



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
October 10—October 16
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**
4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Edward & Susie Comeaux;
Maselli Family; Marlene Morris; Barbara
Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Father Pat Angelucci; Theresa M. Barry;
Claudia Maritn; Dr. & Nancy Minyard;
Leona O'Dwyer; Mr. & Mrs. Keith Taranto;
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Taranto
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**
8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Juan M. Agala; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O.
Chatelain; Kelsey Favrot; Norma McClellan;
Edward F. O'Keeffe, Jr.; Alfred Ramirez, Jr.;
John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
11:00 a.m. David Crochet; Paula Ducasse; Henry
Eiserlon, Jr.; Kehoe & Barlotta Families;
Marcelle Mendel; Barbara Rush; Captain
Houston E. Walker; Poor Souls
5:30 p.m. Mary G. Cammarata; Valentin Descansa;
Leona O'Dwyer
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Joseph Maselli III; Dr. & Nancy Minyard
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**
11:30 a.m. August Esteve; Monsignor John Reynolds
12:00 p.m. Edward O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Theresa H. Johnson; Stephen Losee;
Edward O'Dwyer
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**
11:30 a.m. August Esteve; Monsignor John Reynolds
12:00 p.m. Tracy L. Cooper; Loretta Dousan; Elisabeth
Robert; Mr. & Mrs. L. Bruce Savoy, Sr.
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Loretta Doussan;
Stephen Losee

Mass request envelopes are available in the vestibule

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

Hospitality and friendship in Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

MEET AND GREET—PARISH POT LUCK DINNER

Everyone is invited to the next Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 6:30pm in the rectory. Come and enjoy the evening with members and friends of St. Patrick's Church. For more information, please call the rectory at 525-4413.

SUNDAY OFFERING—October 4, 2009

First Collection \$ 8,864

Second Collection* \$ 1,748

* Maintenance and restoration

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH MORNING OF PRAYER

Cenacle of Our Loving Mother Prayer Group

Saturday, October 17, 2009; 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass.

All are invited.

CATHOLIC SAINTS CALENDAR AND DAILY PLANNER

By popular demand, the Servants of the Holy Eucharist (St. Patrick's altar servers' guild) will be taking orders after all the Masses for additional copies of the currently sold-out "Saints Calendar and Daily Planner" (which can be used immediately and through 2010). These planners make great gifts and your \$15 donation helps to raise funds to support the guild's purchase of sanctuary goods for St. Patrick's Church. Orders may be placed by signing the Order Form located in the Narthex, or by calling Mary Ramirez at 899-3048. The planners will be ordered on Monday, October 12, 2009; payment and pickup to be made in the Narthex after the Masses the weekend of October 24-25, 2009.

CLADDAUGH GROUP COLLECTION FOR OZANAM INN

In an effort to assist Ozanam Inn, the Claddaugh Group's collection of canned or boxed foods, hygiene items and paper products will continue through October 10-11, 2009. Please bring items during Mass and place them in the boxes in the vestibule. For more information, please call the rectory at 525-4413.

CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2009—Second Collection at all Masses

Together with some enterprising lay Catholics, Fr. Thomas Moylan, LC, a priest with the Legionaries of Christ, helped found Catholic World Mission in 1998. Initially, the goal of CWM was to support Catholic education and missionary activities around the world. Building on these goals today, we focus on five core aspects of development: education, medical missionary work, evangelization, disaster relief, and building physical infrastructure where there is none. Our mission remains to bring all souls to Christ, while seeking to end physical and spiritual poverty through our ongoing projects. Please be generous, as you have in the past, to this special collection that will be taken next weekend.

MEDJUGORJE AND ME—DANNY ABRAMOWICZ DINNER

Sponsored by The MIR Group

Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The Christopher Room; 6254 Vicksburg St., Lakeview

Reservations at \$35.00 per person are required

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a great meal, hear a fantastic speaker and support MIR.

For reservations contact Mimi: 504-849-2580; to download a registration form: www.themirgroup.org.

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; Randall Cashio; Tony Clesi; Colleen Collet; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; August Esteve; Bryan Evans; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Marie Gattuso; Glenn & Christine Harper; Bob Held; Howard Henriques; Milton J. Hock, Jr.; Karen Ibraheim; Joyce Kelly; Joan Kimball; Belinda Lazaro; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Mary A. McKay; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Maudie Megeson; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Larry Schapiro; M. Schuss; Eleanor Smith; Joseph M. Sonne; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers; Joy Trapani; Alyssa Vingan

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOME LESSONS FROM HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

*White founts falling in the courts of the sun,
And the Soldan of Byzantium is smiling as they run;
There is laughter like the fountains in the face that all men
feared,
It stirs the forest darkness, the darkness of his beard,
It curls the blood red crescent, the crescent of his lips,
For the inmost sea of all the earth is shaken with his ships*

These lines open one of the great poems of English literature, G.K. Chesterton's Lepanto. On Oct. 7, 1571—exactly 438 years ago—outnumbered Christian naval forces of the Holy League, including Spain, Venice, Genoa, Savoy, the Papal States and the Knights of Malta, defeated a Muslim war fleet threatening Italy and seeking to expand Turkish power into the western Mediterranean.

Fought off the coast of western Greece near the Muslim naval base of Lepanto, the battle is one of history's decisive naval encounters. Turkish armed expansion in Europe would continue for more than a century. But Turkish naval power never recovered. Lepanto was a turning point. It helped secure the Christian roots and free societies of the modern Europe we know today.

Moreover, Lepanto can't be reduced to a clash of commercial interests. It was clearly a contest of beliefs; of very different ideas about God, the human person and the meaning of human society. For the Ottoman Turks, conquests in Europe were an expression of Islamic jihad. Conquered peoples were pressed to convert. If they didn't, they paid a heavy price in discrimination or outright persecution. As for the Holy League, the name speaks for itself. Modern secular, post-national thinkers may look back dismissively on the religious struggles for the identity of Western civilization, but the free ground they stand on was won with the blood of Christian believers. The history of Europe, and therefore of our own nation, could easily have been very different. It wasn't. Lepanto is one of the reasons.

In the weeks leading up to the battle, Pope Pius V asked faithful Christians to pray a simple, popular Marian prayer for the

Christian fleet's crews and for the success of the Christian cause—the rosary. He prayed it himself in Rome on Oct. 7 as the battle commenced on the water hundreds of miles away. In the decades after Lepanto, in gratitude for Mary's intercession, Oct. 7 came to be celebrated universally in the Catholic world as the Feast of the Holy Rosary (and also Our Lady of Victory). So it remains today, and rightly so.

More than four centuries later, we live in a different world. Europe seems intent on repudiating its Christian soul and accomplishing what armed conquest could never do: euthanizing itself spiritually and demographically. If Islam is now the rising religion in many European states, it's not because of jihad. It's because secular Europe has created a moral vacuum, a spiritual dead zone in its heart, that cannot sustain life or create hope in the future. That dead zone must be filled by something, because people cannot live without faith in a meaning higher than themselves.

America is not Europe. Not yet. But to borrow a thought from the sociologist Peter Berger, we are a deeply, historically, religious people led by a much less religious leadership and opinion-shaping class. The undercurrent of distaste for religious faith can now be found every day in our entertainment, our news media, our universities and even among our public officials.

America is not Europe, and 2009 is not 1571. We live in a nation of laws. We enjoy freedom of assembly, worship and speech. As Catholics we seek reconciliation with fellow Christians and cooperation, where possible, with anyone of good will. But the lessons of history are worth remembering. No piece of paper, not even the Constitution, really guarantees our right to practice our Christian faith.

That right to religious freedom has to be earned and asserted and defended—publicly and vigorously—by every new generation of Christian citizens. That means you and me. And as the record has already shown, there is no better source of strength in that work than the rosary.

*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Denver*

WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT SUNDAYS

Every Sunday, all over the United States and beyond, people rise early from their sleep, dress in their finest regalia, make special food and basically plan their whole day in anticipation of what is about to transpire.

There will be seas of admirers in purple, gold and white—royal colors—celebrating this day. It is, after all, National Football League season, now in full swing.

However, often lost amid the honor heaped upon Tom Brady, LaDanian Tomlinson and Troy Polamalu for their on-the-field exploits is the honor due to the One on whom this day is supposed to be centered.

Consider: How many of us who would spend a whole day, sometimes in bitter cold, just to catch a glimpse of Brett Favre would spend it in the same way honoring Christ? How many of us who would pay \$500 for one front-row seat to watch Tony Romo perform his play-calling magic spend as much to see Our Lord perform a true miracle?

Thankfully, we don't need to. Jesus is there for us every Sunday, every day, in tabernacles all over the world—for free.

Pope Benedict XVI, in an address to the 2005 Italian National Eucharistic Congress in Bari, Italy, focused on what should be the real reason for Sunday jubilation. Recalling the Abitene Martyrs of the early fourth century, the Holy Father talked about how the 49 Christians gathered in one of their homes to celebrate Sunday Mass, disobeying Emperor Diocletian's order that "the celebration of sacred rites and holy reunions of the Lord were to be prohibited."

After being caught by surprise, arrested and taken to Carthage to be interrogated and tortured, the emperor's proconsul asked one of them, "Why have you received Christians in your home, transgressing the imperial dispositions?" His response: "Sine Dominico non possumus" (We cannot live without Sunday).

The Pope said, "Deep down was the conviction that Sunday Mass is a constitutive element of one's Christian identity and that there is no Christian life without Sunday and without the Eucharist." That's the best kickoff we have.

*The Editors
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