



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 26—January 1
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Dennis Dale, Sr.; Marlene Morris; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Margaret Abraham; Theresa M. Barry; Dennis Dale, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Oliver Pivert, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Mary Cassard; Jane O. Chatelain; Claudia Darden; Kelsey Favrot; Mary Ferrara; Emilda B. Formusa; Anna Mae. Gambino; Marie Gaudet; Joseph Maselli; Norma McClellan; Bobby & Mary Ramirez; 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. Harold & Patricia Berrigan; Raymond R. Cazzola, Jr.; Anna Mae DiGange; Carol Mallett; Leona O'Dwyer; Frances N. Pilet; Marlene Stamps

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Margaret Abraham; Lindsey Dale; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Marlene Stamps

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 11:30 a.m. Mary Dale; Edward O'Dwyer; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Mrs. Edward L. Ramirez; Marlene Stamps

- 12:00 p.m. Margaret Abraham; Loretta Doussan; Pam Epsat; Elisabeth Robert; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Springer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Margaret Abraham; James Cammarata; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Springer; Robert & Hazel Wells

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 5:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; Eward O'Dwyer; Oliver Pivert, Jr.; Elisabeth Robert; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Springer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

- 9:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 11:00 a.m. Peace In The World; Benedict XVI; All clerics and religious

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

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

After the Sunday morning Masses, the Claddaugh Group hosts coffee and pastries in the Monsignor Reynolds Hall, directly behind the rectory. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY OFFERING—December 20, 2009

First Collection \$ 12,440
Second Collection* \$ 2,993

* Retirement Fund for Religious

**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)

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010

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.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

The Ursuline Sisters cordially invite you to celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor:

National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor

2701 State Street; New Orleans, LA

Friday, January 8, 2010 @ 4:00p.m.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Celebrant

Abbot Justin Brown, OSB, Homilist

Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the school cafeteria.

This celebration is held annually on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans in fulfillment of a vow made by the Ursuline Sisters that a Mass of Thanksgiving would be held annually and the Te Deum sung on this date.

SEELOS BIRTHDAY HEALING MASS—JANUARY 10, 2010

National Seelos Shrine—St. Mary's Assumption Church

919 Josephine Street (Lower Garden District/Irish Channel)

Sunday, January 10, 2010

11:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1:00 p.m. Mass

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. 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

HOLY FAMILY

A PERFECT FAMILY

A family is a group of persons related by marriage or blood. The word "holy" means close to God, who is holiness itself. So the Holy Family is the model for all Christian families. We are all members of a family, since everyone has a mother and father; this essential relationship gives rise to our race, sex, language and country. When God became man in Jesus Christ, he entered our world of time and place by means of the family—a member of the Jewish people, born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth, under the political control of the Roman Empire two thousand years ago.

The Church teaches us, based on divine revelation, that marriage and the family were instituted by God—the family is his idea and is based on the nature of man. We know from historical experience that healthy families are necessary for a healthy civil society, because man is a social being...

Since Jesus is our model, we might consider some traits of Jesus' hidden life. First of all, the family was poor, but not destitute. They were able to travel to Jerusalem for the big feasts. There was a lack of luxuries and unnecessary things. Our use of material things should be patterned on the example of the Holy Family.

Secondly, Jesus worked for a living as a carpenter before his public life. Here we may wonder at the humility of God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, allowing himself to be taught by one of his creatures how to be a carpenter! A third characteristic of Jesus' hidden life is his obedience to Mary and Joseph. He was subject to them and he kept the whole Old Testament law perfectly.

Finally, the heart and soul of the Holy Family is mutual love and respect—love for God first and then, because of that, love for each other. This love fosters peace, harmony, forgiveness and reconciliation as St. Paul says in the second reading.

St. Luke tells us that Mary pondered all these things in her heart (2:19, 51). Because of her fullness of grace, spiritually she was beyond the so-called "mystical marriage" of some saints, like St. Teresa of Avila.

Today we thank God for the Holy Family and try to imitate it as best we can in our own family life. Let us pray with the liturgy: "O God, Father of us all, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth; grant that in our families we may imitate their virtues and love, until gathered together in your house, we may enjoy happiness without end."

Father Kenneth Baker, S.J.

POPE PIUS XII AND POPE JOHN PAUL II DECLARED VENERABLE

In a dramatic move, after long hesitation, Pope Benedict XVI has signed a decree declaring Pope Pius XII -- the Pope who led the Church during the Second World War and has been repeatedly accused by many Jewish and progressive Catholic groups of not doing enough to help the Jews during the Nazi persecution -- as "venerable," the first major step on the road toward canonization as a Catholic saint.

In the same decree, Benedict has declared Pope John Paul II, known for his friendship with the Jewish people and his dramatic visits to the synagogue of Rome in 1986 and to the Western Wall in Jerusalem in 2000, as also worthy to be called "venerable" in the Church.

Benedict's decree, recognizes the "heroic virtues" of the two Popes, paving the way for their beatification and canonization, which can come with the approval of first one, then a second miracle attributed to their intercession.

Robert Moynihan

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN DONATED

In Honor Of

Esther Ayala	Blessed Virgin Mary
Nancy Aeschliman Fitzgerald	Kathleen & Joe Shirer
Esther Aeschliman Mackin	United States Marine Corps

In Memory Of

Adam-Theriot Families	Leonhard - Lynch Families
Ree Alario	Mr. & Mrs. Elton Thomas Mackie, Sr.
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Allen, Jr.	Elvera & Sidney Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Barberot, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Chales D. McCarthy
Maryann Bienvenu	McMahon-McCarthy Families
Elwin Bourgeois, Sr.	Joseph P. Milano
Gertrude Calhoun	Lester Mitts, Sr.
Rita Lazaroe Carter	Idell A. Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Clesi	Emilie Pereria
Susan Wegmann Collins	Daniel Tyler Phelps
Paul R. Davis	A. E. Ramirez
Mr. & Mrs. John E. Donlan	Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.
Claude J. Dubret, Sr.	Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.
Marcel Ducatel	Sara Clesi Cashio Romano
Emar Eymard & Levy Guidry Families	Isabel Rosario Santos
Andres Francisco	John T. Scanlan
Mary Alice Gaudet	Gladys & Louis Schwartz
Curtis A. Jordan	Anna & Joseph Szabo
Bob Keyes	Father Edgar Tiblier, S.J.
Robert Keyes, Jr.	Vocke Family
Delta Lazaro	Leona Wallace
LeBon - Zimmer Families	Versie Wallace
Fernando Lenis	



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

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

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 guest can simulate home building and restoration. Be sure to bring your camera!

No reservations are required for this event. For more information on this sponsored event by St. Patrick's Church, please call the rectory.