



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 June 6—June 12
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Rose Cecola; Ray Joseph Comeaux; Cammarata Guizzard Families; Marlene Morris; Capt. Andrew Orth, USMC; Barbara Rush; Capt. Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Jennifer Johnsrud; Leona O'Dwyer; Tony Patricio

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Alice Mae DeMontluzin; Margaret Fernando; Peter Grisaro; Howard Henriques; Ramona D. Larock; Norma McClellan; Ed Orzco; Raul Paredes; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. Howard Brodhead; Alice E. DeMontluzin; Peter Grisaro; Debi Hamburger; J. Scott Matthews; Brigio Isabella Perry; Mrs. Joseph A. Rosato; Barbara Rush; Dr. & Mrs. Charles Taggart; Capt. Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Kim S. Junot; Leona O'Dwyer; Lynn M. Thornton; Hilton & Mary Toups; Special Intention

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Joseph Graetrch; Peter Grisaro; Leona O'Dwyer; Aurora Paredes

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- 11:30 a.m. Marinette Paredes; Barbara Rush; In Thanksgiving
- 12:00 p.m. Joseph Graetrch; Peter Grisaro; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 11:30 a.m. Benjamin Parades; Barbara Rush; In Thanksgiving to St. Expedite
- 12:00 p.m. Mary G. Cammarata; Loretta Doussan; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

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

Trinity 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

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—May 31, 2009

First Collection \$ 10,070.00

Second Collection* \$ 2,985.00

* Peter's Pence



**FATHER NILE GROSS—
 SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Father Nile Gross will offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, June 7, 2009. Immediately after the Solemn Mass, Father Nile will give his first priestly blessings to his family and friends as they gather in the rectory of St. Patrick's Church. A reception will follow the blessings. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

NIGHT OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009

IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND
 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—1908 Short St., Kenner, LA

Friday, June 19, 2009 7:00 p.m. Mass—Father Stanley Klores

Saturday, June 20, 2009 6:45 a.m. Mass—Father Richard Miles

Bring refreshments to share with others; coffee will be supplied.

For more information: Nancy: 504.218.5057; Cindy: 504.883.5783.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT—ST. JOSEPH ABBEY

Begins: Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Ends: Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Theme: Hope; Retreat Master: Father Thomas Perrier O.S.B.

For more information: Jason Angelette: 504.830.3716

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PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of

Our Lady of Prompt Succor,

Spare us from all harm during this hurricane season,

And protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

"FOR THEIR SAKE I CONSECRATE MYSELF"

"To consecrate something or someone," Pope Benedict XVI explained, means "to give that thing or person to God as his property, to take it out of the context of what is ours and to insert it in his milieu, so that it no longer belongs to our affairs, but is totally of God. The thing or person no longer belongs to us, or even to itself, but is immersed in God. Such a giving up of something in order to give it over to God, we also call a sacrifice: this thing will no longer be my property, but his property."

In this way, the Holy Father said, the priest is "charged to represent others," and, "removed from worldly bonds and given over to God, [...] he is available for others, for everyone."

In this sense, he added, the "consecration" of the priest also becomes his "sacrifice," mirroring "the priestly act by which Jesus -- the Man Jesus, who is one with the Son of God -- gives himself over to the Father for us."

Benedict XVI affirmed that the disciples are sanctified, "drawn deep within God," by "being immersed in the word of God."

He urged his listeners to also be "pervaded by the word of God," noting that for the Apostles this word is "the bath which purifies them, the creative power which transforms them into God's own being."

The Pope noted the existence of a "destructive pride and a presumption that tear every community apart and result in violence," and thus he urged his listeners to "learn from Christ the correct humility which corresponds to the truth of our being, and the obedience which submits to truth, to the will of God."

He exhorted the ordained ministers to shape their criteria by Gospel values rather than popular opinion, and to "become ever anew disciples of that truth which is revealed in the word of God."

"Our being priests," affirmed the Pontiff, "is simply a new way of being united to Christ. Being united to Christ calls for renunciation. It means not wanting to impose our own way and our own will, not desiring to become someone else, but abandoning ourselves to him, however and wherever he wants to use us."

At our priestly ordination, the Holy Father said, "we made this fundamental renunciation of our desire to be independent, 'self-made'. But day by day this great 'yes' has to be lived out in the many little 'yeses' and small sacrifices. This 'yes' made up of tiny steps which together make up the great 'yes,' can be lived out without bitterness and self-pity only if Christ is truly the center of our lives. Then indeed we experience amid sacrifices which can at first be painful, the growing joy of friendship with him, and all the small and sometimes great signs of his love, which he is constantly showing us."

Benedict XVI noted that this friendship with Christ is cultivated in prayer, which is "a journey in personal communion with Christ, setting before him our daily life, our successes and failures, our struggles and our joys -- in a word, it is to stand in front of him. But if this is not to become a form of self-contemplation, it is important that we constantly learn to pray by praying with the Church. Celebrating the Eucharist means praying.

"We celebrate the Eucharist rightly if with our thoughts and our being we enter into the words which the Church sets before us. There we find the prayer of all generations, which accompany us along the way towards the Lord.

"As priests, in the Eucharistic celebration we are those who by

their prayer blaze a trail for the prayer of today's Christians. If we are inwardly united to the words of prayer, if we let ourselves be guided and transformed by them, then the faithful will also enter into those words."

The Pope noted that being immersed in God's truth and holiness means "to acknowledge that the truth makes demands, to stand up, in matters great and small, to the lie which in so many different ways is present in the world; accepting the struggles associated with the truth, because its inmost joy is present within us."

He affirmed that it also means "being immersed in his goodness, in true love." He added: "True love does not come cheap, it can also prove quite costly. It resists evil in order to bring men true good."

The Pontiff affirmed that Christ prays for all priests, for the "true sanctification which transforms their being," and that it be "translated day by day in our lives."

He explained that priestly ordination means being immersed in Christ, in the Truth. He concluded, "Dear friends, in this hour of the renewal of promises, we want to pray to the Lord to make us men of truth, men of love, men of God."

*Pope Benedict XVI
Excerpt from homily of Chrism Mass 2009*

PRIESTS MUST LIVE IN CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER

... I would like to touch upon a point that is particularly dear to me: the prayer and its ties with service. We have seen that to be ordained priests means to enter in a sacramental and existential way into Christ's prayer for "his own". From this we priests derive a particular vocation to pray in a strongly Christocentric sense: we are called, that is, to "remain" in Christ as the evangelist John likes to repeat (cf. Jn 1: 35-39; 15: 4-10) and this abiding in Christ is achieved especially through prayer. Our ministry is totally tied to this "abiding" which is equivalent to prayer, and draws from this its efficacy. In this perspective, we must think of the different forms of prayer of a priest, first of all daily Holy Mass. The Eucharistic Celebration is the greatest and highest act of prayer, and constitutes the centre and the source from which even the other forms receive "nourishment": the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic adoration, *Lectio divina*, the Holy Rosary, meditation. All these expressions of prayer, which have their centre in the Eucharist, fulfill the words of Jesus in the priest's day and in all his life: "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep" (Jn 10: 14-15). In fact, this "knowing" and "being known" in Christ and, through him, in the Most Holy Trinity, is none other than the most true and deep reality of prayer. The priest who prays a lot, and who prays well, is progressively drawn out of himself and evermore united to Jesus the Good Shepherd and the Servant of the Brethren. In conforming to him, even the priest "gives his life" for the sheep entrusted to him. No one takes it from him: he offers it himself, in unity with Christ the Lord, who has the power to give his life and the power to take it back not only for himself, but also for his friends, bound to him in the Sacrament of Orders. Thus the life of Christ, Lamb and Shepherd, is communicated to the whole flock, through the consecrated ministers.

*Pope Benedict XVI
Excerpt from homily, Good Shepherd Sunday*