

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:24—2:3 / Lk 6:6-11*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, LJL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, JPL, Luella Smith fly. (L&D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38*

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, Stephanie Baudry, Monica Mancuso

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 12:10 p.m.

*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Lk 6:39-42*

Julie Bradberry, Angelique LeLeux

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32*

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, Lori McIntyre, Donovan LeBlanc

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, Luella Smith fly. (L&D), Betty Boudreaux fly. (L&D), Bonnie Martin, Sherel Martin, Jr., Bobby Monceaux, Lee Landry, Hazel Landry Roy

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Della Topham, Julie Bradberry, Bertha, Clarence & Kenneth Guidry, John Menard

6:30 p.m. Rev. Msgr. George Tomichek

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Was I ever that young?

I was in Lafayette yesterday and drove through the university at the time of class change. As I stopped at several traffic lights, students were crossing the street. They looked so young because they are young. I know I actually was that age decades ago, but it seemed so remote, so distant. I was that age once.

My wandering thoughts then turned to another question: am I aging gracefully?

That led me to wonder what aging gracefully even means.

I do know that prayer comes more easily, readily and faithfully than ever before. Aging- or, if you prefer life experience- has indelibly impressed upon my very soul the truth that prayer is essential, the most important act of every day. The Mass has been a part of my day since the fifth grade. I continue to grow in my appreciation of the Bible. Most recently, I have begun the practice of following the readings from either my lectionary or the missalette.

The Liturgy of the Hours- which I still refer to by the old fashioned term of breviary- has become part of the rhythm of my day, like all of the other daily tasks.

Most importantly, I treasure my hour of meditation or personal prayer. I turn to the Bible mostly, but occasionally refer to the great spiritual writers like St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Benedict, or Thomas a Kempis. They have been nourishing, guiding and directing souls for hundreds of years.

Is all of the above part of aging gracefully?

I think I am still able to relate to people in a meaningful way. I still enjoy being with young people and children. Increasingly I am not scoring well on the periodic cultural IQ tests. But I manage.

I do find myself increasingly becoming the classical curmudgeon in my dealings with young priests. I find myself becoming impatient at meetings when old ideas are presented as something new. My benign attitude is been there, done that, bought the t-shirt. My not so benign response is that it did not work thirty years ago so why do you think it will work now? Barbara Tuchman could add another chapter on her book about historical follies.

Perhaps I am not growing old as gracefully as all that.

On the other hand, daily do I follow the Lord Jesus to Whom I pledged my life all those years ago. He has remained the one constant in my life, especially when I have faltered. I refer to the prayer by Richard of Chichester, I think, made popular by the musical Godspell, which I quote loosely:

Day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
follow thee more nearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
day by day.

On second thought, I am aging with grace.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

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

**Baptized Into Christ**

Easton Joseph Girard was baptized on September 1, 2019.

**Rest In Peace**

Elodie Aucoin Landry died on September 1, 2019.

**Repeat Announcements**

**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.

**Come, Lord Jesus and Religious Education:** The parish religion program began two weeks ago. 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.

**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 9, Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
- September 10, Rev. C. William Massie
- September 11, Rev. Kenneth Mayne
- September 12, Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
- September 13, Rev. Richard McGowan, SJ
- September 14, Rev. Garrett McIntyre
- September 15, Rev. Bert Mead, SJ

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 Furlette, 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

| DATE / TIME                                        | READERS                                            | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | ROSARY                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| September 14, 4:00 p.m.                            | Janea Giroir                                       | Brian Giroir                         | 3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray |
| September 15, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Blake Orgeron<br>Donna Gisclair<br>Chuck Boudreaux | James Stewart<br>Michelle Boudreaux  |                               |