

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Whalen Kiffe

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*  
Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

Stephanie Ann Baudry, Ben Baudry

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday*  
Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., AML

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 47-48

**4:00 p.m.** Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Reid Michael Darby family, Michelle Denning, Donna Ackerman

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Chaille & Ray Raspberry, Catherine Russo

**10:00 a.m.** Chad David Felterman, Lee Nini, Jr.

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

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

October 1 is the memorial of St. Therese of Lisieux. I have long had great confidence in St. Therese because she stated before her death at the age of twenty-four that she would spend her heaven doing good upon the earth. I have been the recipient of that promise on so many occasions.

I cannot remember when or how I came to this devotion, but it does go back to my childhood. It definitely was influenced by my early exposure to both the Discalced Carmelite Nuns whose chapel was a frequent place of prayer for my extended family and the Sisters of Mount Carmel whose school I attended as a child.

My affection for St. Therese goes much deeper than the many signs of her care that I have experienced and continue to experience. As I got older, I also came to have a profound respect for her writings and continue to be inspired by these writings. St. Pope John Paul, II also had a profound respect for her writings. So much so, that he declared St. Therese of Lisieux a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Does St. Therese continue to have relevancy today?

The answer is in the affirmative.

Consider the following from the autobiography of St. Therese, Story of a Soul:

See, then, all that Jesus lays claim to from us; He has no need of our works but only of our *love*, for the same God who declares *He has no need to tell us when He is hungry* did not fear *to beg* for a little water from the Samaritan woman. He was thirsty. But when He said: *“Give me to drink,”* (Jn 4:7) it was the *love* of His poor creature the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love. Ah! I feel it more than ever before, Jesus is *parched*, for He meets only the ungrateful and indifferent among His disciples in the world, and among *His own disciples*, alas, He finds few hearts who surrender to Him without reservations, who understand the real tenderness of His infinite Love.  
(Washington, D.C.: ICS Publications, 1976. Trans by John Clarke, OCD. Pg. 189)

Does the Lord find in us only ingratitude and indifference? Is our love for Him sincere? Do we know the tenderness of His love?

We should not be too quick to answer, but rather look into our hearts and reflect on the way we live each day.

Do we express mean spiritedness, especially with the marginal in our community? Are we quick to spew forth hatred because people disagree with us? Do we justify violence? Are we uncivil, crude, and lacking in manners?

When our love for the Lord Jesus is indifferent, we engage in vile behavior. When our love for the Lord is non-existent, we cease to be human. We are in trouble.

It is never too late to satiate the thirst for the Lord Jesus for our love.

(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.

September 20, Rev. P. Austin Leger  
September 21, Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD  
September 22, Rev. Seth Lemaire  
September 23, Abbot James Liprie, OSB  
September 24, Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, LC  
September 25, Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ  
September 26, Rev. Michael Luxbacher, LC

**New Announcements**

**Prayer for Hurricane Season:** Bishop Schexnayder, the beloved second bishop of Lafayette, composed a prayer to be used during the hurricane season in 1957. This prayer has been reproduced on a card and is available in the vestibule of the church and near the side exits.

**Rest In Peace**

Catherine Frances Russo died on September 6, 2021.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
September 25, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas	
September 26, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Peggy Acosta Anne Theriot	Debra Parker Brian Theriot