

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 19, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42

Calvin LeLeux

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21 — 15:1 / Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 6:30 a.m.

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Stephanie Baudry, Ben Baudry

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23

Freddie Orgeron, Jr., AML

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D)

10:00 a.m. Donna Ackerman, Michelle Denning

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

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The United States of America is a secular nation. The First Amendment of the Constitution of the country forbids the government to establish a religion.

This was quite innovative in the Eighteenth Century. England, from which the Thirteen Colonies won their liberty, had and still has a state religion, the Anglican Church.

An immediate question is who has the right to select a religion for a nation. The legal principle for centuries was that the religion of the prince was the religion of the people. During the Protestant Reformation countries either remained Catholic or became Protestant as the sovereigns either remained Catholic or became Protestants. The situation readily caused the violation of people’s consciences and so is morally wrong.

Neutrality on the part of a government in this area is essential in protecting and promoting human dignity. In modern day England, other religions are guaranteed the right to worship in accord with their consciences. This was not always the case.

In our country, the Establishment Clause does not forbid a relationship between religions and the government if it is for the benefit of the common good. The Catholic Church, for example, runs schools, hospitals, nursing homes, social service centers, and other programs for the benefit of people whether Catholic or not.

Many of these institutions receive federal or state funds because they exist for the service of people of all or no faiths. These institutions do not proselytize, they serve needs. Many a neighborhood throughout our country would not have their basic needs met without the assistance of these Catholic agencies. If every Catholic social service center in this country were closed, the local, state, and federal governments would be overwhelmed with demands. The needs of the marginal would be seriously neglected.

This alliance between the government and Catholic institutions is not without difficulties. The government, at times, because it finances these services, makes demands on the Catholic institutions that are opposed to Church teachings. These demands are sometimes a violation of conscience. Thus far, the government has withdrawn their demands in these situations.

Hence there is tension at times. There are situations that are difficult to live with. The Early Church lived in the midst of a society that was extremely hostile to their beliefs. At times the hostility was bearable. At other times it led to martyrdom. The Church is still here, the Roman Empire is not.

We can bear up in the face of situations that we find difficult and troublesome, even as we work within the system and, more importantly, by our love and good example help to change the hearts of those around us. Love changes people, not hate. Perhaps that is the martyrdom to which we are called.

(Msg.) Courville

New Announcements

Daily Mass Schedule: There will be no public Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, July 20 and 21. Monsignor Courville will be away from the parish for a few days. The Masses on Monday, Thursday, and Friday will be at the regularly scheduled times.

Repeat 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.jesuscrucified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2021/form>

Baptized Into Christ

Claire Elizabeth Henry was baptized on July 11, 2021.

Confirmation

Bishop Deshotel confirmed the following on January 23, 2021:

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| Luke Michael Bailey | Maggie Nicole Lemoine |
| Brett Joseph Bearb | Keith Adam McCue |
| Kathleen Jeanette Carpenter | Clay Thomas Menard |
| Rylie Michelle Dupuis | Anndy Oliveras |
| Carsyn Clayre Fabre | Mikah Mary Ortiz |
| Ashlynn Elise Fitter | Immogen Elise Richard |
| Mary Grace Garber | Luke Dale Stinnett |
| Jude Michael Guarisco | Emily Grace Terrebonne |
| Eric Michael Hiller | Cade Nicolas Touns |
| Anna Clare Koen | Anna Claire Vaccarella |
| Grace Star Landry | Jude Michael Vasquez |

Monsignor Courville confirmed the following on May 2, 2021:

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| Kennedy Elizabeth Bellard | Jackson Griffin Thorguson |
| Ryan Katherine Caldwell | Owen Alexander Thorguson |
| Kylee Rose Richoux | Luke Anthony Zerangue |

Rest In Peace

Cecile C. Coleman Johnson died on June 26, 2021.
Lawrence Rotolo, Sr. died on March 14, 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 19, Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC
- July 20, Rev. Nicholas Dupre’
- July 21, Rev. Gilbert Dutel
- July 22, Rev. Dan Edwards
- July 23, Rev. Darren Eldridge
- July 24, Rev. Peter Emusa
- July 25, Rev. Cyprian Eze