



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK
January 24—January 30
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

4:00 p.m. Marie Amy; Robert Bolin; Evi Bourgeois;
Father Joseph Cazenavette; Mirle Clement;
Elizabeth H. Eberle; Marlene Morris;
Barbara Rush; Marian Wallis

5:30 p.m. Dr. Wesley Fernandez; Jennifer Johnsrud;
Dorothy Keeney; Kim Krummel; Leona
O'Dwyer; Al Paugh Family; Carey S. Turner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Richard Aufrecht; Bertha Bernard; Roberta
W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Jayne
Hennessey; Capt. Peter F. Johnson; Bob
Keyes; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kinler; Norma
McClellan; Dr. Alfred Ramirez, Jr.; John H.
Schroder, Jr.; Carey S. Turner

11:00 a.m. Barry Brechtel; Cynthia Hemelt; John Lytle;
Beverly Orillion; Our Lady Undoer of Knots;
Barbara Rush; Elzey J. St. Pierre

5:30 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Leona O'Dwyer;
Al Paugh Family; Bernadette Ragan; Mark
Toups

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Georgianna Ford;
Leona O'Dwyer; Leo Sciarrotta

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush; Al Paugh Family
12:00 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Leona O'Dwyer;
Marie Pivert; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Loretta Doussan;
Anna Giacona; Jayne Hennessey; Stephen
Losee; Lloyd C. Melancon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

11:30 a.m. Bertha Bernard; Father Joseph Cazenavette;;
Bob Keyes; Barbara Rush; Margaret Theis
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Elisabeth Robert; Rosalie &
Parker Davis

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Bruno & Ida
Francheschina; Stephen Losee; Robert &
Hazel Wells

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany
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—January 18, 2009

First Collection \$ 13,122
Second Collection* \$ 1,797

* Restoration and Maintenance

VOICE YOUR OPINION ON FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

The new government administration has threatened to void all existing laws limiting abortion through the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). With support of our nation's bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is promoting a postcard campaign for local individuals to express their opinion regarding FOCA to their **two** U.S. Senators: Senator Mary Landrieu and Senator David Vitter and their **one** U.S. Representative: **(1st District)** The Honorable Steve Scalise; **(2nd District)** The Honorable Joseph Quang Cao; **(3rd District)** The Honorable Charlie Melancon; **(6th District)** The Honorable Bill Cassidy

FOCA information and 3 postcards for mailing will be available from St Patrick's Church January 24/25, 2009. Complete the postcards with your message; name; address; and a 27-cent postage stamp for mailing. Let your voice be heard on this important matter.

PopeTube –YouTube Channel



The Vatican has a new and dramatically enhanced online presence, featuring its own **YouTube channel**, as of Friday, January 23, 2009.

Along with a channel to post videos of Pope Benedict XVI's appearances and of other significant Church events, the new initiative features enhanced search resources on Google. YouTube is a subsidiary of Google.

The formal announcement of the new **YouTube** channel, dubbed "**PopeTube**" by Catholic News Service, was timed to coincide with the release of the Pope's message for the 43rd World Day of Social Communications.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip Neri Church (Metairie)

This celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a Prayer Service. To register please contact St. Patrick's rectory office so the necessary forms can be completed and sent to the Family Life Apostolate before **March 25, 2009**. This advance preparation is needed in the mailing of confirmation letters, preparing scrolls, seating assignments, and planning of this joyous occasion.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DISABLE—FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church (Metairie)

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

To honor a loved one by donating flowers for the altar please call Jessie at 525-4413.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Tristan Anderton; The Alpaugh Family; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Father Joseph Cazenavette; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Mimi Finley; James A. Fitzmorris; John Fulcher; Bob Keyes; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Mary O'Brien; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Adele Silva; Mary Silva; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Alyssa Vingan

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AVERY, RICHARD, PAUL AND THE REST OF US

At the moment we need them most, our leading lights are gone. Cardinal Avery Dulles, the quintessential American Catholic intellectual, died Dec. 12 at age 90. Father Richard John Neuhaus, his friend and spiritual son, died Jan. 8 at age 72. We could have used them right about now. Perhaps that's why God took them from us.

Avery Dulles was as blue-blood American as they come: related to three secretaries of state and a CIA director, and a decorated World War II intelligence officer. One wonders what it felt like for him to fly into the airport named after his dad. He was as accomplished an intellectual can be: a Harvard law alum who wrote 27 books and 800 significant articles (including several for the Register).

Father Richard John Neuhaus was a friend of Dulles. His output was also prolific and important.

These great men grappled with precisely the problems that we face heading into 2009. With the pro-life defeats in Congress and a pro-abortion president newly in office, it can feel like bad timing on God's part to let these men go. The January 25 feast of the Conversion of St. Paul can help us see why men like these were so important — and what direction we should take in their absence.

It's natural to think of Cardinal Dulles and Father Neuhaus on this feast. After all, they're both converts. Avery Dulles, a son of privilege, rejected his Presbyterianism at Harvard. Imagine his parents' surprise when, after serving in the Navy, he became a Jesuit priest.

Richard John Neuhaus was a bit of a radical Lutheran pastor, son of an illustrious Lutheran pastor. He marched with Martin Luther King, participated in sit-ins and protested the Vietnam War. He broke with progressives in the 1970s over abortion.

Both these men were leaders in one world. Both converted, and used their unique qualities to become pioneers in a new world.

...After he converted, Paul didn't abandon his identity to lose himself in a new way. His conversion made him greater than the sum of the old and new. "At this moment he did not lose all that was good and true in his life, in his heritage, but he understood wisdom, truth, the depth of the law and of the prophets in a new way and in a new way made them his own," said Pope Benedict XVI in an audience. "At the same time, his reasoning was open to pagan wisdom. Being open to Christ with all his heart, he had become capable of an ample dialogue with everyone; he had become capable of making himself everything to everyone."

When this Pharisee became a Christian leader, he didn't make Christianity more Pharisical. When he made the choice to become Christian, he didn't become closed to other wisdom. He forged a new way for the Church that was utterly true to what Christianity was and confident enough in itself to incorporate the best of other traditions. Pope Benedict attributes this nimbleness to Paul's radical Christ-centeredness. He didn't so much "convert" as meet Christ and do what he said.

Perhaps the January 25 feast's true significance is "the conversion of the other apostles." In the end, as Paul's force of personality and apostolic dynamism made its mark, it's the other apostles who had to undergo a transformation. They had to learn to change their preconceptions of what the Church would be. They had to be willing to see Christianity not as a Jewish sect but as an international movement.

That's analogous to the situation we find ourselves in today. Many Catholics have many agendas. Our vision of the Church

is rooted in tradition, which is good. But our imagination is also, inevitably, rooted in our own experience. And limited by it. The Church is in need of renewal and reform. The first task of renewal and reform is to sort out what is essential from what is ancillary. Reform goes awry when we treat what should be absolute as relative, and also when we treat what should be relative as absolute.

Paul was able to refocus the early Church on what was essential in the mission Christ gave them: not circumcision but Christ crucified. Converts in our day are able to teach us what is essential: not the trappings of the Church but the fundamentals of the faith. It took minds like the blue-blood Presbyterian Avery Dulles and the Canadian Lutheran Richard John Neuhaus to break open our imagination and show us the possibilities of our own faith.

They brought about "the conversion of other apostles," like Paul did. More significant than the quantity of Dulles' output was its influence in the Church. In a time when theologians were shrinking their thought (and ultimately their influence) to the size of their own brains, Dulles did what great theologians do. He mined the rich vein of magisterial teaching and imaginatively applied it and expanded on it in an American context.

As Father Neuhaus put it, "Generations of Christian thinkers have been placed in his everlasting debt." Father Neuhaus was one of them.

Neuhaus was the originator of many concepts that inform the agenda of Catholic reformers in many walks of life. He wrote about "the naked public square," and many of us set about trying to return religion there. He famously asked if now was a "Catholic moment," in which the Church's intelligent and expansive faith was primed to rise to the fore, and new Catholic colleges arose to make it so. He started Catholics and Evangelicals Together, building a coalition based on common policy and faith imperatives that saw much fruit in Washington.

He also championed a religious understanding of freedom, particularly American democratic freedom, that he brought to the attention of Pope John Paul II and President Bush — and with them to the world.

God gave the Church many gifts to see us through difficult times. In these two great theologians, he gave us a clarity of direction we might not otherwise have had. They did their part. All that's left is to complete "the conversion of the rest of us."

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CARDINAL GEORGE WRITES OBAMA

Excerpt from letter to the president elect, Monday, January 19, 2009.

"I expect that some want you to take executive action soon to reverse current policies against government-sponsored destruction of unborn human life. I urge you to consider that this could be a terrible mistake — morally, politically and in terms of advancing the solidarity and well-being of our nation's people."

This passage encapsulates the message delivered by the letter that Cardinal Francis George of Chicago wrote to Barack Obama, on the eve of Obama's inauguration as president.

"I hope you will consider these comments in the spirit in which they are intended, as an invitation to set aside political pressures and ideologies and focus on the priorities and challenges that will unite us as a nation," wrote Cardinal George. "Again I want to express our hopes for your Administration, and our offer to cooperate in advancing the common good and protecting the poor and vulnerable in these challenging times."