



MASS FOR THE WEEK  
September 8—September 14  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 4:00 p.m. Alba "Ree" Alario; Florence Ansardi; Joseph Boncek; Father Stanley Klores; Marlene Morris; Dolores Payton; Frederick Schafer
- 5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; E. Carlton Guillot, Jr.; Jonathan McCall; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Roberta Wynne Bruley; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Cameron Henry; Father Stanley Klores; Glenda Lubrano; Ludger M. Miller; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Richard Venable; John Wall; Louis Zakia

- 11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Darleen Fritz; Frank Hemelt; Earl & Adele Medlock; Virginia Edwards Neale; Roy A. Robichaux; Jimmy Ann Smestad; Dr. Charles Taggart

- 5:30 p.m. Bryan Blum; Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Bill Endris; Melanie Rivers

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 11:30 a.m. Father Stanley Klores
- 12:00 p.m. Bill Endris; Melanie Rivers

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Lee Gonzales; Joseph Maselli III; Jackie Reynolds

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 11:30 p.m. Stephen Luccioni; Father Timothy Pieris
- 12:00 p.m. Father Stanley Klores.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Monsignor John Reynolds
- 7:30 p.m. Martha Battistella; Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.

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

**ADORATION— EVERY SUNDAY, 3:00PM –5:00P.M.**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Next week's second collection, September 15 & 16, will be taken for the Catholic Communication Campaign. In our lives we all need to hear the GOOD NEWS as it is made accessible on TV, radio, in print and online. It's a powerful reminder of God's love for us, it enriches and nourishes our faith. Please be generous to this worth campaign. [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

**SUNDAY OFFERING—**September 2, 2007

- First Collection \$ 7,643
- Second Collection\* \$ 1,854
- \* Restoration and Maintenance

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES**



**SOLEMN HIGH MASS ACCORDING TO THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE ROMAN RITE**

**Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross**  
**Friday, September 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

In celebration of the Promulgation of the *Motu Proprio* Summorum Pontificum of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Patrick's Choir, accompanied by organ and orchestra, will perform *Mass in Honor of the Holy Trinity*, by W. A. Mozart, KV 167.

All are invited. Security will be provided.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

The St. Patrick's RCIA program resumes this fall with registration and a preliminary class **Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church rectory. RCIA is a course of instruction required for adults (baptized or not) who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, as well as Catholic adults who have not yet received the sacrament of confirmation. For more information: 525-4413.

**CLADDAUGH GROUP DONATION BOX—SEPT. 9—16, 2007**

The Claddaugh Group will be collecting the travel size donations, to benefit Ozanam Inn and St. Joseph's Church on Tulane Ave., Sept. 9 through Sept. 16. The donations may be left in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for helping us help those in need.

**IRA DISTRIBUTIONS**

If you are 70½ years of age and are starting to take required distributions on your IRA, you could be distributing tax free. Based on the Pension Protection Act signed by President Bush in August of 2006, a tax-free distribution may be made to St. Patrick's Church through December 31, 2007. That means that anyone over the age of 70½ distributing up to \$100,000 may do so if St. Patrick's Church or any other qualified 501c3 charity is the recipient. All charitable distributions count toward your yearly required distribution. The distribution generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so even if you do not itemize your tax return you still receive the benefit. Remember, all tax free distributions must be made prior to December 31, 2007. For more information about tax-free distributions to St. Patrick's, please call the Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans: (504) 596-3043.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR**

Anyone wishing to become a member of St. Patrick's Choir is asked to telephone Joseph F. Hoppe, Music Director at 391-2918.

**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

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

**THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY**—Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL**

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Patricia Berrigan; Lillian Capozzi; Sarah Cashio; John Copes; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Dunlap Family; Patricia Durel; Alfred Dyer; Mildred Flynn; Richard Hellenus; Joseph Hoppe; Reverend Stan Klores; Brenda Lawson; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Colin McInnis; Suzanne Noguees; Lucille Ogden; Abbey Pererz; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Mary Silva; Eileen Swords Charlene Taranto; Amber Tarnowski; Turkington Family.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MOTHER TERESA PERSEVERED THROUGH DOUBT

Recent interest in the extraordinary founder of the Missionaries of Charity stemmed from the recently published book "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light." Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, postulator for the cause of canonization of the saintly nun who died in 1997, compiled her letters and writings, including a number that revealed Teresa's spiritual trials. By releasing these documents, Father Kolodiejchuk sought to grant readers a window into the intimate spiritual life of Mother Teresa, and to offer inspiration and hope by recounting her challenges in following Christ.

The predatory glee with which news services leapt upon word of Mother Teresa's "dark night of the soul" resembled the same relish with which they report celebrity arrests. Questions such as, "Can she still be made a saint?" demonstrated an utter lack of knowledge regarding the Church's idea of sanctity while attempting to sow division by casting doubts on her holiness...

Paradoxically, the divisive aspect of the stories has done what many Church synods couldn't. Liberal and traditional Catholics have joined forces to correct the record and to recognize Mother Teresa as an example for all people who suffer spiritual loneliness. Her doubts and suffering, far from being a source of shame for those who love and admire this great woman, should make us proud to discover that she is an even greater hero than we thought.

Mother Teresa's experiences are not scandal, but a mirror of our own lonely age. While people today try to dispel feelings of loneliness with analysts, medications or pop spirituality, Teresa embraced her loneliness and clung to her faith in Jesus, which, though often devoid of feelings, was solid and profound. What many have failed to notice, in fact, is that a good number of her expressions of solitude are addressed to Jesus himself.

Carole Zaleski in "First Things" wrote that Teresa converted "her feeling of abandonment by God into an act of abandonment to God." In many ways, her own sense of marginalization from God helped Mother Teresa to recognize loneliness in others. She proclaimed that there was "more hunger in the world for love and appreciation than for bread." She realized that rejection and abandonment was not only the province of lepers, but present even in the inner life of those who appear to be successful and privileged.

How many times have we gone to Mass, not "feeling it," as modern speak would put it. Our lips moving, our gestures mechanical, but we remain distant from the reality of God and his love for us. In that emptiness, temptation raises its head, suggesting that rather than practice this "hypocrisy," we should forego Mass and go out for a round of golf instead. Mother Teresa lived her doubts, not for an hour on Sunday, but every day as she tended the poor and dying in utter, relentless squalor. Her example reaches across from Christians to non-Christians.

Time and time again, saints show us that when they suffer, the solution is to look outside oneself, not further within. St. Alfonso Liguori and St. John of the Cross both overcame their own troubles by focusing on their calling...

In his film "The Passion," Mel Gibson painted a wrenching image of Christ's agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Amid oppressive darkness, the sight of Jesus, abandoned by his apostles, struggling to continue with his mission, confronts viewers with the sense of desolation that accompanied his sacrifice.

Saints like Blessed Teresa, who faced loneliness in their self-sacrifice, experienced a unique sharing in the mystery of Christ's passion. Like the purest gold, they have been forged in hotter fires. Particularly in our era that gives more weight to feelings than facts and to sensation rather than sense, Mother Teresa teaches the world to persevere through doubt, pain and loneliness. In the dark spiritual night of the 21st-century, Mother Teresa of Calcutta's example is a shining beacon to us all.

*Elizabeth Lev  
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### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—SEPTEMBER 14

...But what does exalting the Cross mean? Is it not maybe scandalous to venerate a shameful form of execution? The Apostle Paul says: "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles" (I Cor 1:23). Christians, however, do not exalt just any cross but the Cross which Jesus sanctified with his sacrifice, the fruit and testimony of immense love. Christ on the Cross pours out his Blood to set humanity free from the slavery of sin and death.

Therefore, from being a sign of malediction, the Cross was transformed into a sign of blessing, from a symbol of death into a symbol par excellence of the Love that overcomes hatred and violence and generates immortal life. "O Crux, ave spes unica! O Cross, our only hope!". Thus sings the liturgy.

The Evangelist recounts: Mary was standing by the Cross (cf. Jn 19:25-27). Her sorrow is united with that of her Son. It is a sorrow full of faith and love. The Virgin on Calvary participates in the saving power of the suffering of Christ, joining her "fiat", her "yes", to that of her Son.

Dear brothers and sisters, spiritually united to Our Lady of Sorrows, let us also renew our "yes" to God who chose the Way of the Cross in order to save us. This is a great mystery which continues and will continue to take place until the end of the world, and which also asks for our collaboration.

May Mary help us to take up our cross every day and follow Jesus faithfully on the path of obedience, sacrifice and love.

*Benedict XVI*