



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 16—May 22
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush;
Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Jennifer Johnsrud; Leona O'Dwyer; Teresita
U. Solis

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Paul
Deverges; Peter W. Grisaro; Howard
Henriques; Norma McClellan; John H.
Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
11:00 a.m. Debi Hamburger; Mary Knight; J. Scott
Mathews; Brigid I. Perry Dr. W. Ian Rogers;
Barbara Rush; Florence Scenicki; Captain
Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Kim S. Junot; Leona O'Dwyer; Frederick
Solo; Lynn M. Thornton; Special Intentions

MONDAY, MAY 18

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Joseph Maselli III;
Conchetta G. Salvaggio

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

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—**Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

After the Sunday morning Masses, the Claddagh Group hosts coffee and pastries in the Monsignor Reynolds Hall, directly behind the rectory. Everyone is invited.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

To honor a loved one by donating flowers for the altar please call Jessie 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: (504) 525-4413.

SUNDAY OFFERING—May 10, 2009

First Collection \$ 8,784

Second Collection* \$ 2,037

* Maintenance and restoration

FRIST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend: Louis Angelo Grillot; Marion Thomas Grillot; Jake Alexander Mareno and Alison Mary Redmann.

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, May 23, 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!

VERY SPECIAL MASS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church—444 Metairie Road; Metairie

You are invited to attend a Very Special Mass for God's Children with special needs, their families and friends.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Mass. Refreshments served immediately after Mass. Totally wheelchair accessible; off street parking. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Zainey: 504.834.5865; www.godsspecialchildren.org

CHURCH ORGAN INSTALLATION

As installation of the new Patrick Murphy Co. organ 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 week. During that time access to the church will be through the **side front doors**.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

A registered parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish must have:

- ◆ An Archdiocese of New Orleans registration card on file with the rectory office.
- ◆ And should be receiving contribution envelopes.

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

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

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

To schedule a Mass, please fill out the Mass Form found in the vestibule of the church and deliver it to the rectory office, or place it in the collection basket.

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; Howard Henriques; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Mary A. McKay; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lena Newman; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J.Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingan; Joanne Windham

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF PRIESTS



According to a decree made public, May 12, 2009, and signed by Cardinal James Francis Stafford and Bishop Gianfranco Girotti, O.F.M. Conv., respectively penitentiary major and regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, Benedict XVI will grant priests and faithful Plenary Indulgence for the occasion of the Year for Priests, which is due to run from 19 June 2009 to 19 June 2010 and has been called

in honour of St. Jean Marie Vianney.

The period will begin with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "a day of priestly sanctification", says the text, when the Pope will celebrate Vespers before the relics of the saint, brought to Rome for the occasion by the bishop of the French diocese of Belley-Ars. The Year will end in St. Peter's Square, in the presence of priests from all over the world "who will renew their faithfulness to Christ and their bonds of fraternity".

The means to obtain the Plenary Indulgence are as follows:

(A) All truly penitent priests who, on any day, devotedly pray Lauds or Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament exposed to public adoration or in the tabernacle, and ... offer themselves with a ready and generous heart for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance, will be granted Plenary Indulgence, which they can also apply to their deceased confreres, if in accordance with current norms they take Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist and pray in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. Priests are furthermore granted Partial Indulgence, also applicable to deceased confreres, every time they devotedly recite the prayers duly approved to lead a saintly life and to carry out the duties entrusted to them.

(B) All truly penitent Christian faithful who, in church or oratory, devotedly attend Holy Mass and offer prayers to Jesus Christ, supreme and eternal Priest, for the priests of the Church, or perform any good work to sanctify and mould them to His Heart, are granted Plenary Indulgence, on the condition that they have expiated their sins through Sacramental Confession and prayed in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. This may be done on the opening and closing days of the Year of Priests, on the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean Marie Vianney, on the first Thursday of the month, or on any other day established by the ordinaries of particular places for the good of the faithful.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for any legitimate reason are unable to leave their homes, may still obtain Plenary Indulgence if, with the soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin and with the intention of observing, as soon as they can, the usual three conditions, "on the days concerned, they pray for the sanctification of priests and offer their sickness and suffering to God through Mary, Queen of the Apostles".

Partial Indulgence is offered to all faithful each time they pray five Our Father, Ave Maria and Gloria Patri, or any other duly approved prayer "in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life".

SUNDAY BEST = SUNDAY REST

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body," says the Catechism (No. 2185).

And didn't God set an example by resting from the very work of creation on the seventh day? (Yes, he did. See Genesis 2:2-3.)

Father Roger Landry, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford, Mass., and host of "Theology of the Body" on EWTN, says it's important to remember the reason the Lord gave for establishing the Third Commandment, "Keep holy the Sabbath day": because we were once slaves.

"Whenever we fail to observe the Lord's day, we fall back into a type of slavery," explains Father Landry, citing Deuteronomy 5:15. "It could be a bondage to work or to the money that we get from working or to the things that money can buy. It could be a servitude to the pleasure of staying in bed all Sunday morning or spending all afternoon and evening watching football. It could be serfdom to the errands we think 'must' get done but really can wait. God gave us the gift of the Lord's day so that, in having the time to worship him and love others, we might be refreshed in our true humanity."

Our whole day from the Mass to family life, social relationships, and moments of relaxation should be shaped "in such a way that the peace and joy of the risen Lord will emerge in the ordinary events of life," wrote John Paul in his 1998 apostolic letter *Dies Domini* (Keeping the Lord's Day Holy). "For example, the relaxed gathering of parents and children can be an opportunity not only to listen to one another but also to share a few formative and more reflective moments."

It's not always easy with young children, but Catholic families should try to start each Sunday all together at Mass, says Edmundite Father Thomas Hoar, president of St. Edmund's Retreat in Mystic, Conn. He recalls his own childhood, when Sunday dinner followed Sunday Mass as if part of the natural order of things. "To get the people to sit around the table and share as a family," he says, "gives us a greater sense of what we do when we gather around the table of the Lord and Eucharist." "Some of the greatest memories we would make," he says of his own childhood, "were family trips for the Christmas season to see the store windows. Then we would go to the cathedral to see the Nativity and stay for evening prayer and Benediction. Those are ingrained as good memories of childhood, and those are the good things we have to step up and do."

Joseph Pronechen
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*God of all the ages, on my visit to Jerusalem, the "City of Peace",
spiritual home to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike,
I bring before you the joys, the hopes and the aspirations, the trials,
the suffering and the pain of all your people throughout the world.
God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, hear the cry of the afflicted, the
fearful, the bereft; send your peace upon this Holy Land, upon the
Middle East, upon the entire human family; stir the hearts of all
who call upon your name, to walk humbly in the path of justice and
compassion. "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the
soul that seeks him!" (Lam 3:25).*

Pope Benedict XVI
Prayer Place in the Western Wall
Jerusalem
12 May 2009