



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK
February 21—February 27
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marie Amy; Thelma DeJean; Pam Estes; Marlene Morris; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Barbara Rush; Josephine Siciliano; Marian Wallis; In Thanksgiving for Favor Granted

5:30 p.m. Rene Dale; Paul J. Johnson; Jennifer Johnsrud; Dorothy Keeney; Bob Keyes; Leona O'Dwyer; Cyril Roussell; Jim Rust

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

9:30 a.m. Kerry Barrios; Elaine M. Briggs; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Elizabeth Eberle; Jayne Hennessey; Bob Keyes; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kinler; Norma McClellan; Celina Nuss; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.

11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Archie Casbarian; Cynthia Hemelt; Leona O'Dwyer; Beverly Orillion; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Sara C. Romano; Barbara Rush; Jim Rust; Conchetta G. Salvaggio; Mark Troups; Captain Houston E. Walker

5:30 p.m. No Mass—Church closed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Bob Keyes; Leona O'Dwyer; Cyril Roussell; Jim Rust; Bryan Wolff

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:30 a.m. No Mass—Church closed

12:00 p.m. No Mass—Church closed

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:00 a.m. Purgatorial List

11:45 a.m. Dr. Wesley Fernandez

12:30 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Rush

5:00 p.m. Bob Keyes; Elisabeth Robert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11:30 a.m. Bob Keyes; Barbara Rush; Leo Sciarrotta; Rose Warlich

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Eric G. Hansen; Elisabeth Robert; Cyril Roussell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Gennusa Gerarve; Stephen Losee

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

Quinquagesima

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER OF
ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

Call the rectory office at 525-4413 if you would like to become an active member of St. Patrick's Parish.

SUNDAY OFFERING—February 15, 2009

First Collection \$ 11,115

Second Collection* \$ 1,602

* Maintenance and restoration.

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, February 28, 2009 at 9:00a.m.** Prayers will offered for the babies who are scheduled to be killed, their mothers and fathers, and the conversion of our country. Everyone is invited!

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT CHOIR SCHEDULE

On all Sundays, prelude music begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2009

9:00 a.m. Prelude music; 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, March 22, 2009

7:30 p.m. *Tenebrae* (A Service of Darkness).

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009

9:00 a.m. Prelude music; 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009

7:30 p.m. Mass.

Good Friday, April 10, 2009

7:30 p.m. *Voices From the Passion* (A Sacred Cantata).

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

9:00 p.m. Prelude music; 9:15 a.m. Mass (Rheinberger Mass in C).

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."

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. For more information, please call the rectory at 525-4413.

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.

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.

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY—Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE DEATH OF COMMON SENSE

Three yards of black fabric enshroud my computer terminal. I am mourning the passing of an old friend by the name of Common Sense.

His obituary reads as follows:

Common Sense, aka C.S., lived a long life, but died from heart failure at the brink of the millennium. No one really knows how old he was, his birth records were long ago entangled in miles and miles of bureaucratic red tape.

Known affectionately to close friends as Horse Sense and Sound Thinking, he selflessly devoted himself to a life of service in homes, schools, hospitals and offices, helping folks get jobs done without a lot of fanfare, whooping and hollering. Rules and regulations and petty, frivolous lawsuits held no power over C.S.

A most reliable sage, he was credited with cultivating the ability to know when to come in out of the rain, the discovery that the early bird gets the worm and how to take the bitter with the sweet. C.S. also developed sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adult is in charge, not the kid) and prudent dietary plans (offset eggs and bacon with a little fiber and orange juice).

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, the Technological Revolution and the Smoking Crusades, C.S. survived sundry cultural and educational trends including disco, the men's movement, body piercing, whole language and new math.

C.S.'s health began declining in the late 1960s when he became infected with the If-It-Feels-Good, Do-It virus. In the following decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing federal and state rules and regulations and an oppressive tax code. C.S. was sapped of strength and the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, criminals received better treatment than victims and judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional baseball and golf.

His deterioration accelerated as schools implemented zero-tolerance policies. Reports of 6-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing classmates, a teen suspended for taking a swig of Scope mouthwash after lunch, girls suspended for possessing Midol and an honor student expelled for having a table knife in her school lunch were more than his heart could endure.

As the end neared, doctors say C.S. drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding regulations on low-flow toilets and mandatory air bags. Finally, upon hearing about a government plan to ban inhalers from 14 million asthmatics due to a trace of a pollutant that may be harmful to the environment, C.S. breathed his last.

Services will be at Whispering Pines Cemetery. C.S. was preceded in death by his wife, Discretion; one daughter, Responsibility; and one son, Reason. He is survived by two step-brothers, Half-Wit and Dim-Wit.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to the Institute for Rational Thought.

Farewell, Common Sense. May you rest in peace.

Lori Borgman

Lori Borgman is a columnist whose writings are distributed by McClatchy Tribune News Service to newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

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 18 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 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."