

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30*

Calvin LeLeux, Liz Judice

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

*2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35*

Calvin LeLeux

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20*

Calvin LeLeux

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25*

Calvin LeLeux

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. John Bosco, Priest*

*2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Mk 4:26-34*

Calvin LeLeux

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

*Weekday / First Saturday*

*2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41*

**8:00 a.m.** Willie Bradberry fly. (L&D)

*The Presentation of the Lord*

*Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40*

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux, Michael Naquin, Jr.

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Willie Bradberry fly. (L&D), Jerry & Elizabeth Landry

**6:30 p.m.** Elma Braus, M/M Louis Fromenthal

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Do we pray the Mass? Do we consciously raise mind and heart to God as we participate in the Mass?

A major, if not diabolical, problem specific to this area is the well-developed expectation that the Mass be done as quickly as possible.

This mentality of a “fast” Mass is so deeply entrenched in this area that I have long concluded that Eucharistic devotion may never be found in this area again.

There is a subtle, unspoken social pressure from the various communities to hurry in the celebration of Mass. The readings have to be rapidly spoken to save time. The prayers and responses have to be said as quickly as possible.

There are individuals who rush through the responses so quickly and so loudly that one wonders if these individuals are aware that they are not alone in church. One is tempted to ask, as responses are belted out, if the individual is angry at God.

There are those who greet people, at times even shaking hands, on their way to Holy Communion and on their return from Holy Communion.

Should one be surprised at this? Perhaps not. Polls have consistently revealed that 70% of Catholics in this country do not believe in the Eucharist. That number may be even higher in some areas.

Particularly troubling is noticing that our young people do not respond at all, literally do not say a single response out loud, during the Mass. No surprise that they stop attending as soon as they are able.

So the question, do we pray the Mass, is a fair question, especially as we approach the Season of Lent, a time of conversion.

The number of people who attend daily Mass during the Season of Lent is impressive. Daily Mass attendance, especially during the Lenten Season, should be encouraged.

The question of do we pray the Mass may benefit from asking how can we pray the Mass. Lent is a good time for this reflection.

The readings and prayers during the Lenten Season are directed towards the events of the triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This is the time for the solemn commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. By His Death and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus saved us.

This is a sublime truth.

The Mass makes the effects of the Death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus present.

To be continued ...

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Mass for the Children and Young People:** The conclusion of the present phase of religious instruction for the children and young people will include the celebration of Mass. Mass for those in the lower grades will be at 3:15 p.m. this Wednesday, January 29, and for the upper grades at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Special Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Latin America.

**Repeat Announcements**

**First Communion:** The date for First Communion has been changed to May 3, 2020. This will be during the 10 a.m. Mass. The practice will be on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m.

**Jubilee of the Word:** The Community of Jesus Crucified is sponsoring a public reading of the Bible at Holy Ghost Church, 747 N. Union Street, Opelousas, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 12:30 p. m. and ending on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer as a reader, telephone Holy Ghost rectory at 337 942-2732 or go to fetedieuduteche@gmail.com

**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.

- January 27, Rev. Corey Campeaux
- January 28, Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD
- January 29, Rev. Gregory Chauvin
- January 30, Rev. Blaine Clement
- January 31, Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, SSJ
- February 1, Pope Francis
- February 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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, MIL, 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 La-Coste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Bridget Thibodeaux, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, C JL, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, 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, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Joel Norton, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar “Sonny” Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, David Peveto, Wesley Burnham, Pete Marcell, Mac Percle, Lois Theriot, Leslie Hardaway, Ruby & Herman Pellerin

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
February 1, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Debby Morella	3:30 p.m. Alison Wilson
February 2, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Donna Gisclair Chuck Boudreaux	Carolyn Chaisson Michelle Boudreaux	