

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13

Calvin LeLeux, Michael Naquin fly. (L&D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

Calvin LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jas 1:19-27 / Mk 8:22-26

Calvin LeLeux, Louis & Zelda Fromenthal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jas 2:1-9 / Mk 8:27-33

Calvin LeLeux

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Jas 2:14-24, 26 / Mk 8:34—9:1

Calvin LeLeux

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

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, Angelo & Margie Streva, Donald & Vivian LeBlanc, Sam L. Carline

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, AML

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Willie & Emily Smith fly. (L&D), Willie Bradberry fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. M/M Louis Fromenthal, Julian “Sonny” Sons

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

There were those, few in number, who were not happy with the suppression of the Tridentine Rite. The overwhelming majority, ever obedient to the authority of the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, accepted the changes as they were ordered.

There were those who did not like the changes, but they were obedient. Others among those who did not like the changes were not obedient, they dissented publicly. One of the more public dissenters was Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

The case of Archbishop Lefebvre is complex. He did not accept the teachings of the Second Vatican Council for a variety of reasons, theological as well as seemingly personal. Beginning with a seminary for candidates for the priesthood who were not content with the teachings of the Council, Archbishop Lefebvre eventually ordained priests and gathered laity around the Tridentine Rite and his theological outlook.

This was hardly the only expression of dissent within the Church during the era following Vatican Council II. Archbishop Lefebvre, although treated with great patience by the Holy See, continued to defy authority. He finally was excommunicated in 1988 because he ordained four priests to the episcopacy without the permission of the Pope.

At the same time, the Tridentine Rite did continue to be used lawfully. The Holy See granted permission for certain priests to use the Tridentine Rite. For example, one of the older monks at St. Joseph Abbey, more commonly called St. Ben’s, a German, had this permission and celebrated the Tridentine Mass every morning.

The Holy See in 1971 granted the bishops of England and Wales the authority to grant permission to any priest to use the Tridentine Rite. This permission, rather humorously called the Agatha Christie Indult, was granted because of the history of persecution in these countries.

The above, however, represent exceptions granted to few. In response to requests for the Tridentine Mass, Pope John Paul II gave broader permission in 1984 to the bishops to allow a priest to celebrate the Tridentine Mass under certain conditions. He modified the conditions four years later. These laws did expand the possibility of the use of the older rite, but the diocesan bishop had the last word on its implementation.

The then Bishop of Lafayette, Bishop O’Donnell, for example, did not give permission for the celebration of the Tridentine Rite in our diocese. His successor allowed the older rite to be celebrated once a month in one church in the diocese.

Pope Benedict XVI granted permission in 2007 to all priests to use the Tridentine Rite and significantly curtailed the bishops’ authority in the use of the old rite.

There is a community in our diocese that uses the Tridentine Rite every Sunday in Roberts Cove. Previously using the church in Carencro, this group of devout Catholics, obedient to Church authority and accepting the teachings of the Church, are exemplary.

A few priests take turns offering the Mass on Sundays. I was one of them until I came here and the time and distance caused me to stop.

It is important to note, that both dissidents and loyalists hold as true that:

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, number 1409, Publisher: United States Catholic Conference.)

To be continued ...

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Daily Mass During Lent: Mass will be offered Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. during the Season of Lent. There will be no noon Mass on Friday. Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings as well as the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Mass.

Way of the Cross: This traditional devotion will take place every Friday evening at 5:30 during the Season of Lent.

A Day of Prayer for Women: Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J. will present a day of prayer for women on the theme of “Lent: Fasting, Alms-giving, Prayer” on Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending with Mass at 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau. The cost is \$25. and pre-registration is required. Go to www.ourladyoftheoaks.com or telephone 337 662 -5410 to register or obtain additional information.

Repeat Announcements

Come Lord Jesus and Religion Class Volunteers: Please take a few minutes to express your gratitude to those who assisted in our religion program this year:

Monique Ratcliff, Robin Guarisco, Nicole Menard, Matthew Guarisco, Sandi Paradee, Christine Henry, Kathy LaBouve, Martin Vasquez, Abby Beadle, Kim Vasquez, Mary White, Catherine Thomas, Constance Richard, Laura Dozar, Mary Grace Gray, Reed Stewart, Debra Parker, Chuck Boudreaux, Karen Sehon, Michelle Boudreaux, Carla Loupe, Angie Sampey, Allison Osburn, Belinda Boudreaux, Anne Theriot, Karen Duhon, Robert Marcel, Tina Galler

Lent: The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at all three Masses. Confessions will be heard before each Mass.

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.

- February 17, Rev. Michael Delcambre
- February 18, Rev. Mark Derise
- February 19, Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen
- February 20, Rev. Ferdinand Derrera, SJ
- February 21, Rev. Kenneth Domingue
- February 22, Rev. Dustin Dought
- February 23, Rev. Gregory Downs

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, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, MIL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Bridget Thibodeaux, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, Brenda Doolley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, BGL, 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 Furllette, 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, Irvin Trahan, Jr., Ruby & Herman Pellerin, Denver Jenkins

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
February 22, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Barbara LeLeux	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
February 23, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Peggy Acosta Laura Dozar Monique Ratcliff	Briant Dozar Belinda Boudreaux	