



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
February 6—February 12
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Cammarata-Guizzardi Family; Marlene Morris; Celina Nuss; Barbara Rush; Eddie Staples

5:30 p.m. Joseph G. Bernard; Sidney Grillot; David James, Jr.; Leona O'Dwyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)

9:30 a.m. Drema Allen; Ann Bruce; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Claudia Darden; Connie Falati; Norma McClellan; William R. O'Rourke, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Louis Toups, Sr.; Hilda Yacabucci

11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Patricia M. Bahan; Barry Brechtel; Mary Jo Decareaux; Mr. & Mrs. Clement P. Donelon; Sr. Joecile Hand, R.S.M.; James O'Connor; Barbara Rush; Houston E. Walker

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Joseph G. Bernard; David James, Jr.; Dr. & Nancy Minyard; Damian A. Peters

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:30 a.m. Edward O'Dwyer

12:00 p.m. David James, Jr.; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. David James, Jr.; Stephen Losee; Dr. & Nancy Minyard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:30 a.m. Gladys & Joe Breaux; Edward O'Dwyer; Robert Prest III

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; David James, Jr.; Miriam Jayasundera; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee

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

Sexagesima 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING—January 31, 2010

First Collection \$ 7,790

Second Collection* \$ 1,784

* Restoration and Maintenance

CARNIVAL/MARDI GRAS CANCELATIONS

Sunday, February 7 and February 14, 2009

1. Adoration, Rosary and Benediction.

2. Coffee and doughnuts after Sunday morning Masses.

Sunday, February 14, 2010

5:30 p.m. Mass

MARDI GRAS DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, February 16, 12:00pm – Wednesday, February 17, 12:00am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church - 1908 Short Street, Kenner, LA

Starting Mass at 12:00 noon on Mardi Gras; closing Mass at midnight with distribution of ashes. Please bring refreshments to share with others.

Contact: Nancy: 504-218-5057; Cindy: 504-883-5783. Sponsored by: OLPH Parish in conjunction with St. Joan of Arc Prayer Warriors in a Crusade for the Conversion of Greater New Orleans

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Father Stanley Klores will present a special Lenten series titled *The History of the Mass*. The talk will take place every Sunday during Lent, starting the First Sunday In Lent, between the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (10:30a.m.—10:55a.m.)

MAGNIFICAT—INVITES YOU TO A BREAKFAST

The Metairie Chapter of *Magnificat* invites everyone to a breakfast,

Thursday, February 25, 2010; 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (noon)

Jefferson Orleans South, 2536 Edenborn Ave., Metairie 70002

The Reverend Stanley Klores, speaker

Reservations: \$20.00. There will be no tickets issued, please check in at door. For reservations send a check made out to *Magnificat Metairie* to: Jane Margavio, 1005 Maryland Ave, Kenner LA 70062.

Please include the name of each attendee; the deadline for receiving checks is February 19, 2010. **A confirmation card will be sent to you when your check is received.** Since the day is designed to speak to the hearts of women, free of distractions, it is respectfully requested that children not be in attendance. However, mothers with nursing infants are welcome.

ORGAN CONCERT—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Dr. Marijim Thoene will present a program of organ music at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. All are invited.

THE MIR GROUP—DINNER WITH RAYMOND ARROYO

Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA

Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.—Open cash bar

\$35 per person ; \$300 for a table of 10

Advance reservations necessary!

Deadline for reservations: March 3, 2010

Raymond Arroyo is News Director - EWTN Television Network. He will be speaking on his latest book on Mother Angelca. This book is envisioned as the completion of a four book canon which started with Mother's biography.

Visit www.themirgroup.org for your Registration form or contact: themirgroup@aol.com; Telephone Mimi – 504-849-2570.

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 Duroncellet; 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; Joan C. O'Brien; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J.Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; M. Schuss; Joseph M. Sonne; Pierre Stouse; Stephanie Summers

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SETTING OUT INTO THE DEEP AND CASTING NETS

The Sea of Galilee is a fresh water lake about 12 miles long and six miles wide. It lies some 685 feet below sea level and is about 200 feet deep. Fishing was and still is an important industry on the lake. The sea is surrounded by high hills on all sides. The great difference between the air on the top of these hills and the air on the low-lying water can cause sudden, violent storms. This body of water is referred to in Numbers 34:11 as the Sea of Kinnereth (from the Hebrew word "kinnor" meaning little harp). In the New Testament, it is referred to as Lake of Genesareth, Lake of Tiberias, and the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' preaching centered around its shores.

According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus called his first disciples away from their fishing fleets on the Sea of Galilee. It was a natural barrier between the Jewish side on the west and the Gentile side on the east. The Gospel of Mark, in particular, has Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat on a number of occasions. These crossings turn the Sea of Galilee into a bridge bringing Jew and Gentile together through Jesus' preaching and healing activities.

In the New Testament, the sea represents the moment of conversion. On the sea nothing happens normally, but always in abrupt, marvelous or very difficult ways. Some of the most dramatic nature miracles of Jesus take place on the Sea of Galilee. Mark tells the story of Jesus calming the sea after a squall had blown up, threatening the lives of the disciples (4:35). He also describes how Jesus walked on the waters of this sea and revealed himself to his disciples as "I am" (6:45 ff). In John we have the moving post-resurrection breakfast scene of Peter's confession of faith and Jesus' confidence in Peter, the repentant sinner (Chapter 21).

In today's Gospel scene, Jesus is teaching by the shore and the crowds press in on him. Jesus spots the boat of Simon and gets in it, and asks him to launch out a bit from the shore so that he can preach from there. When finished, he tells Simon to take the boat into the deep water and let down his nets. Simon is wary: "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing!" These are the weary words of a veteran who knew how frustrating the sea could be. But there was something about this Galilean that made one want to comply, so Simon let down his nets.

Despite the frustration of the nightlong toil, Simon's willingness to follow Jesus' suggestion to put out the nets into deeper waters prepares for the miracle about to happen. Simon is brought personally into the sphere of Jesus' mighty power, and that experience becomes the basis of a promise that is made to him. Though Simon, conscious of his utter sinfulness and unworthiness to associate with such a person as Jesus drops to his knees in reaction, he is reassured by Jesus, who promises him that he will play a role of gathering human beings into the kingdom that Jesus has come to preach. This he will do much as a fisherman gathers in fish in his net.

What follows is the "miraculous catch" -- a whole school of fish, straining the nets and the boats to the breaking point. Peter sinks to his knees in awe before this mysterious figure: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." In other words: "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinner. If you only knew to whom you were speaking! My spirit is dull and my heart faint. I am a burden to all my companions and a laughingstock to those who know their trade. Depart from me, a sinner!"

But Jesus assures the awestruck disciple: "Do not be afraid, Simon, from now on you will be catching people." It was as

though Jesus said to this discouraged Galilean fisherman: "I shall not depart from you. I know who you are. I know your past, but that is not what is important to me. I need your hands, your feet, your heart and your very life. There is hope for you! I have cast my nets wide, and you are my best catch. See how the net is breaking and the boat begins to sink. You have labored and toiled for many years without hope. Come now to labor and spend yourself with me. I will teach you to walk on water, to cast a net of light into the waters above the abyss. Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

Jesus, himself, was now calling them to be fishers of people, to be engaged in the struggle with the raging waters of the sea, the sea that was both the source of their livelihood, their food, but also the sea that was a mystery, a threat and chaos, the sea that could take their lives as well as feed them.

Jesus gets into Peter's boat in order to teach the crowds; and from the Bark of Peter, the Church, he continues to teach the whole world. At certain times, during Church history, and perhaps in our own history, it might seem as if the light of the Spirit had been all but extinguished and that Jesus is no longer with us in the boat.

But let us be honest and realize that the flame never went out and the presence of the Lord has never disappeared. The Church goes on, saving souls and journeying to its final harbor. In that blessed realm, beyond the seas of this life, all the things which threaten God's Church in this world will be gone for ever.

We all are in this boat together with the Lord himself. We must trust the Lord to show us the way, to bring us to our goals safely, and to feed our souls on the journey. We will no doubt encounter problems -- there will be days when we cast out our nets all day long, and at the end of the day, there might be nothing to show for it.

At those times, we must listen to the Lord, as Peter did, and cast the nets again into the deep -- for it is our faith that is being tested - - not as to whether we profess it or not -- but as to whether we are ready to do something about it or not.

Let us pray:

I pray that I may live to fish until my dying day.

And when it comes to my last cast,

Then I most humbly pray,

When in the Lord's great landing net,

And peacefully asleep,

That in his mercy I be judged big enough to keep. Amen.

Father Thomas Rosica, CSB

MASS AND RECTORY OFFICE SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 13—FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Saturday, Feb. 13 Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 14 Masses: 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church closes after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Canceled

3:00 p.m. Adoration, Rosary & Benediction
5:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, Feb. 15 Masses 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Rectory office closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 Church and rectory office closed.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Masses: 11:00 a.m.; 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Distribution of ashes at all Masses.