



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

- SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marie Amy; Brenda B. Landrieu; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Captain Houston E. Walker; Marian Wallis  
 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Raymond Gilham; Jennifer Johnsrud; Lena A. Miller; Robert Moore; Leona O'Dwyer

- SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)  
 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Beatrice A. Maddie; Norma McClellan; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Gertrude Ursin  
 11:00 a.m. Cynthia Hemelt; Thomas G. Murphy; Beverly Orillion; Sara C. Romano; Barbara Rush; Bernadette Theriot; Captain Houston E. Walker; Harry R. Weyer, Sr.  
 5:30 p.m. Lena A. Miller; Lena O'Dwyer

- MONDAY, MARCH 16**  
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
 12:00 p.m. Lena A. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Bryan Wolff

- TUESDAY, MARCH 17**  
 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush  
 12:00 p.m. Lena A. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert; Martha C. Schiaffino

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**  
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; Lena A. Miller

- THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
 11:30 a.m. Jessica Anderton; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker  
 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Arthur Hess; Lena A. Miller; Elisabeth Robert; Martha C. Schiaffino

- FRIDAY, MARCH 20**  
 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
 12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Lena A. Miller

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

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH MORNING OF PRAYER**

—*Cenacle of Our Loving Mother Prayer Group*

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

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**—March 8, 2009

First Collection \$ 15,030

Second Collection\* \$ 2,080

\* Church in Central & Eastern Europe.



The flowers on the altar for the Solemnity of the Feast of St. Patrick have been donated in memory of Lloyd C. Melancon.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009**

Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes will celebrate the 12:00 p.m. Mass here at St. Patrick's Church. Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass honoring St. Patrick.

**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. PATRICK'S CONCERT CHOIR—TENEBRAE**

*Tenebrae*, a Service of Darkness, will be presented by St. Patrick's Concert Choir on Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**SOLEMN VESPERS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Very Reverend Anthony Stratis, Dean of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of The Holy Trinity will be the homilist.



Sunday, April 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pontifical Akathist at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd., New Orleans. St. Patrick's parishioners are cordially invited.

**ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT CHOIR SCHEDULE**

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

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).

**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; Tony Clesi; 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; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Alyssa Vingan

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP ALFRED C. HUGHES

*Reaction to President Obama's reversal of the ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research*

March 9, 2009

It is with great disappointment that we learn of President Obama's executive order that will now allow federal funding to go towards embryonic stem cell research. It is especially discouraging that this action has been taken at this time since research using adult and umbilical cord stem cells has proven more effective in providing advancements and medical treatments and cures. Moreover, a new procedure called reprogramming makes pluripotent stem cells available without the destruction of human embryos.

The Catholic Church is clear in its position that life in all its forms is sacred and deserving of respect. Embryonic stem cell research calls for the destruction of human embryos, which is blatantly anti-life. The Catholic Church favors stem cell research using adult stem cells, stem cells from umbilical cord blood, or stem cells procured through reprogramming, research that not only respects life but has been shown to be life-giving and life-saving. When a life-affirming alternative is available, it is unfortunate that the federal government should allow tax payer dollars to go towards research that is void of respect for life and objectionable to tax payers themselves.

### GO TO JOSEPH, A SAINT WHO'S TIME HAS COME



There is nothing more powerful than the intercession of a saint in heaven whose time has come. Never before has the help of the patron-protector St. Joseph been so essential, as in this hour of the Church. In a time of ever-increasing spiritual battle and faced with the spread of impurity and the attempts by radical feminism to undermine the family and the dignity of fatherhood, we need to go to Joseph.

It has always been the plan of God to overcome the mighty by means of the small and humble. Thus Joseph most just, most chaste, most prudent, most strong, most obedient and most faithful to grace, protects the Church, the family of God as he once protected and headed the Holy Family.

History records the powerful intercession of St. Joseph at a very painful moment in the Church's history. In the early fifteenth century the Church was plunged into a grave crisis with the Great Schism in the east and heresy widespread in the West, not to mention three Popes claiming the See of Peter at the same time. At the Ecumenical Council of Constance in 1416, the Chancellor of the University of Paris stood up and proposed devotion to St. Joseph to those earnestly seeking to heal the deep wounds afflicting the Church. Canon Sheehan records that Gerson "argued that St. Joseph was the guardian of Christ, and he whom Christ obeyed on earth still retains an authority of affection over Christ in heaven; and thus his wishes, like the wishes of Mary, are commands, and his intercession is all-powerful." These words, says Canon Sheehan, were received as the words of one who had a mission from heaven, and, as devotion to St. Joseph spread in the Church, the troubles of the Church, one by one, disappeared. In less than a year, perfect peace was restored.

The role of St. Joseph is no less essential for the family of God today, in both the lay and religious calling. In particular, St. Joseph illuminates both marriage and the monastic life as a vocation combining prayer and work, befitting a priestly household. As St. Peter writes, 'Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet 2:5). Both family life and monastic life flourish through stability, by sinking their roots in one

place, under one roof; both require a lifestyle which grows through dependence on one another; both are nourished through faithfulness to small duties, hidden sacrifices and loving kindness. Both are based on labour, where work is the expression of love for neighbour - that is, those closest to us. Both are routine: marriage and monastic life relieve the hiddenness of Nazareth, repeat the same activities and gestures day in and day out. However, in God's plan, foresight and faithfulness to small things out of love for God and neighbour, release all the graces needed to belong to Him and each other. These sentiments are summed up in what the Rule of Benedict refers to as "Ora et Labora": Pray and Labour.

Let us pray: "St. Joseph, by the power of the Holy Spirit you were constituted the most powerful protector in the holy Church, were set as the holy steward over all Christian households and religious communities in the Church. Take my heart also under your care as the least of God's dwellings, so that this house might become a guardian of peace, a temple of God and a tabernacle for our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of men. Keep me pure and hold afar from me all intrusive pleasure, so that no stain remain clinging to my soul, and so that you, St. Joseph, might find in me a cause for joy. Amen.

*Billy Stainsby*  
EWTN

### SAINT PATRICK—MARCH 17

*I came to the [Irish](#) people to preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers, putting up with reproaches about my earthly pilgrimage, suffering many persecutions, even bondage, and losing my birthright of freedom for the benefit of others. If I am worthy, I am ready also to give up my life, without hesitation and most willingly, for Christ's name. I want to spend myself for that country, even in death, if the Lord should grant me this favor. It is among that people that I want to wait for the promise made by him, who assuredly never tells a lie. He makes this promise in the Gospel: "They shall come from the east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." This is our faith: believers are to come from the whole world.*

*from the [Confession of Saint Patrick](#)*