



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK
February 14—February 20
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marie Amy; Cammarata Guizzardi Family; Thelma DeJean; Elizabeth Eberle; Marlene Morris; Celina Nuss; Barbara Rush; John F. Schroder, Jr.; Josephine Siciliano; Captain Houston E. Walker; Marian Wallis
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Mario Cruz; Una Dumestre; Alice Hughes; Jennifer Johnsrud; Dorothy Keeney; Bob Keyes; Leona O'Dwyer; Jim Rust; Gabrielle Wisznia
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Kerry Barrios; William A. Block; Elaine M. Briggs; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Jayne Hennessey; Bob Keyes; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kinler; Norma McClellan; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; Dr. Alfred Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Hilton & Mary Touns; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. Elaine Briggs; Cynthia Hemelt; Father Stanley Klores; Ruth Moroney; Beverly Orillion; Sara C. Romano; Barbara Rush; Elzey J. St. Pierre
- 5:30 p.m. Archie Casbarian; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cosentino; Mario Cruz; Leona O'Dwyer; Jim Rust
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Mario Cruz; Lindsey Dale; Bob Keyes; Leona O'Dwyer; Jim Rust
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
- 11:30 a.m. Pam Estes; Bob Keyes; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. René Dale; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert; Jim Rust
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Lindsey Dale; Loretta Doussan; Bob Keyes; Paul J. Johnson; Jim Rust; Stephen Losee
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
- 11:30 a.m. Pam Estes; Bob Keyes; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. René Dale; Loretta Doussan; Elisabeth Robert; Jim Rust
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Lindsey Dale; Bob Keyes; Stephen Losee; Jim Rust

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sexagesima
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERING—February 8, 2009

First Collection \$ 11,603

Second Collection* \$ 2,090

* Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES

Father John Payne will present a special Lenten series on the following Sundays: March 15; March 22; and March 29 between the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (10:30 a.m.—10:55 a.m.). The theme of the series will be “St. Paul and the New Evangelization of John Paul II.”

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH MORNING OF PRAYER—

Cenacle of Our Loving Mother Prayer Group

Saturday, February 21, 2009; 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass—Father Joseph Doyle, S.S.J., Celebrant.

All are invited.

MARDI GRAS DAY OF PRAYER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church; Kenner

Tuesday, Feb. 24—Beinning with Mass at 12:00 noon, ending with midnight Mass for Ash Wednesday with ashes.

Monsignor Robert Guste, Celebrant

Please bring refreshments to share with others. For more details:

Nancy Albert: (504) 218-5057 or Cindy Hemelt: (504) 883-5783.

Everyone is invited.

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO THE PARISH POT LUCK DINNER

Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. Please bring your favorite pot luck “special” to share, and have a fun evening with friends and parishioners of St. Patrick's Church. For more information, please call the rectory at 525-4413.

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

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.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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

THE PARKING FEE AT THE PREMIUM PARKING LOT, NEAR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$2.00. THIS COURTESY FEE APPLIES ONLY TO THE SUNDAY MASSES.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION—Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; 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; Katherine Eagan; 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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POPE BENEDICT'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Noting that Lenten discipline is "an itinerary of more intense spiritual training" traditionally based upon prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Holy Father dedicates this year's message to fasting, remarking that the practice "seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning" in our time.

Both the Bible (Old and New Testaments) and the unbroken tradition of Christian living testify that fasting is "a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it," the Pope says. He calls attention to the great Christian teachers like St. Augustine who saw fasting as a means of restoring spiritual balance to a soul stained by sin. "Since all of us are weighed down by sin and its consequences," the Pope explains, "fasting is proposed to us as an instrument to restore friendship with God."

The idea of fasting-- voluntarily giving up something that is recognized as good and wholesome-- can be traced to the very beginning of the Bible, the Pope observed. In the Garden of Eden, God instructs Adam and Eve to abstain from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Thus, the Pope relates, St. Basil made the observation that "fasting was ordained in Paradise." Jesus fasted in the desert, the Pope continues, and at the conclusion of his fast, when he is tempted by Satan, he points to a deeper meaning of fasting when he says that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Pope Benedict concludes: "The true fast is thus directed to eating the 'true food,' which is to do the Father's will." Oddly, the Pope says in modern times fasting has become associated with doing one's own will, and serving one's own needs, insofar as fasting and dieting are used to achieve greater physical and mental well-being. Without denying the physical benefits of abstinence, the Pope insists that Christian fasting has an entirely different purpose.

One very important spiritual benefit of fasting, the Pope says, is that it can "open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live." Those who fast gain a greater appreciation for those who live constantly in hunger, he says. "By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger." That statement should lead directly to action to feed the hungry, he says.

As he concludes his Lenten Message, the Pope reminds the faithful that along with fasting, their spiritual discipline during the penitential season should also include "a greater commitment to prayer, lectio divina, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Sunday Mass."

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CANCELED

Sunday, February 15 and February 22, 2009

1. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament.
2. Coffee and doughnuts after Sunday morning Masses.

Sunday, February 22, 2009

5:30 p.m. Mass

MASS AND RECTORY OFFICE SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 21—FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Saturday, Feb. 21 Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 22 Masses: 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; & 11:00 a.m.
**Church closes after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
Adoration, Benediction and the 5:30 p.m. Mass—canceled.**
Monday, Feb. 23 Masses: 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Rectory office closed.
Tuesday, Feb. 24 Church and rectory office closed.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Masses—11:00 a.m.; 11:45 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Distribution of ashes at all Masses.
Confessions before the Masses.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

All Friday's of Lent

Way of the Cross after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

All Sunday's of Lent

3:00 p.m.	Adoration
5:00 p.m.	Benediction
5:30 p.m.	Mass

LENT AND EASTER REGULATIONS

A distinction is to be made between Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The ordo notes: "Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 14 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted,

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on **Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent**. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

THE PASCHAL FAST

All Catholics of the appropriate age are to fast and abstain on Good Friday. The Second Vatican Council observed: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attended with uplifted and clear mind."