



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 5—May 11
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MAY 5

4:00 p.m. Florence S. Ansardi; Boudreaux-Leson-Terrebonne-Trapp Families; Elizabeth H. Coleman; Eugene John Fischer; Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Marlene Morris; Father Anton Phan

5:30 p.m. Father Van Constant; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Toni Ragas

SUNDAY, MAY 6

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

9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Nellie Aguirre; Capt Edmund Barnes, USMC; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Marlene Tessitore Cascio; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Tim Dauterive; Mrs. Teri Delamerens; Olga Stromeyer Falati; Bryan Foley; Fabian G. Fromherz; Robert E. Garofalo, Sr.; Charles Gegg; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Wilbur & Mae Hollier; Trudy G. L. Lambert; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon G. Messina; Ludger Miller; Frank Pistocchi; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Dana Welch; Bruce & Allie Wells & Eleanor Mary Camden Boatright; John Fulcher; Frank C. Hemelt; Lori Maechling; Nolan-Lambert Families; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Agatha Formusa Sunseri

11:00 a.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Father Stanley Klores; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

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MONDAY, MAY 7

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; Lee Vaccari, Jr.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

11:30 a.m. Reverend Stan Klores

12:00 p.m. Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Robert Frost; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

11:30 p.m. Reverend Stan Klores

12:00 p.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Frank Hemelt; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

FRIDAY, MAY 11

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Winnie Duhon; Percy P. Dupuy, Jr.; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 29, 2007
First Collection \$ 7,545
Second Collection* \$ 5,421

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007
Gabriel Adolfo Bello
Grace Anne Hatfield
Claire Loraine LaGrone
Jeanne Marie Miller
Eve Elizabeth Murphy
Elena Nusloch
Marie Clare Plunkett
Gabiella Elizabeth Trentacoste
will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We rejoice with them on their very special day!

RAYMOND ARROYO—MOTHER ANGELICA'S LITTLE BOOK OF LIFE LESSONS AND EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

May 8, 2007
Landmark Hotel; 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA
Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
After dinner Raymond Arroyo will speak about his new book *Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality*, Also, Kitty Cleveland well known singing personality will delight the audience with her incredible gift of song.
Reservations are \$35 per person or \$300 for a table of ten. Advanced reservations are a must. For more information, or to make reservations for this gala event telephone: 504-849-2570; fax: 504-849-2574
www.themirgroup.org

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Mother's Day, May 13, 2007 at the 9:30a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is invited to bring flowers from their garden to place near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EXHIBITION OF THE VATICAN MOSAIC STUDIO

Old Ursuline Convent; 1100 Chartres St., New Orleans
Through June 1, 2007; 9:00 A.M.—5 P.M.
504-569-1401; 800-536-7786; www.vaticanmosaics.com
Thirty-seven mosaic artworks from the Vatican Mosaic Studio, replications of prominent artwork.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Ree Alario; D. J. Ales; Harold Berrigan, Jr.; Michael Brasset; Lillian Capozzi; Margie Case; Michelle Catalanatto; Tony Clesi; Jim Clynych; Celestine Cook; John Copes; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; The Dunlap Family; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Mildred Flynn; Anette Folse; Joseph French; John G. Fulcher; Kelly Granier; Archbishop Philip Hannan; Richard Hellenus; Marie Herty; Reverend Stan Klores; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Brenda Lawson; Carrie LeBoef; Albert Leonhard; Betty Leonard; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Dorothy Luquet; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; Colin McInnis; Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Madeleine Nicoladis; Suzanne Nogues; Lucille Ogen; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Charlene Taranto; Ashley Turkington; Dona Welch; Eleanor Mary Wells

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION

Every Sunday 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

The Claddagh Group invites all for coffee and doughnuts in Reynolds Hall, behind the rectory, after the Sunday morning Masses.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the parish rectory at 7:00 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE CAN WIN

The decision by Canada's leading telecommunications company came, appropriately, as Lent began. Telus planned to sell pornography via cell phones and other products. Fortunately, after a two-week campaign spearheaded by Vancouver Archbishop Raymond Roussin, the company backed off.

This successful effort teaches us that the advance of evil isn't inevitable. We can win. And it also teaches us how. The Church's voice counts. Some seem to expect our bishops to be so cowed by the recent scandals that they will stay silent about issues of this kind. Catholics know better. We know that the story of the Church has been filled with sin — and heinous sin, judging from the letters of St. Paul — from the start. To say that the Church has always been guilty of having sinners in it is like saying that hospitals have always been guilty of having sick people in them.

In fact, we only recognize the Church's sins, to start with, because the Church taught us that they are sins. To sin is to violate moral laws of which the Church is the chief custodian. So, no, scandals shouldn't keep the Church from calling the world to account for its sins. They should compel the Church to do so.

Bishops such as Archbishop Roussin are doing what the Church has always done: call the world to account on the moral law. In a growing number of U.S. dioceses, bishops have begun to address the real-world moral problems that Catholics face every day with bold and creative initiatives...

Customers' voices count. Janet Yale of Telus spelled out our second lesson when she told the *Globe and Mail* newspaper why the telecommunications giant did what it did. "We heard from a broad range of customers ... who made it clear they were not supportive of this initiative," she said. "We listened to our customers." We can take her word for it. If a lot of customers hadn't contacted Telus, the company probably wouldn't have given up the enormous revenue source that pornography represents. But a lot of customers did contact Telus. And, judging by those cited in the Canadian media, they were customers of all ages and from many different places. This actually poses a challenge to us: What pornography is present in our own communities simply because, in cases close to our own homes, no one has complained?

Think what a difference it would make if each of us put sellers on the spot wherever we saw pornography for sale. The direct approach works best. "I notice you sell pornography here," one could say. "I wish you wouldn't. It drags down the whole community and it makes you into a pornographer." Better yet, we could organize a number of people in our parish or apostolic groups to make the same complaint — and remember that the greater the diversity of the voices, the more convincing they are to business people. We can invite young-adult and youth groups to join us, along with elder groups, women's groups and mother's groups.

We also need to switch to offense. It is heartening to know that it's still possible to stop egregiously offensive material from being sent out to mass audiences. But this is only a crucial first step. We can't think of it as our whole effort. Imagine if, instead of celebrating our ability to convince one company not to join the pornography free-for-all, we could celebrate our ability to convince one company to fund primetime anti-pornography ads and informational shorts promoting the dignity of women and the strength of self-control?

The culture war pits the new morality of "me and my desires" — the cult of radical individualism — versus the timeless morality of "my life for my family" — the culture of love. So far, this war has looked like the second movie in the popular *Lord of the Rings* series, in which hordes of monsters pour over the castle walls as families cower in a bunker and hopelessly outnumbered defenders achieve only fleeting rebuffs. Too often, promoters of the new morality relentlessly press forward using the most effective means possible and slowly but surely wear us down.

But we can win. We have weapons that they don't know about. Through prayer, we can offer ourselves to God as his instruments. And, by following where his primary instrument, the Church, leads us, we can participate in a power much greater than our numbers — the power of the One who has already overcome the world.

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THE PRESENCE OF MARY

...Mary's function did not stop after giving birth and caring for the infant Jesus. He remained with her for thirty years, growing and learning. Mary's function did not stop either, the moment that our Lord left the house to start on his heavenly mandate, or when He died on the Cross. Rather, her presence took a higher meaning.

Mary was at the foot of the cross with the apostle John when our Lord Jesus Christ said to her "... Woman, there is your son" (John 19:26). By these short words, Mary was made our mother. Then, as our spiritual mother, Mary cares for us with the same dedication that she devoted to her son, our Lord.

As our mother, she is ready to hear our petitions and elevate them to her son. And just as it happened in Cana, our Lord will respond to her requests. So, what does Mary tell us when we pray to her? The same thing that she said to those at the wedding in Cana "... do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5). This is perhaps the pivotal point of Mary's presence: we ask her and she responds by telling us to follow the teachings of her son. Mary leads us to Jesus, who in turn leads us to God the Father..

Mary is very important, but she does not take our Lord's place. Mary is not the focal point of our spiritual life, Jesus is. But, Mary is instrumental in bringing us to Him and reminding us of His teachings. Mary's mission is to care for us just as she cared for her son; All we have to do is ask. But, when we ask we have to realize that the reply will always be the same "... do whatever he (Jesus) tells you."

Throughout the centuries, Mary has appeared in many different places, in many different times and to many different people, but the message is always the same: Peace in the world. Love and respect God. Listen and put in practice the teachings of her son, our Lord.

The presence of Mary is an undeniable fact, it is not a subject of debate, it is not a matter of simple belief. As the Mother of our Lord, her presence is as real and as that of her own Son. We pray to Mary, our heavenly mother. She replies reminding us that we must follow our Lord's teachings. There is no other way...

Joseph F. Mibelli