



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
 October 31—November 6  
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; George Schexnayder; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Terese C. Miller; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Leona O'Dwyer; Ray Vrazel
- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Juan M. Agala; Jerry Bagwell; Roberta W. Bruley; Richard Cassara; Jane O. Chatelain; Kelsey Favrot; Raymond E. Gardofalo; A. P. Gaudet, Jr.; Irma H. Jourdan; Joseph Maselli; Norma McClellan; Moschella Family; Alfred Ramirez, Jr.; George Schexnayder; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Louis Toups, Sr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Ray Vrazel
- 11:00 a.m. John K. Figge, KM; Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Marino; Barbara Rush; Reverend Monsignor George E. Tracy; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Kevin Breland; Raymond R. Cazzola, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Paul J. Johnson; Theresa H. Johnson; Stephen Luccioni; Edward O'Dwyer; George Schexnayder; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Ray Vrazel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

- 11:30 a.m. George Markey; James McNair; Ray Vrazel
- 12:00 p.m. Alice Cohen; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Elisabeth Robert; George Schexnayder

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Agnes Christina; Jean Dominguez; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; George Schexnayder

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

- 11:30 a.m. Edward O'Dwyer; Paul H. Villalobos; Ray Vrazel
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Dousan; Kathryn Hogan; Elisabeth Robert; George Schexnayder

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; George Schexnayder

**GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**  
*All Saints Day*  
**Solemn High Mass**—First Sunday of the month.  
**Benediction**—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**REMINDER!**

A canceled check is a receipt, a written or printed acknowledgment of a financial transaction.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**—October 25, 2009

First Collection \$ 7,493

Second Collection\* \$ 2,036

\* Maintenance and restoration



Flowers on the altar this weekend are  
 in loving memory of  
 Edward J. O'Brien, Sr. and Uncle Bill O'Brien.



The Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light  
 is in loving memory of  
 Edward J. O'Brien, Sr. and Uncle Bill O'Brien

**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.

**ACCESS—BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION**

Our parish will be raising money to benefit ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Centers of Catholic Charities to assist women with unplanned pregnancies. Baby bottles will be handed out after each Mass during the weekend of October 31, November 1. Simply return your baby bottle filled with your donation the following weekend. This is a great way to show support for life. Thank you!

**FIRST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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.

**MEET & GREET—NOVEMBER 14, 2009**

Everyone is invited to the next Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Rectory. Please come to enjoy the evening with friends of St. Patrick. For more information, please call the Rectory at 525-4413.

**OZANAM INN FUNDRAISER**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel

The Ozanam Inn Homeless Shelter, a Special Work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul cordially invites all to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Century Club Gala. This event is the major fund raiser that helps to provide all the services to the homeless which includes lodging, food, clothing and medical assistance. In addition vouchers are given to women for women's shelters. All services are provided free of charge. For more information please call 710-6141 or 523-1184.

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION**—Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL**

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Del Barry; Brett Bradley; Randall Cashio; Tony Clesi; Colleen Collet; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; L Darcy; R.J. DeBlanc; R.S. DeBlanc; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; Bryan Evans; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Marie Gattuso; Bob Held; Howard Henriques; Milton J. Hock, Jr.; Karen Ibraheim; Joan Kimball; Belinda Lazaro; 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; M. Schuss; Joseph M. Sonne; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingan

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

# ALL SAINTS

## WHO ARE THE SAINTS?

For some time now, scientists have been sending signals into the cosmos, hoping for a response from some intelligent being on some lost planet. The Church has always maintained a dialogue with the inhabitants of another world -- the saints. That is what we proclaim when we say, "I believe in the communion of the saints." Even if inhabitants outside of the solar system existed, communication with them would be impossible, because between the question and the answer, millions of years would pass. Here, though, the answer is immediate because there is a common center of communication and encounter, and that is the risen Christ.

Perhaps in part because of the time of the year in which it falls, the feast of All Saints' Day has something special that explains its popularity and the many traditions linked to it in some sectors of Christianity. The motive is what John says in the second reading. In this life, "we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed." We are like the embryo in the womb of a mother yearning to be born. The saints have been "born" (the liturgy refers to the day of death as "the day of birth," "dies natalis.") To contemplate the saints is to contemplate our destiny. All around us, nature strips itself and the leaves fall, but meanwhile, the feast of the saints invites us to gaze on high; it reminds us that we are not destined to wither on this earth forever, like the leaves.

The Gospel reading is the beatitudes. One in particular inspires the selection of this passage: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, they shall be satisfied." The saints are those who have hungered and thirsted for justice, that is, in biblical language, for sanctity. They have not resigned themselves to mediocrity; they have not been content with half-measures.

The first reading of the feast helps us to understand who the saints are. They are "those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb." Sanctity is received from Christ; it is not our

own production. In the Old Testament, to be a saint meant "to be separated" from all that is impure; in the Christian understanding, it is, rather, the opposite, that is, to "be united" to Christ.

The saints, that is, the saved, are not only those mentioned in the calendar or the book of the saints. The "unknown saints" also exist: those who risked their lives for their brothers, the martyrs of justice and liberty, or of duty, the "lay saints," as someone has called them. Without knowing it, their robes have also been washed in the blood of the Lamb, if they have lived according to their consciences and if they have been concerned with the good of their brothers.

A question spontaneously arises: What do the saints do in heaven? The answer is, also here, in the first reading: The saved adore, they prostrate themselves before the throne, exclaiming, "Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving ..." The true human vocation is fulfilled in them, that of being "praise to the glory of God" (Ephesians 1:14). Their choir is directed by Mary, who continues her hymn of praise in heaven, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." It is in this praise that the saints find their happiness and joy. "My spirit rejoices in God." A man is who he loves and who he admires. Loving and praising God, we identify ourselves with God, participate in his glory and in his own happiness.

One day, a saint, St. Symeon the New Theologian, had a mystical experience of God that was so strong he exclaimed to himself, "If paradise is no more than this, it is enough for me." But the voice of Christ told him, "You are very poor if you content yourself with this. The joy you have experienced in comparison to paradise is like the sky painted on paper in comparison to the real sky."

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, *ofmcap*

### **KEPHA - THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE IRON WILL**

KEPHA is a growing brotherhood of Catholic fathers and sons in seven states. Faithful to the Holy Father, we promote the Culture of Life through monthly retreats and shared daily prayers and provoke each other to Heaven according to our motto, *Dynamic Orthodoxy, Infectious Joy*.

Ours is a high-octane Catholicism rejecting spiritual laziness and moral compromise. We are under the patronage of our "BIG 3": St. John Bosco, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

KEPHA's anchors are our 5 commitments: Apologetics, Brotherhood, Charity, Mortification, and Prayer. Join us for an upcoming retreat or join us in prayer.

Join us to LIVE AND DIE CATHOLIC TO THE CORE!

The Don Bosco chapter of Kepha is the founding chapter and covers the entire state of Louisiana. The next Don Bosco event will be held in Lake Fausse Pointe State Park, St. Martinville, LA from November 20-22, 2009. The theme of the retreat is *Apologetics*. If you are interested in attending this retreat, or to learn more about Kepha please go to our website: [www.kepharocks.org](http://www.kepharocks.org).

### **PRAY FOR A CURE FOR CANCER**

Many people have been closer to cancer than wanted to be. We can all pray for a cure, just one line—*Dear God, I pray for a cure for cancer. Amen.*

### **THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION CONCERT OF THE NEW PATRICK J. MURPHY ORGAN, OP.53 AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN NEW ORLEANS**

Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.

A dedication concert of the new organ will be performed by Thomas Murray. Professor Murray has been a member of the Yale faculty since 1981 and was appointed University organist in 1990. As the senior professor of organ, he teaches the organ literature seminar and gives instruction to graduate organ majors. His performing career has taken him to all parts of Europe and to Japan, Australia, and Argentina. He has appeared as a soloist with the Pittsburgh, Houston, Milwaukee, and New Haven symphony orchestras, the National Chamber Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra during its tour of Finland in 1996. The American Guild of Organists named him International Performer of the Year in 1986. The Royal College of Organists in England awarded him an FRCO diploma *honoris causa* in 2003.

All are invited and encouraged to attend this very special musical event, and the reception that will be held in the rectory parlors after the concert.