

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, JULY 12, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Mt 10:34—11:1*

Monica Mancuso, MMW

**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24*

Angelique LeLeux, Calvin LeLeux

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*

*Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Mt 11:25-27*

**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

*Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30*

Ed & Juanita Patterson

**FRIDAY, JULY 16, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday*

*Ex 11:10 — 12:14 / Mt 12:1-8*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34*

**4:00 p.m.** George “Brother” Michel, Lonnie Michel, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant, Ruby D. Aucoin, Donovan LeBlanc

**SUNDAY, JULY 18**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D)

**10:00 a.m.** Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D)

**6:30 p.m.** Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Should one hold politics in contempt?

Being residents of Louisiana, we may be so inclined. Even the most casual reading of the history of our state can lead anyone to become cynical about politics and, to be more precise, about politicians. There were, are, and probably always will be very interesting people involved in politics throughout our state.

There is ample evidence of a history of corruption, fraud, embezzlement, and of flagrant lies. Louisiana politicians have been charged with crimes and sentenced to prison. Not a few have been very witty and entertaining, factors which contribute to the charm also characteristic of our politicians.

As valid as these points are, should we hold politics in contempt? Or does its importance transcend these obvious flaws, especially the flawed individuals?

Politics is an essential dynamic in promoting the common good, that is, what is in the best interest of people. Politics is basically concerned with matters of government. If there is to be harmony, government is a major contributing factor. This government has to be formed, delegated to act authoritatively, and conduct itself justly. If any one of those elements is lacking, government will not be effective and will inevitably fail.

Our peace depends upon people seeking positions in government either by free election or legitimate delegation and then fulfilling their duties with the utmost integrity.

All of this takes on a deeper importance for us as a people of faith. The pursuit of the common good is a moral issue. Stealing and lying are sinful, evil. We hold that we have a moral obligation to fulfill our duties as citizens.

Many people in the history of our state- many of whom were people of faith- have served in government positions, both elected and appointed, with great integrity and honor. It may be difficult to serve in this manner, but it is possible. Our happiness is significantly influenced by this.

It is also important for us as a people of faith to encourage our young people to get involved in politics. As our young approach voting age, they should be encouraged to register and to vote regularly. If they have the aptitude, they should be encouraged to seek political appointments or run for office.

To paraphrase St. Pope Paul VI, where there is justice, there will be found peace. If we want to live in peace, we need politicians who will abide by and promote justice for all peoples. What better pool from which to find such politicians than people of faith?

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**New Announcements**

**Fete-Dieu du Teche 2021:** This now familiar procession with the Blessed Sacrament on the Bayou Teche begins with Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Leonville and will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at Mater Dolorosa Chapel in St. Martinville at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 15. The procession of boats will stop in Arnaudville (10:20 a.m.), Cecilia (11:45 a.m.), Breaux Bridge (1:35 p.m.), Parks (3:15 p.m.), and St. Martinville (4:45 p.m.). Bishop Deshotel will celebrate the morning Mass. The themes of the day center on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Year of St. Joseph and the Year of the Family. For more information or to register a boat for participation in the procession: <https://www.jesusrucified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2021/form>

**First Holy Communion**

These children received their First Holy Communion on April 18, 2021:

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| Wren Bella           | Drew Dinger, Jr.       |
| Brian Bellard        | Naomi Rae Gonzales     |
| Max Joseph Callahan  | Carson Stewart Paradee |
| Noah Cantrelle       | Ava Patureau           |
| Emrick Daigle-Torres | Luca Joseph Tamporello |
| Mia Claire Davis     |                        |

**Rest In Peace**

- Dolores Thompson Hubbard died on October 16, 2020.
- Lyle Gabriel Chauvin died on August 29, 2020.
- Michael Gros died on November 17, 2020.
- Dawn Bernard Price died on November 23, 2020.
- Mary Lee Savoie Aucoin died on January 3, 2021.
- Ruby Mae Deslatte Aucoin died on January 5, 2021.
- Elaine Wooters Grant died on March 10, 2021.
- Charles M. Hollier died on March 21, 2021.
- Raymond Douglas Hood died on February 3, 2021.
- Leo James Dore died on March 31, 2021.
- Ronald J. Ratcliff, Sr. died on April 24, 2021.
- Brenda Mae Wiggins Beam died on June 23, 2021.

**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 12, Rev. Kenneth Domingue
- July 13, Rev. Dustin Dought
- July 14, Rev. Gregory Downs
- July 15, Rev. Blake Dubroc
- July 16, Rev. Wayne Duet
- July 17, Rev. Willard Dugas
- July 18, Rev. Edward Duhon