Supreme Court. But, the author of the book asks, what difference do they make?

Among the American bishops, Chaput is one of the most decisive in taking clear positions on abortion, the death penalty, immigration. In the controversy over giving communion to "pro-choice" Catholic politicians, he maintains that those who ignore the Church's teaching on abortion are no longer in communion with the faith. They separate themselves from the community of the faithful. And therefore, if they take Eucharistic communion, they commit an act of dishonesty.

In the United States, this controversy remains highly charged. The latest flare-up was set off last April, when during the Masses with the pope on his visits to Washington and New York, the "pro-choice" Catholics Nancy Pelosi, John Kerry, Ted Kennedy, and Rudolph Giuliani received communion.

But Chaput's book goes much deeper. It urges Catholics to live their faith to the full, without compromise. If American Catholics are going through a crisis of faith, of mission, and of leadership – he writes – the task of overcoming this belongs to all, to the faithful as to the bishops.

And this task has repercussions for the entire world. American Catholics cannot tolerate it if the United States exports violence, greed, and disdain for human life. They must work actively to bring their nation back to being a beacon of civilization, of religious harmony, of freedom, of respect for the person.

Chaput's book has also elicited strong interest in Rome. The same day on which it came out in the bookstores, August 12, "L'Osservatore Romano" dedicated an extensive review to it, written by Robert Imbelli, a priest of the archdiocese of New York and a professor of theology at Boston College.

*Chiesa*

#### **Give To Caesar What Is His**

From *L'Osservatore Romano* by Robert Imbelli

This new book by the Archbishop of Denver, Colorado, though addressed primarily to his fellow Catholics, will also

serve to foster a much-needed conversation both within and outside the Church. Moreover, it appears at a particularly significant time: the eve of one of the most important presidential elections in recent American history.

Central to the author's position is that faith, though intensely and constitutively personal, is never private. Relationship with God through Jesus Christ is inseparably relationship with others in Jesus Christ, as the great judgment scene in chapter twenty-five of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew makes abundantly clear.

The Catholic Church's social teaching, from Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, through Vatican Two's *Gaudium et spes*, to Benedict XVI's recent Address to the United Nations, is the ongoing application of this prophetic tradition to the changing contexts of world history. Archbishop Chaput's own conviction finds expression with these words: "The Church claims no right to dominate the secular realm. But she has every right – in fact an obligation – to engage secular authority and to challenge those wielding it to live the demands of justice. In this sense, the Catholic Church cannot stay, has never stayed, and never will stay 'out of politics.' Politics involves the exercise of power. The use of power has moral content and human consequences. And the well-being and destiny of the human person is very much the concern, and the special competence, of the Christian community (pp. 217-218).

On the other hand, there are influential voices, both in the United States and in Europe, that try to reduce religion and faith to a private preference that has no public role to play. They thereby seek to construct, what one critic calls, a "naked public square," thereby domesticating religion and totally secularizing the public realm.

For Archbishop Chaput such a strategy not only denatures religion, and especially Catholicism, it stands in profound contradiction with the historical uniqueness of the American "experiment in democracy." The so-called "wall of separation" between Church and State in the United States (a phrase often misleadingly invoked) was never intended to exclude the full engagement of believers in the political and civic life of the nation. And the American Constitution's injunction against the "establishment" of religion was a precious protection against the unwarranted intrusion of the State into religious affairs.

The author draws significantly upon the thought of the late theologian, John Courtney Murray, S.J., who played a considerable role at Vatican II in the elaboration of the Council's pioneering Declaration on Religious Liberty, "Dignitatis humanae." Murray argued (and Chaput agrees) that the founding documents of American democracy drew upon a natural law vision that affirms universal truths about the human condition. Thus Catholics, with their commitment to the natural law tradition, have a crucial contribution to make to American public life and the political process. Indeed, how can one possibly contribute to the common good unless one brings to the discussion and debate one's deeply held values and moral convictions?

Moreover, the most authoritative figures in the Catholic tradition, like Saint Thomas Aquinas, recognize the legitimate autonomy of the secular. "Caesar" has a legitimate claim to the loyalty and dedication of citizens. But that loyalty can never usurp the obedience and worship due to God alone.