



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
September 1—September 7**

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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; Collin
Bergeron; Mary Elizabeth Bumbarger; Peter
Gibbons Burke; Joseph Charles Campisi; Cassara
Family; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Layla Iskandar; R.
Dale Mackie; Norma McClellan; McCloskey
Family; Mary Parlipiano; Mary and Bobby
Ramirez; John Riccardi, Jr.; Nadie Vinson; Special
Intention
11:00 a.m. Brad A. D'Alfonso
5:30 p.m. Thomas Plunkett

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

11:30 a.m. No Mass
12 Noon No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:30 a.m. Blaise Leonardo Misse
12 Noon Austin A. D'Alfonso

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12 Noon. Ainsley D'Alfonso

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

11:30 a.m. Emory Nott Cousin, Jr.
12 Noon Illya Lancy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12 Noon Capt. Hillary Lincoln

Mass intention envelopes can be found in the narthex

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory Of

JOSEPH MASELLI AND JOSEPH MASELLI III

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory Of

LOIS L. WALK

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

The church and rectory office will be closed on Monday,
September 3, 2018 in observance of the national holiday.

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

After the Sunday morning Masses, in the adjacent courtyard
directly behind the rectory. Everyone is invited.

WEEKEND OFFERING—August 26, 2018

First Collection \$ 9,211
Second Collection* \$ 2,079

* Restoration and Maintenance

FROM ARCHBISHOP AYMOND—CONFESSIONS

"It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of
Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday
evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am
pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of
New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity and the priests
have decided to continue this practice.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the
Archdiocese of New Orleans on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**
from **5pm—6:30pm**. Please consider taking advantage of this
opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise
of mercy... Please consider having your family come to church
together, for Confession on Wednesday, September 12, 2018."

ST. PATRICK'S—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** from **5pm—6:30pm**
confessions will be heard at St. Patrick's Church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church is
available before all Masses and by appointment.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SOCIETY FIRST FRIDAY
LATIN MASS—SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

6:30 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration; Rosary; Confession

7:00 P.M. Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Everyone is invited. **Security provided.**

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 soon 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.

**PRAYERS OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART
OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church; 1908 Short St., Kenner
Monday, September 3, 2018 (Labor Day)

9:00a.m. Mass; Father Richard Miles, Celebrant

5:45p.m. Benediction

6:00p.m. Mass; Father Paul Clark

For more info call: Marylyn Comesana 559-0965,
Pauline Lee 451-3658, Cindy Hemelt 883-5783

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; Bob Elmwood; 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 Jobs; 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 Provencano;
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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A PASTORAL LETTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

From the Bishop of Paterson, N. J. to students; 2017

For some time, I have wanted to write to you. I congratulate you on taking the path through higher studies to knowledge and wisdom. Whether you are moving toward a career in medicine, law or any other profession or whether you are seeking to learn a trade that serves the common good, all education is a gift.

College education, for its part, provides an immersion in the world of ideas. You have embarked on a most exciting adventure. The humanities, the sciences, the arts, philosophy and theology can open your mind to truth and expand your worldview.

I am sure you realize that college studies are just the beginning of your disciplined and serious striving to understand your place in this vast, beautiful universe. As Thoreau once said, “As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind.” Lectures and personal study, together with research and dialogue, help you gather knowledge. But, to attain the wisdom needed for happiness in life, much more is required.

At every level of education, from freshman year to post-doctoral studies, you will find yourselves swimming in a pool of information. We live at a time when each day brings new discoveries that challenge our accustomed ways of thinking. “The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom” (Isaac Asimov). Higher education is a marketplace of competing ideas. Knowing those ideas is commendable. Discerning the truth in those ideas births wisdom.

I am deeply concerned for each of you during your formative undergraduate and postgraduate years. There are few positions that carry as much influence and authority as that of teacher. Everyone has a point of view, based on his or her own experience. And, not one of us is without our own biases. Remember that college professors have the privilege of helping you to reach your own conclusions. They do not have the right to impose their own.

It is hardly a secret, and I am sure your experience proves this true, that most of your professors espouse many of the attitudes of today’s secular culture. Just to give you an example, 84 percent of college professors across the nation suffer no moral qualms about the taking of the life of the unborn and 67 percent support same-sex unions. As result, you will continually face statements that are not only inconsistent with your Catholic upbringing but hostile to it.

To be honest, Cicero was right when he said, “The authority of those who teach is often an obstacle to those who want to learn.” The views of your professors may be so strong that they suffocate your desire to learn about your faith in a way commensurate with your academic studies. It is all too easy to let yourself be swept away by what is most popular. As Fulton Sheen astutely remarked, “Dead bodies float downstream. It takes live bodies to resist the current.”

A grade school understanding of arithmetic hardly equips you with the ability to deal with the Newton-Raphson method for discovering the root of an equation. So also, a high school level understanding of your faith cannot help you navigate the shoals of secularism in higher education. In such circumstances, you will inevitably face the temptation to dismiss your faith as an outdated way of viewing reality.

As your bishop, I am deeply saddened to learn that nearly one-fourth of you succumb to this temptation. You even stop participating in Sunday Eucharist. In some cases, it is not your professors’ dismissal of the relevance of faith that succeeds in dismantling your religious formation. Rather, it is the pressure of campus lifestyle and peer influence to experiment with drugs, alcohol and sex that distance you from the faith. So often the rejection of the faith finds its cause not in some philosophical disagreement with it, but in a lifestyle that does not embrace God’s design for our happiness.

For some of you, tragedy strikes a serious blow to your beliefs. How can an all-good God allow a young person to die in a sports accident? How can he allow disease to rob us of our loved ones? The question of evil has perplexed the world’s greatest thinkers. It need not be the end of your faith. For faith is more than just the ready answer to the mysteries of this life. Our faith is not a therapeutic deism that makes us always feel good. Our faith is a lived relationship with God within the Church. God is truly infinite. How can our finite minds ever grasp his infinite wisdom? Pride prompts us to think that we must have all the answers.

While facing the sad fact that some of you leave your faith behind when you cross the threshold of higher education, I have confidence that most of you can successfully navigate between the Scylla of anti-Christian hostility and the Charybdis of moral indifferentism. In your heart, you know the difference between good and evil. You may leave the public practice of the faith, but deep down, there will always be a yearning for something more than this world offers. Close to 80 percent of you willingly confess that you desire a spiritual life.

Our faith is both cognitional and relational. As cognitional, it offers us truths about God, the world and ourselves. Not having at the ready a quick defense of your faith when challenged does not mean that your beliefs are indefensible. Do you not owe it to yourself to keep learning about your faith? Why cut yourself off from a stream of tradition that has nourished and inspired many people like the third order Dominican Copernicus, proponent of the heliocentric model of the solar system, the Augustinian friar Mendel, the founder of the modern science of genetics, Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry and the Belgian priest Lemaitre, founder of the Big Bang theory? And the list of great scientists who were devout Catholics continues!

Our Catholic faith can never be compartmentalized. It is a comprehensive worldview. It speaks to every area of knowledge. The truths of the faith are the light that can aid science, psychology, sociology, law, ethics, economics, and even politics along the path for the common good. St. Augustine had a point when he said, “Do not seek to understand in order to believe, but believe that thou may understand.” Hold fast to your faith and you will come to a deeper and more lasting understanding of life.

Our faith is not simply believing something. It is relational. It is believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We believe first and foremost in the person of Jesus who has come into the world to be the Truth, the Way and the Life. You are involved in many relationships in college. Not a single one will grow if neglected. Neither will your relationship with Jesus grow unless you spend time with him, listening to his word in Sacred Scripture, speaking to him in personal conversation every day, belonging to a parish or Newman center and receiving the Sacraments regularly. You are responsible for your own faith life. Faith is a gift. It is given in Baptism. It can be lost. And, what a loss!

Your parents and family want the best for you. As your bishop, I do as well. I want you to find your way in life and come to the eternal life which God gives us in Christ. Yes, I know it is hard at times to believe. It is hard, also, to love. As Pulitzer prize winner Anatole France once said, “You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; in just the same way, you learn to love by loving.” And, I would add, “You learn to believe by believing!”

You are in my prayers, especially at the altar. Remember questioning and doubting the faith are signs of growth. May you never stop growing in the irreplaceable gift of your faith lived out in the Church Jesus himself founded!

*Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D.; S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson*