



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 August 2—August 8
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Cammarato—Guzzardi Family; Carol Leonard; Marlene Morris; Leona O’Dwyer; In Thanksgiving For Favor Granted
- 5:30 p.m. Georgiana Ford; Vincent Miranti; Barbara Rush; Janice Young; Our Lady Help of Christians

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick’s Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Tim Dauterive; Mimi Finley; Bryan Foley; Lois Gibson; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie M. Grisaro; Wilbur & Mae Hollier; James J. Jardell; Carol Lenoard; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon G. Messina; Bernice L. Mumphy; Joe Murphy, Jr.; Frank Pistocchi; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Virginia Swartz; Joseph Wilkinson
- 11:00 a.m. Stephen Luccioni; Vincent Miranti; Leona O’Dwyer; Theodine Reeves;
- 5:30 p.m. Georgiana Ford; Barbara Rush; Rowena Solanoy

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Georgiana Ford; Mary O’Brien; Leona O’Dwyer; Sony Randon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Mary O’Brien; Leona O’Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Mary O’Brien; Leona O’Dwyer; Harper M. Stanley

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Mary O’Brien; Elisabeth Robert

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Mary O’Brien; Stephen Losee; Barbara Rush

Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION—Every Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—July 27, 2008

First Collection \$ 10,285

Second Collection* \$ 1,777

* Restoration and maintenance



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 Friday, August 15, 2008

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Thursday, August 14, 2008

Vigil Mass—5:15 p.m.

Friday, August 15, 2008

11:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; 5:15 p.m. (Latin)

ST. PATRICK’S TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Reynolds Hall

Brother Valdir Hagamann, of the Heralds of the Gospel, will conduct six monthly sessions based on the devotion to the Blessed Mother and the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. Everyone is cordially invited to join the discussion group, registration is open to all and will take place at the first meeting.

For more information contact Ann Moll : 392-8784

THE VINDICATION OF HUMANAE VITAE

BY MARY EBERSTADT

When *Humanae Vitae* was issued in 1968, it quickly became the punch line to endless jokes, the occasion for endless mockery and disdain. Forty years later, it’s clear that the joke is on us. *Humanae Vitae* has proved to be one of the most prophetic documents ever written. As Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver explained ten years ago, “If Paul VI was right about so many of the consequences deriving from contraception, it is because he was right about contraception itself.”

Mary Eberstadt is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. Her article *The Vindication of Humanae Vitae* is in the current issue of *First Things* and can be read/printed online at www.firstthings.com or www.ignatiusinsight.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to get involved in the *40 Days for Life New Orleans* campaign this September 24th to November 2nd. *40 Days for Life* is a national pro-life campaign that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion AND a constant peaceful and prayerful vigil outside of the Ridgelake abortion facility in Metairie near Lakeside Mall. Please consider joining us for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

For more information please contact the New Orleans Right to Life office: 504-835-6520; www.40daysforlifefnola.com

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
 spare us from all harm during this hurricane season,
 and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Tristan Anderton; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Rene Crane; Fritz Dahlberg; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Al Duroncelet; Rose Fee; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Mikell & Pete Johnson; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Carmelite Salassi; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Houston Walker

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY—AUGUST 4 *THE CURÉ OF D'ARS*

St. John Vianney was born near Lyon in 1786. He overcame many difficulties prior to receiving ordination and was later entrusted with a parish in the village of Ars where he spent the next forty-two years. He excelled in active concern for souls and in the spirit of prayer and penance. Above all, he was exemplary in his tireless dedication to souls through the Sacrament of Confession. He died in 1859, and was canonized and declared the patron saint of the clergy in 1929 by Pope Pius XI.

When John Baptist Mary Vianney was about to be sent to the small parish of Ars – tiny place of two hundred and thirty inhabitants – the Vicar-General of the diocese told him: *There is not much love for God in that parish; you will have to try to introduce it.* And that is precisely what he did; he set aflame those peasants and countless other souls besides with the love for the Lord he bore in his heart. He was not very learned, healthy or wealthy..., but his personal sanctity, his union with God, worked the required miracle. A few years later, great crowds from all the regions of France came to Ars. At times they had to wait for days to see the parish priest and go to confession. The great attraction was not curiosity to witness the miracles he made very attempt to hide, but the expectation of finding a saintly priest.

On a certain occasion, people asked a lawyer from Lyon returning from Ars what he had seen there. He answered: *I saw God in a man.* Today we ask the Lord that we may be able to say the same of each priest on account of his holiness, his union with God and his concern for souls. In the sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest, according to St. Paul, is constituted a minister of God and dispenser of his treasures. These treasures include the divine Word for preaching, the Body and Blood of Christ he dispenses at Mass and in Holy Communion, and the grace of God in the administration of the other sacraments. The priest is entrusted with the divine task - *par excellence, the most divine of the divine works*, in the words of an early Father of the Church – no less than the salvation of souls. He is an ambassador, a mediator between God who is in heaven and man who is still on his way on earth. With one hand he accepts the treasures of divine mercy, and with the other distributes them with liberality. By the exercise of his mission as a mediator, the priest participates in the authority of Christ, who builds up, sanctifies and governs his Body. He *confects* the Eucharist, the holiest action man can carry out on earth.

The Curé d’Ars frequently said: *What a great thing it is to be a priest. If I were to understand this fully, I think I would die.*

God has placed the priest close to the lives of men that he be a dispenser of divine mercy. *Hardly is a man born when the priest regenerates him in Baptism, confers a more noble, precious, and supernatural life on him, and makes him a son of God and of the Church of Jesus Christ.* A priest strengthens and prepares souls to under go spiritual combat by means of Confirmation.

When a child is just able to discern and appreciate the Bread of Angels, a gift from heaven, the priest feeds and fortifies him with this living and life-giving food. If a person has suffered the misfortune of falling from grace, the priest raises and reconciles him in the name of God through the sacrament of Penance. God may call him to found a family, to collaborate in the transmission of human life and thereby increase the number

of faithful on earth and ultimately the ranks of the elect in heaven. The priest is present to bless his noble love and marriage. When the Christian is finally at the portals of eternity, he feels the need of fortitude and divine aid before appearing before the divine Judge. The priest anoints the failing members of the sick or dying Christian with the holy oils and thus comfort him.

The priest therefore accompanies the Christian throughout the pilgrimage of this life to the gates of heaven. He accompanies the body to its resting place in the grave with rites and prayers of immortal hope. And even beyond the threshold of eternity he aids the soul with Christian suffrages, if need there be of further purification and alleviation. Thus, from the cradle to the grave, the priest is always a guide, a solace, a minister of salvation and a dispenser of grace and blessing at the side of the faithful.

It is a matter of justice for the faithful to pray each day for priests, especially for those who have the charge of providing for our own spiritual needs... who in some way are placed by God to help us on our way toward him.

Francis Fernandez

THE PILGRIMS' RETURN

World Youth Day was, as always, a great success. The dynamic we have noted here before didn't fail. Locals often start out hostile. When they see the excitement — and good behavior — of the young people in their midst, a change of heart begins. When the Holy Father arrives, and with him, an intangible kind of feeling of peace and joy, they are completely won over.

At the Register's blog about the event, Pope2008.com, Tim Drake compared headlines in Sydney from before and after the Pope came. The headlines started out wary: "Living on a Prayer," "Pope in Sydney: Mass Hysteria" and "Sea of the Young and Devout Swamps Dormant Dockland."

On the last day, the headlines were enthusiastic: "Tsunami of Faith and Joy," "From Darkness to Light in the Cauldron of Souls" and "Pope's Age of Renewal."

But one last headline from the *Daily Telegraph* is telling: "In Good Faith: The Irrepressible Spirit of the World Youth Day Pilgrims Has Transformed an Entire City," proclaimed the paper.

When the pilgrims return to their homelands, they can do more than transform a city. They can transform the future of the Church and, with it, our society.

*Father Owen Kearns, LC
National Catholic Register*

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