



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 19—December 25
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 4:00 p.m. Adam & Theriot Families; Ree Alario; Anna Klees; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Christie James; Father Stanley Klores; Leona O'Dwyer; Doris W. Ramirez; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Kelsey Favrot; Mary Ferrara; Emilda B. Formusa; Marie Gaudet; Jayne Hennessey; Joseph Maselli; Norma McClellan; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.
- 11:00 a.m. Christie James; Doris W. Ramirez; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Barbara Rush; Harvey Smith, Sr.; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Raymond R. Cazzola, Jr.; Carol Mallett; Leona O'Dwyer; Frances N. Pilet; Mark A. Toups

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Christie James; Father Stanley Klores; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Doris W. Ramirez; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 11:30 a.m. Edward O'Dwyer
- 12:00 p.m. Christie James; Doris W. Ramirez; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Elisabeth Robert; Conchetta C. Salvaggio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Christie James; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Doris W. Ramirez; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 4:00 p.m. Joann Hintz; Edward O'Dwyer; Doris W. Ramirez
- 5:30 p.m. Roquey Jobs; Lindsey Jordan
- Midnight Loretta Doussan; Emilda B. Formusa; Anthony & Juanita Grego; Jayne Hennessey; Claire A. Herthum; Joann Hintz; Elisabeth Robert; Sister Madeleine Sophie, MSC; John Sparck; Dr. James S. Storer; Matthew J. Theriot; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Hazel & Robert Wells

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. Barbara Blanchard; Peter A. Hand; Norma McClellan; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Sharon Robichaux; Paige Rosato; John H. Schroder, Jr.
- 11:00 a.m. Woodrow & Stella Bergeron; Barry Brechtel; MaryAnn Ciravolo; Loretta Doussan; Paul J. Johnson; Theresa H. Johnson; Stephen

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERING—December 13, 2009

First Collection \$ 8,661

Second Collection* \$ 3,435

* Retirement Fund for Religious



*Father Stanley Klores and Deacon Chris DiGrado
along with the entire staff of
St. Patrick's Church
wish you a very
Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year!*

MASS AT MIDNIGHT—EARLY ADMITTANCE TICKETS

Ticket for early admittance into the church between 10:45 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. for the Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve, are available in the vestibule this weekend.

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, December 26, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.** Everyone is invited!

IN MEMORY OF—2010 ENVELOPES

Names are now being accepted for the 2010 "In Memory Of" listing on the back of the Sunday Bulletin. Envelope forms, found in the vestibule of the church, should be completed and returned to the rectory office no later than **Friday, January 8, 2010.**

The completed envelopes can be deposited in any Mass collection basket or hand delivered to the rectory office.

NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT OF PRAYER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
1908 Short Street, Kenner, Louisiana
December 31, 2009

10:00p.m. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
January 1, 2010

12:00a.m. Midnight Mass; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
For more information call: Cindy Hemelt @ 504-883-5783

SEELOS BIRTHDAY HEALING MASS

Sunday, January 10, 2010 @ 1:00 p.m.

National Seelos Shrine—St. Mary's Assumption Church
919 Josephine Street (Lower Garden District/Irish Channel)
Father Bryon Miller, C.Ss.R., Vice Postulator for the Cause of Canonization, will celebrate a special Healing Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing on the anniversary of the birth of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Before Mass, starting at 11:45 a.m., there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and veneration of relic missionary crucifix. One-on-One intercessory prayer will also be available in back of church and shrine. Free wheelchair accessible parking will be provided. For more information: 504-525-2494; 504-525-2499.



The Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light
In Memory of Joseph Maselli

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; A.P. Gaudet, Jr.; Bob Held; Howard Henriques; Milton J. Hock, Jr.; Karen Ibraheim; Roquey Jobs; 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; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GLORY TO GOD AND PEACE TO MEN

An ancient custom for the feast of Christmas foresees three Masses, called respectively "at night," "at dawn," "during the day." In each Mass, through readings that vary, a different aspect of the mystery is presented, in such a way that we get, so to speak, a three-dimensional vision.

The Gospel of the Mass at night focuses on the event, on the historical fact. This is described with disconcerting simplicity, without any apparatus -- three or four lines of humble and familiar words to describe the absolutely most important event in the history of the world, the coming of God to earth.

The task of bringing to light the significance and importance of this event is given, by the Evangelist, to the song intoned by the angels, after having made proclamation to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." In the past this expression was translated differently, that is, as "Peace on earth to men of good will." In these words the expression entered into the Gloria and it became common in Christian language. After Vatican II this expression was used to indicate all the honest, who seek the true and the common good, whether or not they be believers.

But it is an inexact translation and for this reason it has been abandoned today. In the original biblical text it is a matter of men who are loved by God, who are the object of the divine good will, not that they themselves are gifted with good will. In this way the proclamation becomes more consoling. If peace were accorded to men on account of their good will, then it would be limited to a few, to those who merit it; but since it is accorded through God's good will, through grace, it is offered to all. Christmas is not an appeal to the good will of men but a radiant proclamation of the good will of God toward men.

The key word, then, for understanding the angelic proclamation is the last one, that which speaks of the "favor" of God toward men, as font and origin of all that which God began to accomplish at Christmas. He predestined us to be his adopted sons "in accord with the favor of his will," the apostle writes; he made known to us the mystery of his will, according to what he foreordained "in accord with his favor" (Ephesians 1:5,9).

Christmas is the supreme epiphany of that which the Scripture calls God's philanthropy, that is, his love for men: "The goodness of God and his love for men are manifested" (Titus 3:4).

Only after having contemplated the "good will" of God toward us can we concern ourselves also with the "good will" of men, that is, with our response to the mystery of Christmas. This good will must be expressed through imitation of God's action. Imitating the mystery that we celebrate means abandoning every thought of justifying ourselves on our own, every remembrance of wrongs done to us, erasing from our hearts all resentment toward others, even justified resentment. It means not willingly allowing any hostile thought against anyone, whether against neighbors or those far away, the weak, the strong, the little, the great of the earth, or against any creature that exists in the world. This is what it means to honor the birth of the Lord, because God did not hold onto any rancor, he did not look at the wrong done to him; he did not wait for others to take the first step to him. If this is not always possible during the rest of the year, let us at least do it at Christmas. Thus Christmas will be truly the feast of goodness.

P. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap

CHRISTMAS SEASON—MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions heard before the Masses

Thursday, December 24, 2009—Vigil of Christmas

Security will be provided

NO MIDDAY MASS

4:00 p.m. Mass (Ordinary rite with carols)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Ordinary rite with carols)

Solemn High Mass of Midnight—Extraordinary Rite

Security will be provided

11:00 p.m. Doors open

11:15 p.m. Music begins

12:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass of Midnight

Friday, December 25, 2009—Christmas

9:30 a.m. Mass (Ordinary Rite with carols)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Ordinary Rite)

NO EVENING MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 31, 2009—Vigil

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass (Novus Ordo)



CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD WITH ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH!

Sunday, January 3, 2010
Louisiana Children's Museum
(around the corner from St. Patrick's Church)
420 Julia Street
After the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses

Father Stanley Klores, is sponsoring an event for home school students and their families at the Louisiana Children's Museum, *New Orleans' most playful place to explore, experience and learn!*

After the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, students and their families are invited to visit the museum; refreshments, provided by St. Patrick's, will be served from 11:00a.m.—1:00p.m. in the theater of the museum.

St. Patrick's guests will receive a special reduced rate of admittance of only \$3.50 per child or adult.

A recently completed, unique new feature of the museum is the third floor, which features the rebuilding of New Orleans - post Katrina - where guests can simulate home building and restoration. Be sure to bring your camera!

No reservations are required for this event.

For more information on the Louisiana Children's Museum, including maps and directions, go to <http://www.lcm.org>.

For more information on this sponsored event by St. Patrick's Church, please call the rectory.