



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 30—June 5
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Cecelia Fitzgerald; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker

5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Leona O'Dwyer; Teresita U. Solis; Bernadine Trosclair; Robert & Hazel Wells

SUNDAY, MAY 31

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

9:30 a.m. John Barker; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Howard Henriques; Norma McClellan; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.

11:00 a.m. Debi Hamburger; J. Scott Mathews; Brigid I. Perry; Dr. W. Ian Rogers; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker

5:30 p.m. Wayne Bacino, Jr.; Kim S. Junot; Leona O'Dwyer; Lynn M. Thornton; Special Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 1

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Kathy Dugas; Stephen Luccioni; Leona O'Dwyer;

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

11:30 a.m. George Markey; Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Alice Cohen; Kathy Dugas; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Jean Dominguez; Loretta Doussan; Kathy Dugas; Stephen Losee

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Kathy Dugas; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Father Pat Angelucci, S.D.B.; Stephen Losee; Captain B.A. Rousselle

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

Pentecost Sunday

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**FIRST SATURDAY MASS—CANCELED**

The First Saturday Mass, June 6, 2009 has been canceled so all parishioners may attend the ordination of Deacon Nile Gross to the priesthood.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—May 24, 2009

First Collection \$ 9,622

Second Collection* \$ 2,091

* Maintenance and restoration

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION—MAY 31, 2009

The following parishioners of St. Patrick's Church will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the St. Louis Cathedral-Basilica on Sunday, May 31, 2009: Hannah Birdsall; Dennis Dale, Jr.; Charles Grillot; Jonathan Leche; Myrrna Hosli and Rex Mareno. Our congratulations to the confirmands on this very holy and special day.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—PETER'S PENCE

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in this weekend's Peter's Pence Collection.

DEACON NILE GROSS TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST

Deacon Nile Gross a parishioner, who as a seminarian and deacon frequently served at many of the Masses here at St. Patrick's, will be ordained a Catholic priest on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., in the Saint Louis Cathedral-Basilica on Jackson Square. A reception will follow at Notre Dame Seminary.

The next day, Sunday, June 7, 2009, Father Nile Gross will offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Patrick's Church. Father Nile Gross' first priestly blessings and a brunch reception will take place in the church rectory following the Mass. Everyone is cordially invited to share in these two very joyful and holy days with Father Nile.

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.

ACOLYTES FOR ST. PATRICK'S

Service in the liturgy can be a path to holiness for men sensing a call to support the Parish in a practical, active way. There is a continuing need for men of any age (or responsible older boys if accompanied by their fathers), especially at the 11.00 Sunday Mass. Instruction and training are provided. Please contact Robert Ramirez at (504) 899-3048; e-mail: bramirez@bellsouth.net.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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

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; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingan; Joanne Windham

PENTECOST SUNDAY

NOTRE DAME'S EUCHARISTIC INSTINCT

Excerpt from Father Kevin Rousseau's Homily at Prayerful Protest

... There is an instinct that is cultivated here at Notre Dame. When I was in the seminary it was told to us on several occasions that Notre Dame was once known as the Eucharistic campus since Mass is so frequently celebrated here and celebrated regularly in so many places. As a priest I have witnessed what I think is an instinct for the Eucharist.

When a student learns that a loved one is sick, be it a parent, sibling, friend or acquaintance, a group of students get together and have a priest offer Mass for their recovery. When a couple becomes engaged on campus, friends gather again around the Eucharist to celebrate and wish the couple well. In tragedies, which will always be too frequent, the community comes together to celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist brings consolation and healing to the community. And when religious are ordained priests each year, we celebrate Masses of thanksgiving within our campus community grateful for God's blessings.

It seems especially appropriate that in our time, a time of uncertainty, debate, confusion, and mixed emotion, that we should gather again around the table of the Lord to be nourished by his word and with his sacrament. Much ink has been spilled regarding the controversy of this commencement weekend. There has been local and national coverage. The news and blog pages continue to show images, interviews, and footage from campus and each network seems to have its own spin. One story that I don't hear enough about though, is the response of the student body. In the face of this controversy, I have witnessed countless students who have given me inspiration. Students who instinctively know to approach God in prayer about their trials, students who reach out to others in attempts to offer care, students who have demonstrated to me an ability to listen and obey the scripture we proclaim this day.

Jesus seems to make life easy for us when he summarizes what it is that God expects. He tells us clearly "love one another as I love you." This is the will of the Father: that you love. Jesus' love was constant throughout his ministry. Jesus' love healed the sick, proclaimed the good news, and spent time with the Father in prayer. Jesus' love cast out demons, raised the dead, and multiplied the loaves and fish! Jesus' love cleansed the temple of the money changers, washed the feet of his disciples, and forgave sins. All of his ministry and, indeed all of Jesus' life was an expression of love for humankind.

I often tell couples who are preparing for marriage that love is an exciting emotion to experience and an amusing one to watch! Though often reduced to physical expressions by our media, love is actually a great gift that was extended to us by God and love is also a vocation that we are called to share. The Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, my religious community, tell us that our vows are meant to be an act of love to the God who first loved us! They remind us that God has loved us first -- and that we are called to respond with love in return.

The kind of love that Jesus is actually speaking of today is not limited to his great miracles or sermons. Rather, it is a love that suffered scourging and a crown of thorns -- his love bore a heavy cross and public humiliation -- Jesus' love included abandonment and betrayal. Jesus' love for us experienced death so that we might have new life. So this message is not so easy when we look at it more closely, for the summary of God's

expectations for us to love as he loved, is to love in a way that is sacrificial. To love with a love that is deeper than a relationship and more demanding than romance - to love even when it is difficult.

Sacrificial loves comes in a variety of forms. It is expressed with patience and understanding. It is lived out when we put the needs of others before those of our own. Sacrificing is the love that doesn't count the cost -- but extends the care. Sacrificing is the love that goes the extra mile. Our society encourages us to overcome sacrifice and to take care of ourselves. Jesus tells us today to not be scandalized by the word sacrifice: it is the love that he shared for us and the love we are called to share for him and each other.

What has been inspiring for me these past couple of months, with all the trials and challenges that have confronted the family of Notre Dame, is that our student body had an instinct -- an instinct to come to the altar of the Lord to ask for guidance and strength. I can't tell you the number of rosaries and Masses and prayer meetings that have been intentional responses to what many feel is a concession to the culture of death. Students, family, friends, alumni, and many of you, have spent hours in adoration looking for the proper response. The students that I have come to know here on campus have reminded me that in all things we must respond with love. And to respond with love in hard times, we must ask our Lord for grace.

We are here today to bear witness and to love. We have gathered today to give voice to the most vulnerable. I don't know what the cost of your sacrificial love will be anymore than I know the cost of the love I hope to share. But in times of confusion and sadness as well as those times of joy and celebration, perhaps it is our instinct which prompts us to come to the Lord in the sacrament of the Eucharist to be nourished and strengthened in our vocation.

May God bless us this day and bless all who work for the culture of life.

VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS! COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

... The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for his coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn "Veni, Sancte Spiritus". The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous, but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *veni - come!*

... Veni, Sancte Spiritus! So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Amen!

Pope John Paul II