

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6:30 a.m.
St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn 18:16-33 / Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 6:30 a.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 6:30 a.m.
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 6:30 a.m.
Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 12:10 p.m.
Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Mt 9:9-13
Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

SATURDAY, JULY 3
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a
4:00 p.m. Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Bobby Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, George "Brother" Michel, Lonnie Michel

SUNDAY, JULY 4
7:00 a.m. Willie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D)
10:00 a.m. Nick LaRocca, John Pecoraro, M/M Jerry A. Landry fly. (L&D), Jerry Barrilleaux
6:30 p.m. Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

If you Google the word, Bible, which I just did, you get the message, "About 614,000,000 results in 1.09 seconds."

Although I was taken aback by the number of references, I expected multiple references because there is an ongoing and persistent interest in the Bible. There are many parishes that have some form of Bible study, including our own use of the Come, Lord Jesus program. This has been particularly true in the Church for the past fifty years.

The reform of the Mass included a broader use of the Bible than was experienced before the middle of the Twentieth Century. If you attend Mass every Sunday over a three year period, you will have read the entire Bible, with the exception of passages which are deemed pastorally challenging.

The Church maintains that when an individual reads the Bible, the same Holy Spirit that inspired the authors of the Bible also inspires the individual who reads the Bible. The Lord Jesus desires to use the Bible to reveal Himself to the person reading it. In the quiet of a moment, when we pick up the Bible and read, the Lord Jesus is speaking to us in the intimacy of our hearts. This is the beginning of prayer.

When we gather for Mass, we understand that it is the Lord Himself who proclaims the readings, Christ Jesus Himself, in particular, who proclaims the Gospel. Far from being peripheral, the readings are an essential part of the Mass.

An effective experience requires that the readings be proclaimed in a manner that expresses the meaning of the text and be listened to with reverence and attention. The effectiveness of the experience, as good pedagogy suggests, is enhanced when we read the text as well as listen attentively.

The attitude with which we approach the readings is also important. When we sit after the opening prayer of the Mass, it would be beneficial to consciously express our personal intention to listen to the Word because the Lord has a message for us individually as well as a community.

The longer days of summer occasionally provide a few moments of free or quiet time. So this would be an opportunity to begin or renew a daily practice of reading and praying with the Bible. It is also a good time to resolve or renew our resolve to participate more carefully in the proclamation of the Bible during Mass.

As I write these words, I think of a painting that I have seen of a community of monks seated around a monk standing at a lectern and reading to them, a community at prayer around the Word of God, the Bible, just like us.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Young Adult Retreat: Fr. Joe Laramie, SJ will direct a retreat for young men, young women, and young couples ages 18-30 from July 9, Friday dinner, through July 11, Sunday lunch, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau. The cost is \$200, including a \$25 deposit. To register, telephone 337 662-5410, extension 200. Or visit the website, ourladyoftheoaks.com

Repeat Announcements

Ministers: Readers and Eucharistic ministers will not be assigned under the present circumstances. It is necessary to volunteer. Please call or email (monsignor@bellsouth.net) Monsignor if you feel comfortable resuming this service. Servers, who are most encouraged, need only show up.

Baptized In Christ

Roman Nicholas Osburn was baptized on October 4, 2020.
Eli Nash Dupuy was baptized on October 18, 2020.
Molly Rose Dozar was baptized on November 27, 2020.
Leo Vincent Lancon was baptized on December 6, 2020.
Nash Michael Marbury was baptized on January 31, 2021.
Spencer Kate Viet Vu was baptized on February 7, 2021.
Kori Jane Bran was baptized on February 7, 2021.
Jacques Michael Templet was baptized on February 7, 2021.
Finn Joseph Fryou was baptized on February 21, 2021.
Emilia Claire Gros was baptized on May 23, 2021.
Luca James Acosta was baptized on May 30, 2021.
Killian Reid Acosta was baptized on May 30, 2021.
Lakyn Jo Aucoin was baptized on June 13, 2021.
Sutton Claire Lemoine was baptized on June 13, 2021.

Married in Christ

Brannon Patrick Melancon and Danielle Marie LaCoste were married on March 13, 2021.
Steven James Hopkins and Hannah Marie Pitre were married on March 20, 2021.
Aubrey John Dupree, III and Margaret Leah Hebert were married on May 15, 2021.

Rest In Peace

Lonnie Joseph Stratton, Jr. died on March 10, 2020.
Gary Pisani died on March 26, 2020.
Eva Mae Folse Nini died on April 8, 2020.
Henry Swiber, Jr. died on April 16, 2020.
Eugene John Morgan died on April 24, 2020.
Roland Eugene Alphonso, Sr. died on May 13, 2020.

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.

June 28, Rev. Angelo Cremaldi
June 29, Rev. Barry Crochet
June 30, Rev. Francis Damoah, SVD
July 1, Pope Francis
July 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
July 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
July 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell