



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
June 30—July 6
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- 4:00 p.m. Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Barrett T. Ehret, Sr.; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Marlene Morris; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Loretta Doussan; Laura & Pete Loetzerich; John "Jack" Martzell

SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Michael K. Abboud; Nellie Aguirre; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Tim Dauterive; Stuart duQuesnay; Bryna Foley; Frank Paul Formusa; Reverend Monsignor L. Earl Gauthreaux; Charles Gegg; Joseph & Louisa Grisaro; Stephanie Maria Grisaro; Wilbur & Mae Hollier; Robert Henry Johnson, Sr.; Father Stanley P. Klores; William L. Maylie; Laura M. Messina; Peter F. & Rose C. Messina; Simon G. Messina; Ludger M. Miller; Frank Pistocchi; Dr. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Virginia Swartz
11:00 a.m. Loretta Doussan; Frank Hemelt; M.L. Lagarde; Jack Lingenfelter; John "Jack" Martzell; Nolan-Lambert Families; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer
5:30 p.m. Father Stan Klores

MONDAY, JULY 2

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maggio; John "Jack" Martzell; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer

TUESDAY, JULY 3

- 11:30 a.m. John "Jack" Martzell
12:00 p.m. Celestine Cook; Loretta Doussan; John "Jack" Martzell; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

- 11:30 a.m. Independence Day—No Mass
12:00 p.m. Independence Day—No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 5

- 11:30 p.m. John "Jack" Martzell; Connor Montgomery
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Father Stan Klores; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer

FRIDAY, JULY 6

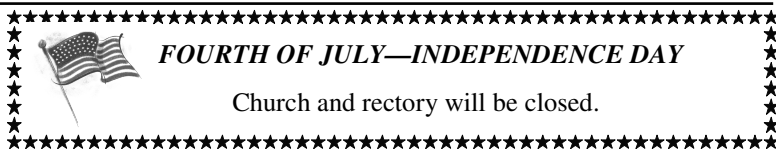
- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Leona "Loni" O'Dwyer; Jeannette Sliter

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Most Precious Blood of Our Lord
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

SUNDAY OFFERING—June 24, 2007

- First Collection \$ 7,592
Second Collection* \$ 1,854
*Maintenance and Restoration



FOURTH OF JULY—INDEPENDENCE DAY

Church and rectory will be closed.

FALL 2007 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE—EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTOR

The 2007 Workshop Schedule, with instructions, dates and places has been announced. Copies of the schedule can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please take as many as needed.

FIRST FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2007

- 7:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass
8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 p.m. Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2007

CRUSADE FOR THE CONVERSION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS—MORN ING OF PRAYER

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass All are invited.

ST. PATRICK'S HISTORY

Copies of the recent reprinting of the book St. Patrick's Church 1833-1992 can be purchased after the Sunday Masses in Reynolds Hall. The price is \$20.

BURGER KING'S CAMPAIGN FOR YOUR CAUSE—FATHER HARRY TOMPSON CENTER

Please go on line to www.campaignforyourcause.com and vote for New Orleans and Father Harry Tompson Center. Vote every day, vote as often as possible using a different computer as all votes are registered on the computers. not by the person casting the vote. The campaign ends July 13 with the first place winner receiving \$50,000. Your participation in the campaign will help the Center provide even more services for the poor and homeless in New Orleans.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

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

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; Sarah Cashio; Michelle Catalanatto; Tony Clesi; Jim Clynych; John Copes; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; Dunlap Family; Alfred Dyer; Joseph Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Mildred Flynn; Anette Folse; Joseph French; John Fulcher; 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 McInnes, O.P.; Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; James Martello; Colin McInnis; Joseph Morales; Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Suzanne Nogue; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Robert Plaskas; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Charlene Taranto; Turkington Family; Eleanor Mary Wells

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BENEDICT AND THE MASS

"Throw melted wax into melted wax, and the one interpenetrates the other perfectly. In the same way, when the Body and Blood of Christ are received, the union is such that Christ is in the recipient and he in Christ." - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"When Mass was over I remained with Jesus in thanksgiving. Oh how sweet was the colloquy with paradise that morning! It was such that, although I want to tell you all about it, I cannot... The heart of Jesus and my own -- allow me to use the expression -- were fused. No longer were two hearts beating, but only one... My joy was so intense and deep that I could bear it no more and tears of happiness poured down my cheeks." - St. Padre Pio (canonized June 16, 2002)

In Rome in mid-June, the release of Pope Benedict's *motu proprio* allowing wider celebration of the "old Mass" was reportedly "imminent," expected in any case "during the first days of July, before the Pope goes on his summer vacation," Vatican officials close to the Pope said. (And yet, the document has been delayed before.)

So what do we know already about this matter? Several things: 1) that the Pope has wished to publish the *motu proprio* for about a year; 2) that he has been advised by many bishops, who evidently fear it will cause divisions in the Church, not to publish it; 3) that he has therefore taken his time, consulting many advisors, and has written a prefatory letter to explain what the *motu proprio* means.

Why all the attention to this issue? That is the deeper question. Isn't the essence of Christianity to lead a good life, with all the liturgies of the Church a secondary concern? That is what many seem to believe.

It is difficult to get at the truth of the matter, and the difficulty will not cease even with the release of the *motu proprio*. In fact, it may only intensify.

Some would see the Holy Father's interest in the old Mass as a matter of cultural taste. His desire for a wider use of the old rite in Latin is seen as something comparable to his interest in classical music. For these people, the issue is often reduced to a question of practicality: the old rite, in Latin, is "impractical" in the 21st century, and so, these people say, it would be unwise to expand its use.

But this is a serious misunderstanding of Benedict's motivation. He is not concerned with Latin in itself. His respect for the "old Mass" is not a nostalgic cultural attachment to an ancient language. No, Benedict is concerned about the essence of the Mass itself.

And what is that essence? The right worship of God.

Certainly there is something to be said, in practical terms, for the use in a worldwide Church of a single liturgical language. And certainly, Latin is in some ways a good candidate to be that universal language. It was the language of the Empire under which Jesus lived and died. It has been used for almost 20 centuries. And translations could make the language "accessible" to all even today -- and even in times to come.

But that is not the point. It isn't about the Latin. (And the Latin Mass is, in any case, not the Latin Mass at all; that is a misnomer; it is, rather, "the Latin, Greek and Aramaic Mass," with "Kyrie eleison" in Greek and "Amen" and "Alleluia" in Aramaic.) And those who think Latin is at the core of this matter do not see fully what is at stake here.

And what is at stake is not a trivial matter. If it were, the Pope wouldn't have given two years of attention to it, or 25 years as a cardinal to stating repeatedly that there needs to be a "reform of

the reform." Rather, it is an important matter. In fact, the most important one. For the Mass is celebrated for a single reason: for the Eucharist. And the Eucharist is one thing only: Christ with us. And Christ with us is the sole reason for the Church's being.

So in dealing with the Mass, the Pope is not dealing with a marginal, a peripheral matter. The liturgy is not a "side issue." It is a central one; indeed, the central one. It is the little matter (and the Orthodox rightly stress this) of... the divinization of man! A reality which brought Padre Pio to tears.

So it is a very important matter. But what is the problem? It seems that Benedict, like many thoughtful believers, is concerned about the fact that the conciliar reform of the liturgy in the 1960s has in some way apparently failed to achieve its chief goal, which was to bring about an even greater reverence for the Eucharist, an even greater participation by the faithful in the mystery of Christ, an even deeper sacramental life within the Church. (That is what the conciliar fathers hoped to accomplish by approving a liturgical reform.)

And if there are in the "old Mass," as many argue, qualities too hastily discarded in the 1960s -- a sense of tradition which made it a bit easier for some to turn their minds toward the eternal, a sense of solemnity which helped some to turn their hearts toward God -- and if that loss can, even if only in part, be made good, if it can be remedied, by a *motu proprio* allowing the "old Mass" to be celebrated more widely, then it is a work of great import for the Pope to carry out.

If the "old Mass" is merely a "cultural" matter, the fad of a small elite, it will not flourish in any case, and the *motu proprio* will be a dead letter. But if it is a matter of renewing the Church, and if the dignity and holiness of the old rite strikes the faithful in such a way as to re-ignite in them a sense of that devotion which prepares them to encounter Christ, then allowing the old Mass to be celebrated more widely will be an act worth preparing for with much toil and care.

*Dr. Robert Moynihan
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PRESIDENT BUSH'S EMBRYONIC STEM CELL VETO

June 20, 2007

The Archdiocese of New Orleans welcomes this responsible, pro-life decision by President Bush to veto the federal bill that would have eased funding restrictions on embryonic stem cell research. Embryonic stem cell research is really the creation of life in order to destroy it. There is no need for this to take place. In fact, President Bush has chosen to support the wiser more productive course, namely supporting adult and umbilical cord stem cell research. The evidence to date clearly indicates that using adult stem cells and those from the umbilical cord is the more productive and successful way of achieving what we all want, respect for life and compassionate care for those in need while advancing science.

The President's decision is not simply a victory for a pro-life group, but a victory for those who truly want compassionate care without destruction of human life.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans applauds this decision.

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