

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, JULY 5, 6:30 a.m.**  
*Weekday*  
*Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26*

**TUESDAY, JULY 6, 6:30 a.m.**  
*Weekday*  
*Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 6:30 a.m.**  
*Weekday*  
*Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a / Mt 10:1-7*

**THURSDAY, JULY 8, 6:30 a.m.**  
*Weekday*  
*Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15*

**FRIDAY, JULY 9, 12:10 p.m.**  
*Weekday*  
*Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 / Mt 10:16-23*

**SATURDAY, JULY 10**  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7-13*  
**4:00 p.m.** George “Brother” Michel, Lonnie Michel,  
Miles Liner fly. (L&D), JPL, Dana G. Robin, Elaine M.  
Grant

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**  
**7:00 a.m.** Willie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux fly.  
(L&D)  
**10:00 a.m.** Nick LaRocca  
**6:30 p.m.** Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

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Offertory \$3978.00  
Peter’s Pence \$202.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

This weekend our country observes Independence Day, the Fourth of July.

I am reading Barbara Tuchman’s The First Salute: A view of the American Revolution. This is the first time I have read anything about the American Revolution since my callow youth.

Either as a result of what I was taught or what I chose to understand, my knowledge of the Revolution was limited to heroes like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and to descriptions of the various battles.

Mrs. Tuchman provides colorful details about the involvement of the Dutch and the French, the challenges of obtaining provisions and ammunition for the soldiers, the need to secure loans and grants to finance the endeavor. She also introduces other military leaders and politicians.

This book also addresses the British and their viewpoint on the Revolution, or, more accurately as the British experienced it, the Insurrection of some colonists against their Sovereign and his nation. As Mrs. Tuchman writes, there were a significant number of colonists who opposed the revolution and remained faithful to the Crown. To see the Revolution from the perspective of the British, as documented in this book, is fascinating.

Although Mrs. Tuchman’s work does not cover the actual signing of the Declaration of Independence, I recall that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was a Catholic. The Catholic population in the Thirteen Colonies, centered in Maryland, was quite small. Even in these early years, Catholics were frequently subject to discrimination.

Our nation’s history demonstrates that the Catholic population increased over the centuries and grew in influence. At one point during the administration of President Obama, Catholics were numbers one, two, and three in the order of succession.

This weekend provides us with a moment to reflect upon our exercise of citizenship as a people of faith, particularly in our Catholic Tradition.

To undertake our responsibilities as citizens is virtuous, that is, a desirable consistent practice. This practice encourages us to respect lawful authority, to exercise our right to vote, to fulfill functions such as jury duty, to pay just taxes, and to obey laws as well as other actions ordered to the common good.

What about politics? Is this part of our obligation to be good citizens?

Next week...

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

**Repeat 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

**First Holy Communion 2020**

These children received their First Holy Communion on June 14, 2020:

Bailey Armond            William Darce  
Reid Beadle                Mason Davis  
Isabella Benedietto        Zane Leftwich  
Aubree Burgess

These children received their First Holy Communion on June 28, 2020:

Harlie Foreman            Grayson Montgomery  
Rosalie Leonard            Hank Percle  
Eduardo Martinez         Scarlett St. Romain  
Kelsey Mikeska            Sophia Scully

**Rest In Peace**

Frances Marcantel Daugherty died on May 14, 2020.  
Don Levy died on May 23, 2020.  
Gunnar Douglas Thorguson died on May 24, 2020.  
Margaret Grabert Sheehan died on June 2, 2020.  
John Charles Eues died on June 18, 2020.  
Marty Allen Arnaud died on July 8, 2020.  
Edith M. Lantier died on July 18, 2020.  
Freddie Orgeron died on July 23, 2020.  
Hazel Leon died on July 27, 2020.  
Faron Joseph Wiggins died on August 5, 2020.  
Emilia Martinez Bracamontes died on August 8, 2020.  
Phil Dean Champagne died on August 20, 2020.  
Adeline Melancon died on September 11, 2020.  
Carrie Kathryn Guidroz died on October 12, 2020.  
Wayne Delbert Munk died on May 29, 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.

July 5, Rev. Hampton Davis  
July 6, Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc  
July 7, Rev. Michael DeBlanc  
July 8, Rev. Edward Degeyter  
July 9, Rev. Michael Delcambre  
July 10, Rev. Mark Derise  
July 11, Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen