

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

*Weekday*

*1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44*

Onesime Richard

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

*Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39*

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37*

**4:00 p.m.** Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant, Bobby Monceaux, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Marcelite & Anatole Naquin

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Lonnie Michel, Chaille & Ray Raspberry, George "Brother" Michel, Freddie Orgeron, Jr., Willie Bradberry

**10:00 a.m.** Chad David Felterman, Jerry Barrilleaux, John Pecoraro, M/M Jerry A. Landry fly. (L&D)

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

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

An epidemiologist has opined that some normalcy may return to our country in the spring. We should certainly be praying for an end to the pandemic.

As a people of faith, prayer is most important to us, but there are also other actions that we can posit in response to the circumstances. The choice before us is to select the path that leads to life or the one that leads to death. The first path is the path to life, grace, and integrity. The second is the path of death, sin, and self-destruction.

One can choose to continue embracing false science, conspiracy theories, and partisan politics. Wrapped in a cloak of ignorance, one can pursue the path of sin, death, and self-destruction.

One can also choose to seek sound advice, pursue the truth, and do what is best for the common good. This is the path that seeks the presence and activity of the Lord Jesus in the very midst of this pandemic.

Is it possible for this challenging time to be a time of grace? Yes, because with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). Do we have the courage to look for evidence of grace during this pandemic?

What are some possibilities?

The pandemic causes- and should cause- the cancellation of many social occasions. This creates more discretionary time. The free time thus created could be used for reading the Bible. The response to the use of Bible readings at Mass suggests that great profit could derive from a more careful reflection on the Word of God on one's own.

This would be an ideal time to acquire your own personal Bible. Presuming that you do not share a toothbrush with anyone and have your own, why should you not have your own personal Bible?

Take your Bible and use the Lectio Divina method. This will help in making the Word of God part of who you are. When we read the Bible, we should always be thinking that the Lord has something to say to us personally.

A second possibility in the present situation is to use the free moments to spend time with your spouse and children without the distraction of television or some event. Spend time just talking and listening. You may discover, hopefully to your horror, that your spouse or children have changed and you are oblivious.

A third possibility is to spend time alone without any electronic device. Just sit on your back steps, alone with your thoughts. Spend the time with your own thoughts and feelings. Perhaps you have become a stranger to yourself. That would explain a lot, would it not?

Hopefully we will return to normalcy in the spring. Until then, better to walk along the path of life, grace, and integrity.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Special Collection:** You are aware of the terrible earthquake that struck Haiti. The needs of the people are overwhelming. There will be a second collection next weekend for the relief of the country. Because it is also the Labor Day weekend, you may be away. Should you wish to contribute to this cause nonetheless, please feel free to bring your contribution to the rectory or mail it to the rectory.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Memorial Mass:** The Reverend Carl E. Beekman, a priest of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois will be the celebrant of a memorial Mass commemorating the seventy-seventh anniversary of the death of the Servant of God, Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Landry Church, Opelousas. The general public is invited.

**Religion Program:** The Come Lord Jesus gatherings and other sessions for the handing on of the faith to our children and young people began 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.

**Newly Baptized**

Noah Hansel Broussard was baptized on August 22, 2021.

**Rest In Peace**

Alvin Champagne died on August 8, 2021.  
Iona Gray died on August 15, 2021.  
Cecile Lombas Grow died on August 13, 2021.  
Ernest Stratton, Sr. died on August 17, 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.

August 30, Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ  
August 31, Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ  
September 1, Pope Francis  
September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
September 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
September 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
September 5, Rev. Mark Kramer, SJ

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
September 4, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas	Barbara LeLeux
September 5, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Peggy Acosta Martha Boudreaux Monique Ratcliff	Debra Parker