



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
August 22—August 28  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Lynette Greenlee; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker; Joseph H. Willsey  
5:30 p.m. Lynee Greenlee; Leona O'Dwyer; Conchetta C. Salvaggio

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)  
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Francis C. Gambino; Norma McClellan; Johnnie Phillips; Carmelite Salassi; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Sister Madeleine Sophie, MSC (Madeleine); Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Helen Vasquez; Lucius Wall  
11:00 a.m. Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker; Joseph H. Willsey  
5:30 p.m. Lynette Greenlee; AnnaMae DiGange; Leona O'Dwyer; Lynn M. Thornton; Mark A. Touns

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Gail Berges; Leona O'Dwyer; Joseph H. Willsey

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 11:30 a.m. James Carroll; Barbara Rush  
12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph H. Willsey

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Stella Bergeron; Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; Leona O'Dwyer

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Salvadore J. Anselmo, Sr.; Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee

*Mass envelopes can be found in the vestibule.*

**GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**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

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

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

**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—**August 16, 2009

First Collection \$ 8,262

Second Collection\* \$ 1,795

\* Maintenance and Restoration

**SECOND COLLECTION—EDUCATION FUND**

The second collection taken this weekend at all Masses is dedicated to St. Patrick's Education Fund. It is through your support of this fund that St. Patrick's is able to assist in helping many college, graduate and seminary students achieve their academic and spiritual goals. Please be as generous as you have in the past.

**ARCHBISHOP AYMOND TO VISIT UPTOWN DEANERY**

Wednesday, September 9, 2009, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond will visit the Uptown Deanery. At 7:00 p.m. the archbishop will celebrate Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 631 State Street, New Orleans, followed by a simple reception that will be held in the school cafeteria. Archbishop Aymond desires this to be an opportunity to visit with the clergy and people of our Deanery. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Mass and reception.

**INAUGURATION AND BLESSING OF NEW ORGAN**

Sunday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m.

Father Stanley P. Klores will celebrate a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite to formally inaugurate and bless the new Patrick J. Murphy Organ. St. Patrick's Concert Choir will sing Antonin Dvorak's *Mass in D*, and will be accompanied by guest organist, Dr. James Hammann. A reception will follow in the rectory. Everyone is invited.

**CHRISTINA PAZ BENEFIT RECITAL**

Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral—2919 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans  
Christina Paz, a soprano soloist at St. Patrick's 5:30 p.m. Sunday Masses, will be giving a benefit recital at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 7pm. Christina is leaving New Orleans to pursue her singing career at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. The recital is open to the public, Donations gratefully accepted.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

The RCIA process will start Monday, September 14, 2009. If you know of anyone who is considering joining the Catholic Church, please speak to them about the RCIA process. Interested parties can obtain information by contacting the director of the RCIA program: Robert Ramirez: (504)899-3048; e-mail: bramirez@bellsouth.net; or the rectory office: (504) 525-4413.

**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.

**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; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Marie Gattuso; Glenn & Christine Harper; Bob Held; Howard Henriques; Milton J. Hock, Jr.; Karen Ibraheim; Joan Kimball; Belinda Lazaro; 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; Eleanor Smith; Joseph M. Sonne; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingano

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ON SAVING THE EARTH

Ignatius of Loyola teaches that man is created to “praise, reverence, and serve God and by this means to save his soul.” Modern man thinks little of saving his soul, if he has one. He wants to “save” the earth. He does not want “dominion” over the earth to achieve his worldly and transcendent purposes. His “transcendent” purpose is immanent, “to save the earth” from himself. Save it for what? Well, for future generations. For whom do future generations save the earth? For generations beyond the future, and so on, down the ages.

The “dominion” priorities in Genesis are today not much in vogue. Man today has no transcendent meaning that would explain why he temporarily inhabits this green earth. He pursues a worldly global purpose in lieu of a transcendent personal one. What might this purpose be? The old twentieth-century ideologies thought it was some inner-worldly political society with all the exploiters out of the way. But man, in his present arrangement, is not likely to be perfect. In the current view, we must find a way to protect the earth from the common man’s greed and exploitation.

How do we do that? At the presumed “demise” of communism, Paul Johnson, the English historian, surmised that totalitarianism was not “dead.” It just needed a new domicile. He shrewdly suggested that environmentalism might do the trick of putting ideology and state-control back in the saddle. Morality would now function to conserve the earth’s resources for the indefinite future. Individuals had to be subsumed back into the whole; their every act watched.

What had impeded the triumph of ideologies was human dignity. Man was not just a means, but himself an end. The old Christian prejudices implied that the earth was for man. But individualism also seemed to be indifferent to the earth. Earth was a means in that older perspective to be used. But ecology put a damper on notions that man was individually absolute in any sense. He only exists if the fragile, finite earth supports him. He was responsible not to his ancestors, but to his posterity. Natural resources were rapidly running out as population and consumption increased and self-discipline decreased. Then someone discovered “global warming.” Apocalyptic panic set in.

I notice in recent news reports that the earth has actually been cooling slightly over the past ten years. In my Iowa grammar school, we used to worry about the return of the Ice Ages (it happens periodically for rather long periods). We had charts and maps about how far into Iowa the glaciers penetrated. I was quite concerned about it.

Considerable evidence exists that the earth alternately warmed and cooled before any human beings existed on it. We are now told that the ice caps are melting. We can expect the worst, even though a warmer earth might in fact be a good thing. But some spirit is abroad that says we need to do something. We need to control man.

To claim to be saving future, not present, generations, gives any government a transcendent purpose: To save man from himself. What could be nobler or more statesman-like? Human beings are mired in original sin. They need to be redeemed, protected from themselves. They need laws and regulations. They need to be subject to a Spartan regime where everything they eat, drink, or do is factored into the “good” of future generations—who do not yet exist, indeed may never exist, since population control is allegedly part of the answer to warming.

How much longer will this planet last? We are sure it will

eventually collapse as the sun cools. Our immediate worry is natural resources. We have told that we have already used much of the world’s oil, gas, coal, zinc, copper, and who knows what. Though there seems to be no impending scarcity. Still, governments need to be empowered to control us, we are told. That’s it. That gives it real purpose.

Much of the world’s supply of oil is under “Arab” lands. It was there for ages. Few knew it was there or what to do with it. Arab governments with western theories of profit and property became rich by selling it. But the market was invented by someone else. Suppose the Arab rulers were modern men who wanted to preserve the earth. They would have then said to the potential purchasers, “No thanks, we are saving the oil for future generations.”

No one knows what future generations will need or want or know how to do. The Lord probably created a world in which just enough resources are present for His intentions. With the help of the human brain, the only real resource, human beings might reach the end for which God created them. The end God intended is not in this world. The earth-warmers are really heretical theologizers who somehow think the purpose of the species man is to spin round and round on this planet forever, with the aid of much government control. Meanwhile, all actual men will have died, after being told that their only purpose in life was to save the earth.

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### UNITED STATES BISHOPS LAUNCH WEB SITE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM, THEIR POSITION AND CONCERNS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) launched a Web page promoting its support of “truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity.” The page, [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare), includes letters from bishops to Congress, videos, facts and statistics, frequently asked questions, and links for contacting members of Congress.

Letters to Congress include an August 11 letter by Cardinal Justin Rigali, the bishops’ Pro-Life chairman, criticizing abortion provisions in the House version of health care legislation and a July 17 letter from Bishop William Murphy, the bishops’ Domestic Social Justice chairman, outlining the bishops concerns and priorities for health care reform as a whole.

The site will feature Web videos of USCCB policy staff discussing the bishops’ position on health care. Kathy Saile, director of Domestic Social Development, outlines the general position and concerns. Richard Doerflinger, associate director of Pro-Life Activities, describes how abortion relates to the health care reform debate.

The page also contains facts and statistics about Catholic health care in the United States, which includes 624 Catholic hospitals, 164 home health agencies, and 41 hospice.

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