

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 9:00 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Col 1:24—2:3 / Lk 6:6-11*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 a.m.**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

Leroy Naquin, Sr.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

*Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38*

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

*Weekday*

*1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Lk 6:39-42*

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Is 50:4c-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35*

**4:00 p.m.** Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Lonnie Michel, Chaille & Ray Rasberry, George “Brother” Michel, Willie Bradberry & fly. (L&D)

**10:00 a.m.** Chad David Felterman, Monica Mancuso

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

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

As I write this, I have no cell phone service. There is no land line service either. Our highly valued communication system has collapsed.

The automobile traffic is very heavy. Because of the increased traffic passing through and the need for fuel for generators, the stations cannot keep up with the demand for gas. The telltale plastic covers announce the lack of gas. The absence of long lines of cars is also a definite indicator.

Images from nearby Houma, the communities along La 1, and other places impress upon our minds the horrible damages from hurricane Ida. Our hearts are grateful that we were preserved from the ravages of the storm, but the same hearts are not unfamiliar with feelings of guilt for having such sentiments.

Why were we preserved and others suffer such harm?

If we push past this initial sentimental reflection, we may discover a much greater reality: our feeling of security has been shattered.

The security that is generated by our ready access to utilities, by the availability of rapid communication, by unrestricted mobility is shattered. The unquestioned safety of our homes is an illusion. The very foundation of our sense of security is false.

One act of nature reveals our false sense of security.

As a people of faith, we are invited to place all of our hope in the Lord Jesus alone. This is an opportune moment to reflect prayerfully upon the parable of the rich fool, Luke 12:16-21. This revelation invites us to a realistic perspective on life, including establishing authentic security by our dependence on God.

People losing their homes, being subjected to horrible privations, is disheartening. But it is the loss of life that is tragic.

We do need to do whatever we can to assist all of those in need. Our hearts should be moved to profound compassion.

We should also look deeply into our very souls. Do we harbor false securities? Do we have a God-like perspective on material goods? Do we understand the meaning and purpose of our lives? Do we depend on God alone?

Perhaps we need to develop or deepen an understanding of the singular importance of participating in the Mass every week as a means of living more authentic lives.

(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 the weekend of September 11 and 12 for the relief of the country.

**Religion Program:** The sessions last week were cancelled because of the storm. Sessions will resume this Wednesday, September 7.

**Labor Day:** The parish offices will be closed in observance of the national holiday. Mass will be at 9 a.m. that day. There will be no earlier Mass.

**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.

**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.

- September 6, Rev. Clifton Labbé, SVD
- September 7, Rev. Donovan Labbé
- September 8, Rev. Paul LaFleur
- September 9, Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC
- September 10, Rev. Keith Landry
- September 11, Rev. Oneil Landry
- September 12, Rev. Charles Langlois

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
September 11, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir
September 12, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christine Henry Cliff Journey Anne Theriot	Brian Theriot