



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
November 28—December 4
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 4:00 p.m. Dorothy Adams; Ree Alario; Anna Klees; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Gladys & Louis Schwartz; Alice C. Stumpf; Anna & Joseph Szabo; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Julian Chiro, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Father Timothy Pieris

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Juan M. Ayala; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Gerald Constant; Kelsey Favrot; Raymond E. Gardofalo, Sr.; Joseph Maselli; Norma McClellan; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. Blanche R. Cellos; Gerald Constant; Dorothy Montalbano; Barbara Rush; Gladys & Louis Schwartz; Anna & Joseph Szabo; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Raymond R. Cazzola, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Bill Naujokes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. David Hernandez; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Edward O'Dwyer; Gladys & Louis Schwartz; Anna & Joseph Szabo; Robert & Hazel Wells

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 11:30 a.m. Paul & Valerie Bruning; George Markey; Edward O'Dwyer
- 12:00 p.m. Kim Leisinger; Stephen Luccioni; Elisabeth Robert; Gladys & Louis Schwartz; Anna & Joseph Szabo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Alice Cohen; Israel Cordero; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Josephine Stenger

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 11:30 a.m. Edward O'Dwyer; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Praytor
- 12:00 p.m. Jean Dominguez; Loretta Dousan; Conrad & Marlene LeBlanc; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Father John Kirk; Stephen Losee

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

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.

ST. ALPHONSUS ART & CULTURAL CENTER

2025 Constance St., New Orleans

Sunday, Nov. 29—Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

International Creche Exhibit from 20 countries on display.

SUNDAY OFFERING—November 22, 2009

First Collection \$ 7,477

Second Collection* \$ 988

* Campaign for Human Development

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Let's decorate our Christmas tree here at St. Patrick's!

Sunday, November 29, 2009

In the rectory, after the 8:00 A.M.; 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Masses
It is time to decorate our tree and light the lights. Bring an ornament, and some good ideas, to make our tree the brightest on Camp St., then everyone will know the Christ child is coming. All are invited to enjoy the friendship and good spirit of St. Patrick's members and guests. A lite brunch will be served. For more information: 525-4413.

CHURCH HOURS DURING ORGAN TUNING/PREPARATION

In preparation for the organ concert on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., the church schedule has been modified on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 1, 2009—Friday, December 4, 2009

11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Church is only open for regular Masses.

Saturday, December 5, 2009

3:00 P.M. Church opens for the Vigil Masses.

**THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION CONCERT OF ST. PATRICK'S
NEW PATRICK J. MURPHY ORGAN, OP.53**

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

To be performed by concert and recording organist Thomas Murray, the University Organist and Professor of Music at Yale University. All are invited and encourage to attend. There will be a reception in the rectory immediately following the concert.

SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC—SARAH JANE MCMAHON

Friday, December 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

St. Patrick's Church

New Orleans soprano, Sarah Jane McMahon, will perform a concert of Sacred Christmas Music from her new album, *Night of Silence*.

The public is invited - Free admission - **Security will be provided.**

For information - www.sarahjanemcmahon.com

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

The St. Patrick's Chorale, who sing at the 11:00 A.M. Sunday Mass, will perform a service of lessons and carols. This service was first performed at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve 1918. The service will be by candlelight, and accompanied by organ. A collection will be taken to benefit the Music Fund here at St. Patrick's. **Security will be provided.**



The Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light
is for the intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ramirez

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Randall Cashio; Mary Ann Ciravolo; Tony Clesi; Colleen Collet; L Darcy; R.J. DeBlanc; R.F. DeBlanc; Al Duroncelet; Bryan Evans; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Marie Gattuso; Bob Held; Howard Henriques; Milton J. Hock, Jr.; Karen Ibraheim; Joan Kimball; Belinda Lazaro; Stephen Losee; Mary A. McKay; Sally Ann Main; Maudie Megeson; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J.Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; M. Schuss; Joseph M. Sonne;

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CELEBRATION OF ADVENT

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls.

The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church. The historical origins of Advent are hard to determine with great precision. In its earliest form, beginning in France, Advent was a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, a day when converts were baptized; so the Advent preparation was very similar to Lent with an emphasis on prayer and fasting which lasted three weeks and later was expanded to 40 days...

The Church gradually more formalized the celebration of Advent. The Gelasian Sacramentary, traditionally attributed to Pope St. Gelasius I (d. 496), was the first to provide Advent liturgies for five Sundays. Later, Pope St. Gregory I (d. 604) enhanced these liturgies composing prayers, antiphons, readings and responses. About the ninth century, the Church designated the first Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year. Finally, Pope St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) later reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four.

Despite the "sketchy" history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming.") The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this "coming": "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming" (no. 524).

Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

A good, pious way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the Advent wreath. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished. The light itself represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfill the opening prayer for the Mass of the first Sunday of Advent: "Father in Heaven ... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth."

Father William P. Saunders

THE MANHATTAN DECLARATION

<http://www.manhattandeclaration.org>

An unprecedented coalition of prominent Christian clergy, ministry leaders, and scholars has crafted a 4,700-word declaration addressing the sanctity of life, traditional marriage, and religious liberty. The declaration issues "a clarion call" to Christians to adhere to their convictions and informs civil authorities that the signers will not "under any circumstance" abandon their Christian consciences.

The statement, called "the Manhattan Declaration," has been signed by more than 125 Catholic, Evangelical Christian, and Orthodox leaders.

"We are Christians who have joined together across historic lines of ecclesial differences to affirm our right—and, more importantly, to embrace our obligation—to speak and act in defense of these truths. We pledge to each other, and to our fellow believers, that no power on earth, be it cultural or political, will intimidate us into silence or acquiescence," the statement says.

"We recognize the duty to comply with laws whether we happen to like them or not, unless the laws are gravely unjust or require those subject to them to do something unjust or otherwise immoral," the signatories explain.

But they also made clear that "we will not comply with any edict that purports to compel our institutions to participate in abortions, embryo-destructive research, assisted suicide and euthanasia, or any other anti-life act; nor will we bend to any rule purporting to force us to bless immoral sexual partnerships, treat them as marriage or the equivalent, or refrain from proclaiming the truth, as we know it, about morality and immorality and marriage and the family."

The Manhattan Declaration is the result of several months of dialogue among Orthodox, Catholic, and evangelical Christian leaders culminating in a gathering of approximately 100 leaders in New York City on September 28, 2009.

The signatories explained that they speak now because in order "to defend principles of justice and the common good that are now under assault."

"We will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar's, but we will under no circumstances render to Caesar what is God's."

The signatories of the Manhattan Declaration explain that although public sentiment has moved in a pro-life direction, "pro-abortion ideology prevails in many places of power and influence."

"Our government promotes and funds scientific research in which the lives of tiny human beings in the early embryonic states of development are treated as disposable research material."

They also contend that "public policies contribute to the weakening of the institution of marriage, including the discredited idea of unilateral divorce," while "influential individuals and organizations are seeking to redefine marriage to embrace same-sex partnerships and to recognize multiple-party sexual unions that are beyond same-sex marriage."

Signatories of the declaration include Catholic Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit; Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver; Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.; John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark; John Nienstedt, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City; Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville; Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix; Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs; Salvatore Joseph Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland; Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland; and David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

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