



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK
August 29—September 4
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush;
Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Leona O'Dwyer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain;
Norma McClellan; Carmelite Salassi; John H.
Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
11:00 a.m. Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Lynn M. Thornton

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:30 a.m. George Markey; Barbara Rush
12:00 p.m. Stephen Luccioni; Leona O'Dwyer;
Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Alice Cohen; Stephen Losee;
Leona O'Dwyer; Mary & Bobby Ramirez

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11:30 a.m. Colleen Collet; Barbara Rush
12:00 p.m. Jean Dominguez; Loretta Dousan;
Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Collen Collet; Loretta Doussan; Stephen
Losee; Barbara Rush

Mass envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Thirteenth 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 BENECTION—Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm**

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

Crusade for the Conversion of Greater New Orleans
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary,
Confession, Novena and Holy Mass. All are invited.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING—August 16, 2009

First Collection \$ 8,336
Second Collection* \$ 3,480
* St. Patrick's Education Fund

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING & EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. St. Patrick's will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to honor parishioners for their faithful service to God and His Church. It will be followed by our annual *Evening of Celebration*; cocktails and buffet dinner at the Renaissance Arts Hotel, 700 Tchoupitoulas St. String Ensemble Music will complement this event of art, friendship and dinner, and afford the opportunity to congratulate our honorees. Reservations for dinner will be accepted until September 14th. Parishioners have received information in the mail, but everyone is invited to attend. Please call the rectory for your reservation and donation information: (504) 525-4413.

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.

rites of Christian Initiation for Adults

By increasing our numbers with new members, we continue the work of Christ and strengthen the faith of our community. Please direct anyone thinking of becoming Catholic to call the parish office for information on the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) process: 525-4413. The first meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE—OCTOBER 5-8, 2009

Coach space is still available for the Eucharistic pilgrimage that Father Stanley Klores will lead to the Eternal Word Television Network and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Culman, Alabama. Reservations costing \$475 per person, double occupancy, can be made by contacting Van or Pat Stevens: (225) 928-8335; Catholic Journeys: (504) 834-4951.

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.

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; Colleen Collet; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; Bryan Evans; 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; M. Schuss; Eleanor Smith; Joseph M. Sonne; Raymond Spain; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers; Joy Trapani; Alyssa Vingan

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BISHOP D'ARCY CHALLENGES NOTRE DAME

"As summer plays itself out on the beautiful campus by the lake where the young Holy Cross priest, Edward Sorin, C.S.C., pitched his camp 177 years ago and began his great adventure, we must clarify the situation that so sundered the church last spring: What it is all about and what it is not about.

"It is not about President Obama. He will do some good things as president and other things with which, as Catholics, we will strongly disagree. It is ever so among presidents, and most political leaders.

"It is not about Democrats versus Republicans, nor was it a replay of the recent general election.

"It is not about whether it is appropriate for the president of the United States to speak at Notre Dame or any great Catholic university on the pressing issues of the day. This is what universities do. No bishop should try to prevent that.

"The response, so intense and widespread, is not about what this journal called 'sectarian Catholicism.' Rather, the response of the faithful derives directly from the Gospel. In Matthew's words, 'Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your heavenly Father' (5:13).

"Does a Catholic university have the responsibility to give witness to the Catholic faith and to the consequences of that faith by its actions and decisions—especially by a decision to confer its highest honor? If not, what is the meaning of a life of faith? And how can a Catholic institution expect its students to live by faith in the difficult decisions that will confront them in a culture often opposed to the Gospel?"

Those are the words of Bishop John D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., the diocesan bishop of the University of Notre Dame, in an article published in the Aug. 31 issue of *America* magazine. It's a crucially important article that should be read by

everyone concerned about the future of Catholic higher education in America.

Here's how Bishop D'Arcy concludes his article:

Critical Questions

As bishops, we must be teachers and pastors. In that spirit, I would respectfully put these questions to the Catholic universities in the diocese I serve and to other Catholic universities.

Do you consider it a responsibility in your public statements, in your life as a university and in your actions, including your public awards, to give witness to the Catholic faith in all its fullness?

What is your relationship to the church and, specifically, to the local bishop and his pastoral authority as defined by the Second Vatican Council?

Finally, a more fundamental question: Where will the great Catholic universities search for a guiding light in the years ahead? Will it be the Land O'Lakes Statement or Ex Corde Ecclesiae? The first comes from a frantic time, with finances as the driving force. Its understanding of freedom is defensive, absolutist and narrow. It never mentions Christ and barely mentions the truth. The second text, Ex Corde Ecclesiae, speaks constantly of truth and the pursuit of truth. It speaks of freedom in the broader, Catholic philosophical and theological tradition, as linked to the common good, to the rights of others and always subject to truth. Unlike Land O'Lakes, it is communal, reflective of the developments since Vatican II, and it speaks with a language enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

On these three questions, I respectfully submit, rests the future of Catholic higher education in this country and so much else.

Tom McFeely

National Catholic Register

TULSA BISHOP EXPLAINS WHY HE "FACES EAST"

Bishop Edward Slattery, the bishop of Tulsa, explains his decision to celebrate Mass at the diocesan cathedral "ad orientem"—facing east—as an effort to recapture a "more authentic" Catholic worship.

In a discussion about liturgy, the prelate said, it is necessary to grasp this "essential" truth: "At Mass, Christ joins us to himself as he offers himself in sacrifice to the Father for the world's redemption... all of the faithful offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice as members of Christ's body through baptism. The priest has a unique role in this offering, the bishop affirmed, to stand "in the person of Christ, the historic Head of the Mystical Body, so that, at Mass, it is the whole body of Christ—Head and members together that make the offering."

Bishop Slattery explained that "from ancient times, the position of the priest and the people reflected this understanding of the Mass." As well, he added, "everyone—celebrant and congregation—faced the same direction, since they were united with Christ in offering to the Father Christ's unique, unrepeatable and acceptable sacrifice. When we study the most ancient liturgical practices of the Church, we find that the priest and the people faced in the same direction, usually toward the east, in the expectation that when Christ returns, he will return 'from the east.' At Mass, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for that return. This single position is called 'ad orientem,' which simply means 'toward the east.' This traditional posture lasted for nearly 18 centuries in the Church as something that was handed on from the time of the Apostles."

The bishop observed that this single eastward position "reveals the nature of the Mass" as an act of worship shared by the priest and the congregation. However, he said, this "shared orientation

was lost" as the priest and people became accustomed to facing opposite directions.

Bishop Slattery explained, "This innovation was introduced after the Vatican Council, partly to help the people understand the liturgical action of the Mass by allowing them to see what was going on, and partly as an accommodation to contemporary culture where people who exercise authority are expected to face directly the people they serve, like a teacher sitting behind her desk." Unfortunately, he added, this change had some "unforeseen and largely negative effects." Not only was it a "serious rupture with the Church's ancient tradition," the prelate asserted, but it also "can give the appearance that the priest and the people were engaged in a conversation about God, rather than the worship of God." He stated that it also "places an inordinate importance on the personality of the celebrant by placing him on a kind of liturgical stage."

The bishop noted Benedict XVI's appeal to "draw upon the ancient liturgical practice of the Church to recover a more authentic Catholic worship." He continued, "For that reason, I have restored the venerable 'ad orientem' position when I celebrate Mass at the cathedral." This gesture, he stated, is not one of rudeness or hostility toward the faithful, nor an attempt to "turn back the clock." Rather, Bishop Slattery affirmed, it represents the fact that "we journey together to God." As well, he continued, it is an attempt to respond to the Pope's invitation to "discover what underlies this ancient tradition and made it viable for so many centuries, namely, the Church's understanding that the worship of the Mass is primarily and essentially the worship which Christ offers to his Father."