



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
August 18—August 24**

**EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS  
OF EVERYONE PRESENT AND FOR THE  
FOLLOWING LIVING AND DECEASED**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

4:00 p.m. Tom Benson; Ray Comeaux; Lois L. Walk; St. Lucy Society—Living and Deceased

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

5:30 p.m. Peter Gibbons Burke; Harold William Johnston, Jr.; Mary Louise Johnston; Stephanie J. Summers

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo—For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Margaret M. Alfortish; Amstur Family; LaVon Grace Andre; William Lewis Andre; Bowman Bourgeois; Mr. & Mrs. Lenox Bourgeois, Sr.; Cassara Family; Collin Bergeron; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Peter Gibbons Burke; Adele and Cyril Hoormann, Sr.; Daniel Judd; R. Dale Mackie; Norma McClellan; McCloskey Family; Morris Molaison, Jr.; Mary Parlipiano; John Riccardi, Jr.; Nadie Vinson; Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Anthony D'Alfonso

5:30 p.m. Illya Laney

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Joseph Adam Luquet, Jr.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**

11:30 a.m. Blaise Leonardo Misse

12 Noon Elizabeth Smith

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Larry Fabre

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**

11:30 a.m. Emory Nott Cousin, Jr.

12 Noon Joseph Adam Luquet, Jr.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Mark Anthony Toups

*Mass intention envelopes can be found in the narthex*

**GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*In Memory Of*  
**JOSEPH MASELLI AND JOSEPH MASELLI III**

**ALTAR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**

*In Memory Of*  
**BELINDA CHRISTINE LAZARO**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*In Memory Of*  
**LOIS L. WALK**

**COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS**

After the Sunday morning Masses; in Reynolds Hall and adjacent courtyard; directly behind the rectory. Everyone is invited.

**WEEKEND OFFERING—August 12, 2018**

First Collection \$ 7,632

Second Collection\* \$ 2,868

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

This Sunday, at the 11 a.m. Mass, we warmly welcome the *Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians*.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Golden Rose Award, given by the *Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians*, will be presented.

This award is given each year to someone who has excelled in supporting the goals of the *Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians* and who has also served the community in an outstanding manner. Mrs. Eileen Capritto is being honored as the Golden Rose Award recipient for 2018.

Following the Mass and presentation, the members and guests will enjoy a "Pot Luck" brunch in the rectory parlors.

Out congratulations to Mrs. Capritto!

**SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP**

St. Patrick's Respect Life Group prays a rosary on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility on **South Claiborne Avenue between Cadiz Street and Jena Street**. The next rosary is **August 25, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.** Everyone is invited to pray with us.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), the program for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), will begin on **Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.**

If you or someone you know is interested in starting, please contact the rectory office by telephone: (504) 525-4413; email: [stpatrick@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:stpatrick@archdiocese-no.org).

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN**

For the past few weeks, we have been experiencing technical difficulty in sending out the bulletin electronically. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working to get that back online. Thank you for your patience.

**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: Stephen Bailey; G. Barbe; Elliana Belew; Karen O'Keefe Belew; Patricia & Harold Berrigan; Grace Blanchard; D. Burt; Father Ronnie Calkins; Belle Cashio; Emily Cercena; Tony Clesi; Colleen Collet; Howard Comeaux; Alice Couget; M. deBlanc; Elias Ebrahim; Margaret Fanning; Gregory Frabier; Stephani Frabier; Emily Gamundi; Mary R. Gates; Kathleen Gaudet; R. Gautraux; Audra Guilbeaux; Jerry Harris; Joyce Harris; Cy Hoormann; Emi Hunley; Earline Huster; Anna Jobes; Father Stanley Klores; Joyce Kurtich, Michael Lagarde; Donald G. Lambert; Sharon W. Lambert; Albert Leonhard; Daniel Mead; Maxwell Mears; Laura S. Melancon; Vickie Middleton; Steven V. Murthy & Family; Theresa Panko; Dr. A. Forrest Pendleton; Marcella Pierce; Eric C. Pitre; Thomas Plunkett; Chilton Porter; John Provansano; Mary Ramsey; Richards Family; Lee Rung; Pat Russo; Rev. Anthony Serio; E. Smith; Sylvia Talamp; S. Turkington; Charles Ventre; Amanda M. Waring; Albert Weidenbacher, Jr.

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**ARCHBISHOP SHEEN'S WARNING OF A CRISIS IN CHRISTENDOM**

“First of all, we are at the end of Christendom,” Bishop Fulton Sheen solemnly said during a television show in 1974. “Now not Christianity, not the Church. Remember what I am saying.”

Then he defined what he meant. “Christendom is economic, political, social life as inspired by Christian principles. That is ending — we’ve seen it die. Look at the symptoms: the breakup of the family, divorce, abortion, immorality, general dishonesty.”

That was 1974. Today we know it’s even worse with the definition of marriage and gender drawn into the picture. And the crisis within the Church.

He reminded that of 22 civilizations that have decayed since the beginning of the world, 19 rotted and perished from within.

“We live in it from day to day, and we do not see the decline.” Remember, that was in 1974. “We take it for granted—we get used to things, and almost accept them as the rule.” Despite the decline blaring today, isn’t that a rule? How many Catholics accept the counter message to *Humanae Vitae*?

Sheen pointed out “the press that we read, the television that we see, is in no instance inspired by Christian principles. As a matter of fact, there is, on the part of many of us, the tendency to go down to meet the world — not to lift the world up. We are afraid of being unpopular — so we go with the mob.”

The good bishop noted we were living in the fourth 500-year period of Church history, explaining “the Church is not a continuing thing — it dies and rises again. It proceeds on the principle of Christ himself as priest and victim.

“And there comes the defeat, the seeming decay, we are put in the grave, and then we rise again. We have had four deaths in our Christian history.”

**First Three Falls and Rises**

The first time the Church was in dire straits was in the fall of Rome, the first 500-year period. It had a rebirth when great saint missionaries like Augustine in England and Patrick in Ireland spread the faith.

Then came a second “decay” around the year 1,000 with the Moslem invasions and the split of the Church with a schism in Constantinople.

“It seemed to be the end of everything. And then we came to life again,” Sheen said.

In the third 500-year period he said the Church became “rotten” as nuns and priests were defecting. Then came the reformers who “almost always reform the wrong things. And they began reforming the faith, and there was nothing

wrong with faith — it was the morals that needed to be reformed. It’s not renewal — it’s really a moral reformation that is needed today, too.” Remember, that was 44 years ago.

All the more so in our day. On just one point, how many listened to, and took to heart, *Humanae Vitae*? Even theologians defected from it.

After that period the Church came to life again, Sheen said.

“And now we’re at the fourth period, and we’re rotting — we’re spoiled — no great zeal, no great learning, no great fire.” Yet there’s hope because “anyone who knows history is not particularly disturbed.”

**Church’s Enemies**

“But the enemy in each of the 500-year periods has been separate and distinct,” he continued. “We had, and here I am speaking generally of enemies within the Church, in the first 500 years, false doctrine centering around the person of Christ...the Christological heresies. So the Church was just split open, and that was one of the reasons that made it possible for the Moslems to develop.”

The next period saw attacks on the head of the Church, leading to the Eastern Church breaking away.

By the 16th century the attack was on “the body of Christ, the mystical body, the Church.” It was Reformation time.

**Today’s 4th Enemy**

“Our enemy today is the world — the spirit of the world,” Sheen made clear.

“Today we have to conform to the world or we’re branded” he said. Must be politically correct. “Our Lord said, I have taken you out of the world. We say, ‘No we have to win the world, and to win it you have to be one with it.’ Our Lord says, I pray not for the world. He was praying for the spirit of the world. And this is the easiest kind of way to fall off the log — worldliness. It’s so simple, and it can be justified for a thousand reasons; namely, the Vatican Council said we have to go into the world — indeed, but not to be world, which is quite a different matter. So this is our attack today.”

Sheen saw this as “one of the basic causes of our degeneration, of our death. We’re dying. What about it? What’s the answer?”

“The answer is: these are great and wonderful days in which to be alive. I thank God... that I can live in these days, because these are days of testing.” Since 1974 the testing pressure has increased.

*Joseph Pronechen  
National Catholic Register*

**ST. PATRICK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

St. Patrick's takes up a second collection at all Sunday Masses. Unless otherwise indicated, the second collection is **exclusively** dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of St. Patrick's Church. As a historical landmark and a priceless work of art, our 19th century church is in constant need of maintenance and restoration so as to ensure this treasure for future generations. Please be generous in contributing to this worthy and important cause!

**A “SHOUT OUT” FOR ST. PATRICK’S**

Log on to: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eTQQjZABd-I> the YouTube website of EWTN’s program *Journey Home*, and listen to a convert from Protestantism as he explains his decision to convert to Catholicism and the important role that St. Patrick’s clerics, sacred beauty, music and chant played in the decision. It is an interesting story and a great compliment to all who support this grand church.