



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 31—February 5
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marlene Morris; Barbara Rush; Eddie Staples; Houston E. Walker; Robert & Hazel Wells
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Sidney Grillot; David James, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Barbara Schultz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Wallace Boudreaux; Jane O. Chatelain; Claudia Darden; Kelsey Favrot; Norma McClellan; Norman A. Schinetsky; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Hilda Yacuzzi
11:00 a.m. Patricia M. Bahan; Barry Brechtel; Wade Brupbacher; Mary Jo Decaseaux; Lindsey Jordan; James O'Connor; Barbara Rush; Eric Smith; Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. David James, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer; Alwin Perret, Sr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Elus Deprio; Cynthia Hemelt; David James, Jr.; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Francis Perret, Sr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 11:30 a.m. Ethel Hayes; Edward O'Dwyer
12:00 p.m. Cynthia Hemelt; David James, Jr.; Laurie Perret; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Lucas Algeciras; David James, Jr.; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Mary E. Skeen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 11:30 a.m. Cyndy Hernandez; Edward O'Dwyer
12:00 p.m. Loretta Dousan; David James, Jr.; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; David James, Jr.; Stephen Losee

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**Septuagesima Sunday****Solemn High Mass**—First Sunday of the month.**Benediction**—Third Sunday after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

Votive Candles at the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary
In Memory of Barry Brechtel



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

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall after the Sunday morning Masses.

ST. BLAISE—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Blessing of throats will take place before and after the 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon) Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—January 24, 2010

First Collection \$ 7,746

Second Collection* \$ 4,850

* Haitian Relief Fund

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ROSARY AND BENEDICTION AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Starting Sunday, January 31, 2010 a rosary will be said at St. Patrick's Church for the intentions of our priests, the Haitian people, our city and the nation. The rosary will be followed with Benediction. All are invited.

PRAYING WITH THE MYSTICS

Thursday evenings: February 18 & 25; March 4 & 11, 2010

6:30 p.m.—8:45 p.m.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (Notre Dame Seminary Campus)

Fee: \$30.00; registration required.

A four session Lenten Series presented by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center will focus on four great Christian Mystics: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Jesus, and St. John of the Cross. Consider this a Lenten invitation by four of our Saints to share their intimacy with the Lord and to pray with their graced insights.

Call 861-3254 for information or to register.

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR HIGH SCHOOLS SENIORS AND COLLEGE MEN

Thursday, February 18 - Saturday, February 20, 2010

St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA

A "Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend" will start on Thursday night so participants can also experience a day of seminary classes on Friday. There is no cost for the weekend and availability is limited and will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at (504) 861-6298; email: vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Friday evening, February 26 - Sunday morning, February 28, 2010

Carmelite Spirit Life Center, Lacombe, LA

A "Totus Tuus Discernment Retreat Weekend" is being sponsored by the Archdiocesan Vocation Office for men (high school seniors; college age and over) who are interested in taking a closer look at diocesan priesthood. A staff of diocesan priests and seminarians will host the weekend and Archbishop Aymond will participate. The retreat is an insider's look at the life of a parish priest, with time for discussion, questions, prayer, reflection and socializing. There is no charge for the weekend. For more information and registration, call the Vocation Office at (504) 861-6298.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Randall Cashio; S. Michael Cashio, Jr.; 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; 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

AMERICA, WE WON'T GO AWAY

Many people wish we would, and heaven knows we would rather be doing almost anything else. But we can't go away, and we won't.

I'm sure you've seen us. We may have made you angry, or sad, or we may have made you turn quickly away and find something else to look at.

You may have seen us two days before Christmas outside the Planned Parenthood building. The old man with the rosary, the college kids in sweats, the sad-looking woman clutching brochures and an "I Regret My Abortion" sign — that was us.

Maybe you felt offended that we stuck abortion in your face as you rushed out to do last-minute shopping, cheered by Christmas songs on the radio. Well, we felt offended that the "clinic" was open that day. We wanted to enjoy ourselves, too.

Or maybe you heard one of us at a town meeting you attended at the school or the senior center. Maybe it was a savvy young woman lawyer that you heard voice the pro-life argument. Or maybe the voice of the pro-life movement you heard was a halting, nervous voice that got a little too angry or whose words got a little too tangled. In either case, that was us, too.

We may have made you uncomfortable that day. We're sorry for that. But we'll be there again at the next town meeting, too. And the next. And the next.

We won't go away, and we won't stop talking about abortion. We won't stop saying, again and again, that this is wrong, and it has to stop.

America, you know more about the unborn than you ever have before. Life magazine used to sell out when they put an unborn baby on the cover. Now, we've seen National Geographic's "In the Womb." We have sonogram photos at the front of our baby books and we saw our children for the first time in utero, through a video monitor.

America, you know more than ever that abortion hurts women. Those of us who have had an abortion know the guilt at what we've done and the anger at those who made it seem inevitable, who refused all help except the kind that kills. Those of us who have a friend who has had an abortion know it is a topic that we must never, ever discuss. It causes too much sadness, inflicts too much pain that can't be relieved.

America, you know what abortion is, and we know you know. We won't stand by and pretend with you that nothing is happening.

And we won't go away, because we can't make abortion go away from our own consciences. Abortion stings us. The sting is there when we see an empty playground and remember that 1 in 3 children in America dies by abortion. The sting is there when we read of successful surgery saving unborn children in the womb, and remember that babies don't survive the most common surgery in the womb.

Is abortion necessary for women's rights? Ask the teens impregnated by older men and brought to the "clinic" by them, too. Is it a matter of choice? Ask the women who wanted to have their babies but were badgered and pressured and tricked and even forced to kill instead.

But doesn't abortion help women? Ask the ones who died on the operating table — or the ones who say they wish they died because the depression is too much to bear.

What would America be like without abortion? We can't even imagine. In *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey gets a glimpse of what Bedford Falls would be like if he hadn't been born, but then he returns to a world where that tragedy never happened.

We won't get to return to the world we could have had.

Did we abort a statesman who would have changed the course of this country? Did we abort the musician who would have taken that art — and our emotions with it — to new heights? What cures, stories, jokes, athletic feats or technological innovations did we abort? What great actor is missing from our movies, what great teachers will never inspire our kids at school?

No, America, we won't go away, no matter how much you want us to or how much we want to go.

We want to think we would have told the slave-sellers, "No way. Not here. I will use every legal means to stop you." We like to think we wouldn't have sat still in World War II Germany as the trains rumbled by. We wish we could have sat with Rosa Parks or prayed with Ruby Bridges on the way to school.

But we can't do any of that. What we can do is remind you, America, in season and out of season, of the words you were founded on: "All men are endowed by their Creator with the right to life."

So you'll see us shivering in the cold again this January for the March for Life. And you'll see us next January, and the January after that, and the January after that, until we wear you down at last and there's no more reason to march.

And if we die before you change, America, we'll be able to stand before God and say, "I defended the defenseless. I stood for the weak. My brothers and sisters couldn't cry 'Stop,' so I cried it for them. And I refused to go away."

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 is also known as Candlemas Day. Blessed candles will be available in the church. Please limit one box per family. A voluntary donation of \$10.00 per box is suggested.

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and living perpetually among us through Your Priests, grant that the words of Your Priests may be only Your words, that their gestures be only Your gestures, and that their lives be a true reflection of Your life.

Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of His people, and speak to His people of God.

Grant that they be courageous in service, serving the Church as she asks to be served.

Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time, travelling on the paths of history in Your steps, and doing good for all.

Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments, zealous in their vocation and mission, clear mirrors of their own identity, and living the joy of the gift they have received.

We pray that Your Holy Mother, Mary, present throughout Your life, may be ever present in the life of Your Priests. Amen