



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 18—April 24

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Nicholas Cammarata; Edward Comeaux; Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Marsh; Marlene Morris; Taylor Naquin; Mary Ramirez; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Jennifer Johnsrud; Leona O'Dwyer; Alton Schultz III; Mr. & Mrs. Brandt Vicknair

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Mr. & Mrs. Noel duQuesnay; Sturart B. duQuesnay; Peter W. Grisaro; Maurice J. Hartson III; James Martello, Sr.; Norma McClellan; Miriam Miller; Lester Mitts; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; Mary Ramirez; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Hilton & Mary Touns; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Dalton Cisco; Cynthia Hemelt; Roy J. Hernandez; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Barbara Rush; Alton Schultz III; Donald Silva; Bernadette Theriot; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Verges
- 5:30 p.m. Miriam M. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Albert Russell; Mario Scramuzza, Jr.; Stephanie Stewart

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Alton Schultz; Bryan Wolff

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush; Alton Schultz
- 12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; Conchetta C. Salvaggio; Alton Schultz

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 11:30 a.m. Ellen Fitzgerald; Barbara Rush; Alton Schultz; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Jorge A. Menes; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Dr. Wesley Fernandez; Stephen Losee; James Martello, Sr.; Alton Schultz

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 12, 2009

First Collection \$ 16,976

Second Collection* \$ 2,195

* Maintenance and restoration

MERCY SUNDAY—DAY OF GRACEMASS HONORING DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 19, 2009

St. Joseph Church; 1802 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana

1:30 p.m. Rosary and Adoration.

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 p.m. Holy Mass

The Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans will be the celebrant.

Bring a flower for the Blessed Virgin; please go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.

CHURCH ORGAN INSTALLATION BEGINS!!

Monday, April 20, 2009—Installation of the new Patrick Murphy Co. organ will begin.

As installation progresses the church will only be open from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., during the week, for the usual Monday—Friday Masses at 11:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. There is no change in the Saturday or Sunday church schedule.The installation requires that the main entrance doors be cordoned off during the entire procedure. Parishioners will have access to the church, for all Masses and services, through the side front doors.

In late May, if all goes according to schedule, we should be able to throw open all the doors and hear the joyful sounds of the magnificent new organ at St. Patrick's Church!

SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEESaint 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, April 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.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!**21ST ANNUAL BLESSED SEELOS DAY IN NEW ORLEANS**

Sunday, April 26, 2009

National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

2030 Constance St., New Orleans

1:00 PM—Mass. Veneration of Relic Missionary Crucifix; one on one intercessory prayer before and after Mass.

2:00 PM—Kick-Off Fundraiser for the new Seelos Welcome Center. A parade of prizes will support the building project; refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Advance tickets for the Kick-Off are \$30 per person. Call: 504.525.2495; 525.2499; www.seelos.org.**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL—APRIL 26, 2009**

Home mission dioceses in the United States, such as the Deep South, Appalachia, and the Rocky Mountains, are characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral services. The Appeal supports religious education and seminary training to bring increased pastoral care to our home mission parishes. Please give generously in next week's Appeal.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Barbara Brennan; Tony Clesi; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; Melvin Ferlita, Sr.; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Mary A. McKay; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingam

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION NOT A FAIRY TALE

Easter is not based on a myth, a theory or a fairy tale, but rather on the very real historical event of Christ's death and resurrection, says Benedict XVI. The Pope said this during the Easter message he delivered from St. Peter's balcony at midday before he imparted his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and the world). He began with the question: "What is there after death?"

The message of Easter is that "death does not have the last word, because Life will be victorious at the end." This certainty of ours is based not on simple human reasoning but on a historical fact of faith: Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, is risen with his glorified body. Ever since the dawn of Easter, a new Spring of hope has filled the world; from that day forward our resurrection has begun, because Easter does not simply signal a moment in history, but the beginning of a new condition. Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself lives in us, and in him we can already savor the joy of eternal life.

...the Resurrection "is not a theory, but a historical reality": It is neither a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb.

The proclamation of the Lord's resurrection lightens up the dark regions of the world in which we live. I am referring particularly to materialism and nihilism, to a vision of the world that is unable to move beyond what is scientifically verifiable, and retreats cheerlessly into a sense of emptiness which is thought to be the definitive destiny of human life. It is a fact that if Christ had not risen, the 'emptiness' would be set to prevail. If we take away Christ and his resurrection, there is no escape for man, and every one of his hopes remains an illusion.

...Easter Sunday is the day when "the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection vigorously bursts forth," and it is the answer to the question put forth in the Book of Ecclesiastes: "Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new?'" On this day Christians answer "yes": "On Easter morning, everything was renewed."

... there still remain very many, in fact too many signs of [death's] former dominion. Even if through Easter, Christ has destroyed the root of evil, he still wants the assistance of men and women in every time and place who help him to affirm his victory using his own weapons: the weapons of justice and truth, mercy, forgiveness and love.

Excerpt from Easter 2009 message
Benedict XVI

SEEING THE RESURRECTION

Hugo of St. Victor used to say: Love is the eye! When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery.

We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to embalm his dead body. She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved out-runs Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first.

Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. I remember an Easter Sunday some years ago when I was a young graduate student in San Francisco. Easter Sunday was late that year and it was a spectacularly beautiful spring day. But on that particular day I was mostly blind to what was around me. I was young, homesick, alone on Easter Sunday, and nursing a huge headache. That colored everything I was seeing and feeling. It was Easter Sunday, in spring, in high sunshine, but, for what I was seeing, it might as well have been midnight, on Good Friday, in the dead of winter.

Lonely and nursing a headache, I took a walk to calm my restlessness. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar holding a sign that read: It's spring and I'm blind! The irony wasn't lost on me. I was blind that day, more blind than that beggar, seeing neither spring nor the resurrection. What I was seeing were only those things that reflected what was going on inside my own heart.

Christ is risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts.

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This Sunday is called "in Albis", in accordance with an old tradition. On this day, neophytes of the Easter Vigil were still wearing their white garment, the symbol of the light which the Lord gave them in Baptism. Later, they would take off the white garment but would have to introduce into their daily lives the new brightness communicated to them.

They were to diligently keep alight the delicate flame of truth and good which the Lord had kindled within them, in order to bring to this world a gleam of God's splendour and goodness.

The Holy Father, John Paul II, wanted this Sunday to be celebrated as the Feast of Divine Mercy: in the word "mercy", he summed up and interpreted anew for our time the whole mystery of Redemption. He had lived under two dictatorial regimes, and in his contact with poverty, neediness and violence he had a profound experience of the powers of darkness which also threaten the world of our time.

But he had an equally strong experience of the presence of God who opposed all these forces with his power, which is totally different and divine: with the power of mercy. It is mercy that puts an end to evil. In it is expressed God's special nature — his holiness, the power of truth and love.

Benedict XVI