

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19 / Mt 19:16-22

Horace & Leona Pete

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jgs 6:11-24a / Mt 19:23-30

Irene & Isaac Daigle

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jgs 9:6-15 / Mt 20:1-16

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jgs 11:29-39a / Mt 22:1-14

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 12:10 p.m.

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Mt 22:34-40

Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69

4:00 p.m. George “Brother” Michel, Lonnie Michel,

Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

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

10:00 a.m. Chad David Felterman, Stephanie Baudry, Ben Baudry

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

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

A bishop asked the Director of the Office of Social Justice of his diocese to make a presentation to the Catholics of the business community. After the presentation, the director opened the floor for questions. A business man stood up and said, “I am tired of people telling me that I have to love my neighbor.”

That was the end of the meeting.

If you are tired of being told that you have to love your neighbor, just stop reading this and do something else.

This is about love of neighbor.

We are in the midst of a pandemic. The number of covid patients is rising, including here in St. Mary parish. The number of deaths is also rising, including here in St. Mary parish. The situation is serious. The hospitals are filling up quickly. The number of people who have the virus and who are not hospitalized is also increasing.

In order to stem the tide of the infection rate, masks are required in church. Half of the church is cordoned off to allow for social distancing for those who desire it.

The command of the Lord Jesus that we love our neighbor requires that we wear masks and respect the desire of others for social distancing. The latter means that you do not remove the tape and sit where you are not supposed to sit. These are moral issues.

Concern for the common good, an expression of love of neighbor, requires being vaccinated.

In keeping with the same command of love of neighbor, I will not discuss this with anyone. As the parish priest, I am fulfilling my duty to teach Catholic morals by stating the above.

I am aware of conflicting views, some even coming from bishops and priests, but too much comes from unscrupulous politicians who are exploiting fear and ignorance to further their own selfish ambitions. I plead with you not to allow your intelligence to be clouded by unreasonable statements that lack no basis in science or medicine. The educational level in this community is much too significant to be compromised by spurious claims.

Virology, epidemiology and vaccinology are specialized branches of medicine that center on viruses and their dispersion and the development and production of vaccines. Not every graduate of medical school claims expertise in this

area. Very competent graduates of nursing schools and similar institutes of medical-related learning do not necessarily have expertise in this area. One should carefully examine credentials and expertise before forming judgments.

In conclusion, I ask that you join with me in daily praying for an end to this scourge as well as for those who are suffering from the virus and their families and loved ones. Please join me too in prayer for those who have died from this disease and for those who mourn them. This, too, fulfills the Lord’s command that we love our neighbor.

(Msgr.) Courville

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.

August 16, Rev. Matthew Hebert
 August 17, Rev. T.J. Hebert
 August 18, Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC
 August 19, Rev. Matthew Higginbotham
 August 20, Rev. Godwin Imoru
 August 21, Rev. Salinger Istre
 August 22, Rev. Thomas James, SVD

Repeat Announcements

Religion Program: The Come Lord Jesus gatherings and other sessions for the handing on of the faith to our children and young people begins on Wednesday, August 18, at 3:30 p.m. for the younger group and 6:30 p.m. for the older ones. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Miss Peggy Acosta to volunteer, to register your child, or for further information.

Rest In Peace

Chaille Guidry Raspberry died on July 30, 2021.
 Wade A. Vidos died on August 7, 2021.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
August 21, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux
August 22, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christine Henry Cliff Journey Monique Ratcliff	Debra Parker