

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 9:00 a.m.

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 6:30 a.m.

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday / First Saturday

Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5

8:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Fabre, Calvin LeLeux

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

4:00 p.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Marcelite & Anatole Naquin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, Arden Clair Adams, M/M Al Adams III

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Onesime Richard, Julie Bradberry, Jimmy Stansbury

6:30 p.m. Sonny Baudry

Offertory \$3333.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

It seemed so fragile. It flickered so weakly, with such uncertainty. Surely it was not going to work.

Tuesday morning I was changing the votive candle called the sanctuary lamp. As you face the altar where the tabernacle is, the candle in a red glass container to the left of the altar is called the sanctuary lamp. It needs to be replaced every eight days or so. It needed to be replaced Tuesday.

From childhood I was taught that this special candle was an indication that Christ Jesus is present in the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle. To this day, upon entering a church, I immediately look for the sanctuary lamp to determine where the tabernacle is so as to greet our Lord present in the Eucharist.

As I was setting the match to the wick Tuesday morning, I was unsure that the flame would perdure. Because the wick was very short, I was not certain that the wax would melt sufficiently to feed the flame. As I watched for a few minutes, the flame was very weak. I wondered if I would have to junk the candle and replace it with another one. I was still wondering the same thing when I left the church two hours later.

Hope, I reflected that morning, was much like the flame struggling to survive. There are so many disturbing events around me. The behavior that runs from hate to resentment, from rudeness to pettiness. Having to relate to the unreasonable, the obnoxious, and the passive-aggressive types. There is also the awareness of my own inadequacies, failures, and sinfulness. This can be overwhelming and lead to discouragement.

But, like the flickering flame, hope is present in these and all events of life. For a people of faith, hope comes from Christ Jesus. Hope invites us to put our trust in Christ Jesus and His promises, His ultimate triumph over evil.

Our Lord is kind in the signs of hope that He reveals to me, more often like a gentle, small flickering flame. For example, I have had baptisms over the past several weeks. As I baptize, I frequently recall the words of Pope Benedict XVI that every time a baby is born, it is a sign that God has not given up on the world. I find consolation in the phrase because it also means that God has not given up on me.

Hope was renewed for me recently when a graduate, now in his first semester at college, came by a few weeks ago to ask me to bless the crucifix that he had purchased himself to put in his apartment at school. I met with my Come Lord Jesus group last night, half of the sophomores, and remembered that they were in the second grade when I came here. Being with them last night, sharing the faith, seeing their goodness, renews my hope.

When I entered the church this morning, the flame of the sanctuary lamp was strong and radiant. Hope, the Lord wanted to remind me, is like that. Whether the flame of hope is gentle or strong, He wanted to remind me, it is hope in Him.

And that is more than sufficient for me: I will continue, no matter what the circumstances, to put my hope in Christ Jesus.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Labor Day: Monday, September 2, is a national holiday. The daily Mass will be at 9 a.m. The parish office will be closed.

Marian Devotion: Saturday, September 7, is the First Saturday of the Month. There will be a Mass at 8 a.m. in addition to the usual afternoon Mass.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Catholic University of America.

Benefit Performance: The delightful comedy, Nonsense, will be performed on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m. at Maria Immacolata Church Gathering Center, 246 Corporate Drive in Houma. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Maria Immacolata Catholic School, 324 Estate Drive, Houma 70364. The proceeds from the performances will be contributed to the school. For more information, telephone 985 876-1631.

Baptized Into Christ

Jax Thomas Daigle was baptized on August 25, 2019.

Camille Elizabeth Ryan was baptized on August 25, 2019.

Repeat Announcements

Come, Lord Jesus and Religious Education: The parish religion program began last Wednesday. Grades 1 through 5 meet from 3:15 until 4:15 in the afternoon. The upper grades meet from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so by emailing Janea Giroir or calling the rectory. Only the names of the children are needed at this time. Volunteers are needed. If you are able to help, please email Msgr. Courville, monsignor@bellsouth.net or just telephone him at the rectory.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 7, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry		3:30 p.m. Linda Thomas
September 8, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sandra Watson Martha Boudreaux Luke Orlando	Debra Parker	

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- September 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- September 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- September 5, Abbot James Liprie, OSB
- September 6, Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ
- September 7, Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ
- September 8, Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, VG

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, Mary Grace Rentrop, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furette, Ryan Bowman, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Terri Moore, Joel Norton, David LaCoste, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar "Sonny" Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, Michael Naquin