



## ST. ROSALIE PROCESSION RETURNS TO KENNER

*August 29, 2011*

*For Immediate Release*

### DAY-LONG KENNER EVENT HONORS ST. ROSALIE Festival, Mass and Procession Enters 113 yrs. Tradition

St. Rosalie's procession and Mass returns to Kenner's Historic Rivertown on Sunday, September 11, 2011 celebrating the city's rich Italian culture. This annual act of thanksgiving was begun in 1898 to honor St. Rosalie, the beloved patron saint of Sicily, who is believed to have answered the prayers of local farmers by granting a miracle when they sought her intercession to save their animals from an anthrax virus.

With celebrants Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D. and Father Richard R. Miles as the Homilist. Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 1908 Short St. in Kenner. Following the Mass at 4:00 p.m., walkers will commence on a three-mile procession of faith and prayer in South Kenner. Throughout the journey, participants will carry the statue of St. Rosalie along with relics. The procession uses the traditional route used by the Italian farmers since 1898, starting at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, turning left on Kenner Avenue to Hanson Place, then turning left on Rev. Wilson Dr. and returning back to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 6:00 p.m. for the benediction of the Blessed Sacraments.

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