



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 October 17—October 23
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Joan O'Brien; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Herbert Alfortish; Father Pat Angelucci; Barry Brechtel; Claudia Maritn; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Leona O'Dwyer; Dudley Romero

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Juan M. Agala; Roberta W. Bruley; Richard Cassara; Jane O. Chatelain; Kelsey Favrot; Norma McClellan; Alfred Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. David Crochet; Joan O'Brien; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker; Poor Souls
- 5:30 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Raymond R. Cazzola, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Hilton & Mary Toups

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Joan O'Brien

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 11:30 a.m. Dr. & Nancy Minyard
- 12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Joan O'Brien; Edward O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Woodie Bergeron, Jr.; Barry Brechtel; Stephen Losee; Joan O'Brien; Edward O'Dwyer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 11:30 a.m. Dr. & Nancy Minyard
- 12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Loretta Dousan; Paul J. Johnson; Joan O'Brien; Elisabeth Robert; Toby Russo; Conchetta C. Salvaggio; Hazel & Robert Wells

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Barry Brechtel; Glendal Brupbacher; Loretta Doussan; Jayne Hennessey; Stephen Losee; Joan O'Brien; Barbara Rush

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

CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION—OCT. 17 & 18, 2009
Second Collection at all Masses

The mission goal is 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 this weekend.

SUNDAY OFFERING—October 11, 2009

- First Collection \$ 8,465
- Second Collection* \$ 1,889
- * Maintenance and restoration



Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in thanksgiving for favors granted.



The votive candles on the altars of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph have been donated in thanksgiving for special intentions granted.

SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Saint Patrick's Respect Life Group, led by Father Klores, will pray a rosary in front of Louisiana's largest abortion facility, on the corner of Ridgelake Drive and 20th Street in Metairie, **Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 9:00a.m.** Prayers will offered for the babies who are scheduled to be killed, their mothers and fathers, and the conversion of our country. Everyone is invited!

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT AT ST. JOSEPH ABBEY

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat
 St. Joseph Abbey Christian Life Center
 Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1:00 p.m.
 Retreat Master: Father Thomas Perrier O.S.B.
 Contact: Jason Angelette: 504.830.3716; www.willwoods.org

MASS FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
 St. Louis Cathedral
 Most Reverend Alfred Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus, principal president.
 All are invited to worship in solidarity with those in our community who have been touched in any way by violence, and to pray for an end to this evil which plagues our city.
 For more information: 504-861-6243.

ALL SOULS DAY—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

All Souls envelopes are now available in the vestibule of the church. The names of deceased loved ones should be recorded and the envelope delivered to the rectory office, or placed in a collection basket, before All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, 2009. The listed names will be remembered at all the Masses celebrated that day.

RESTORATION OF WAREHOUSE DISTRICT STREETS

The restoration of Camp Street, and adjacent streets, will soon be underway. This city improvement project is expected to take 12 months to complete, during this time all Masses and services will continue as usual at St. Patrick's Church.

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; 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; 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; Alyssa Vingam

Please contact the parish office when someone's health improves or if they need to be removed from the list. Thank You!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PARADOX OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

“For freedom Christ has set us free” (Gal. 5:1). St. Paul tells us that faith in Christ makes us free. In the contemporary world there is a universal demand for more freedom—personal, political and economic. Freedom, however, is a slogan word that has many different meanings. Today freedom is often understood in the sense of a lack of restraint, so that one is free to do whatever one wishes to do. That is a form of licentiousness, not true freedom.

Freedom understood as licentiousness is a false freedom. Actually, it is not freedom at all, but rather it is slavery to one’s selfishness, passions and pride.

Christian freedom is something totally different. The Christian who submits himself to the law of love in Christ Jesus is the one who is truly free. Only God has absolute freedom because his will is identified with his being or substance. So God is essential freedom—he can do whatever he wills because he has absolute power over all things. But since God is also absolute truth and goodness, he can do only what is in accordance with his essence—everything he does is good. So God cannot deceive and he cannot do anything that is evil since that is contrary to his nature.

On the other hand, created freedom is limited and relative. But the more a created person (man or angel) approaches the goodness of God, the more he shares in the freedom of God. We have here what seems to be a paradox. Man wishes to be free, but the only way he can become truly free is by submitting himself to Christ by faith, hope and charity. St. Paul calls it the “obedience of faith” (Rom. 1:5). The saints who strive mightily to serve God in all things, whose whole being is centered on God, are human persons who are supremely free. Submission to the truth is what makes one free.

Sin is slavery because it is rooted in falsity, while the obedience of faith in love is based on truth and results in freedom. Sin is rebellion against God and glorification of self. Jesus expresses this truth in St. John’s Gospel (8:31-32), a text often quoted by Pope

John Paul II: “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” So the saint is free and the sinner is a slave.

There you have it from the mouth of God himself: it is the truth that makes one truly free. The ultimate reason for this is that we are creatures made in the image and likeness of God. Why did God make us? What is our destiny? God made us to know him, to love him and to serve him in this life and to be happy with him forever in the next life. So since we were made for God and for truth and for goodness, nothing short of God will really satisfy us. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). That is also why the eye is not filled with seeing and the ear is not filled with hearing. In other words, no created thing can satisfy the human heart. St. Augustine put his finger on it when he said that our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

I am reminding you of the nature of Christian freedom because we are bombarded daily with the false notion of freedom in matters such as “freedom of choice” regarding abortion, contraception, same-sex marriage, assisted suicide and other moral issues. The assumptions of the secular humanists, who deny the existence of God and see man as descended from the apes with no immortal soul, have taken a commanding position in our culture and are proclaimed incessantly in the media and in the public schools and universities.

In order not to be infected with these false ideas, it is essential that we know our faith well, that we know the truth, and that we recognize and reject error and falsehoods when we encounter them. This is another reason why every family should have handy a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It offers a detailed index, and there you will find the truth if you spend a little time looking for it.

Father Kenneth Baker, S.J.
Editor—Homiletic and Pastoral Review

TO SERVE

Our service to God and others should be characterized by our humility. We can think of ourselves as the little donkey that had the honor of carrying Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem in triumph. We always have to keep in mind the importance of rectitude of intention. In the words of Cardinal Luciani, later Pope John Paul I: *When I am paid a compliment, I must compare myself with the little donkey that carried Christ on Palm Sunday. And I say to myself: If that little creature, hearing the applause of the crowd, had become proud and had begun—jackass that he was—to bow his thanks left and right like a prima donna, how much hilarity he would have aroused! Don’t act the same!* We should help others in such a way that they do not even take note of our attentions, if that is possible. Our only compensation will then be the loving glance of Christ. Surely that is the highest payment possible.

We can learn from Our Lady how to be helpful to others, how to have an eye for their needs, how to make their lives pleasant on earth, how to gently point their sights towards Heaven. She gives us the best example: *In the middle of the rejoicing at the feast in Cana, only Mary notices that they are short of wine. A soul will notice even the smallest details of service if, like her, it is alive with a passion for helping its neighbor, for God.* When we practice this life of service we will be blessed to find Jesus in our midst. He will tell us: *Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.*

Francis Fernandez
In Conversation with God

HOW MUCH MONEY ARE WE REALLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE LORD’S WORK??

Value of \$1.00 from 1913-2009

1913	1.00
1933	.76
1953	.37
1973	.22
1993	.07
2003	.05
2009	.05

Your financial support makes it possible for St. Patrick’s Church to provide quality liturgies and other ministries in the business/arts district of New Orleans during the workweek, and on weekends for parishioners throughout the entire Greater New Orleans area, while at the same time maintaining a historical and spiritual landmark. St. Patrick’s Church does not receive any outside financial aid, our only support comes from our parishioners and friends. Your financial contribution is a way of saying, “Yes, I have committed whole-heartedly to St. Patrick’s Church.”

Thank you for your support!