

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Zec 8:1-8 / Lk 9:46-50*

Liz Judice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56*

Algie & Mae DeHart, Guy & Ruby Pete, Isaac & Irene Daigle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:30 a.m.

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51*

Gloria Landry

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

*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 12:10 p.m.

*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16*

4:00 p.m. Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Verlie Angeloz Loupe, Onesime Richard, Errol James Tabor, Cecile Lombas Grow, Tommy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLux fly. (L&D), Chaille & Ray Rasberry, Catherine Russo

10:00 a.m. Chad David Felterman, Lee Nini, Jr., John Pecoraro, Marta Carmelita Bran, M/M Jerry A. Landry fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Jerry Barrilleaux, Henry “Donnie” Adams, Sr.

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

It is easy to distort the truth. I recently learned of a priest who was publicly complaining about his bishop, specifically accusing him of not having devotion to St. Michael the Archangel. This accusation gained much attention from others who quickly joined in the criticism of the bishop.

The accusation was misleading, wickedly so.

The priest was reciting the Leonine prayers at the end of Mass: the Hail Mary, the Salve, a prayer for the Church, and the prayer of St. Michael.

The intention of these prayers was the restoration of the secular sovereignty of the Papacy after the unification of Italy in the Nineteenth Century. Pope Pius IX ordered these prayers to be recited after Low Mass by the priests and people in the former territory of the Papal States. Leo XIII extended the prescription to the Universal Church. This is the reason they are called the Leonine Prayers. Initiated by Papal decree in 1884, the practice was suppressed in 1965. Note that the prayers were required only after the celebration of a Low Mass. This concept, too, was suppressed about the same time.

Although the matter of Papal secular sovereignty was settled by the Lateran Treaty in 1929, Pius XI, disturbed by the revolution, ordered the prayers to continue, but changed the intention to the needs of the people of Russia. Pius XII confirmed the intention and encouraged the use of the phrase “for the conversion of Russia.”

There is no ambiguity in the Tradition of the Church that the Roman Pontiff, the Pope, is the Supreme Legislator. It is also quite clear that the Pope is the only legislator for liturgical law. If a prescription has been revoked by the legislator, it is revoked. This is binding on all, including the priest in question. His bishop was fulfilling his duty and insisting on the observance of liturgical law.

When the Tridentine Mass is celebrated, that is, a Low Mass, the celebrant may recite the Leonine Prayers, for the conversion of Russia, with the congregation after Mass. The intention is obsolete, but so is the original intent, the return of the Papal States.

Sadly many of the more recently ordained priests are doing the same thing: returning to the past, living in the past. The old things that they latch on to, unfortunately, tend to be shallow, superficial, and nonsense. At first glance, it seems to be harmless, but it does reveal a serious problem.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently met with some Slovak Jesuits in Bratislava during his visit to the country. Rather than give a formal address to the group, the usual papal custom, Pope Francis responded to spontaneous questions from his fellow Jesuits. Pope Francis responded to one question:

You said something very important, which identifies the suffering of the Church at this moment: the temptation to go backward. It is an ideology that colonizes minds. It is a form of ideological colonization. It is not really a universal problem, but rather specific to the Churches of certain countries. Life scares us. I'll repeat something I said to the ecumenical group I met here before you: freedom scares us. In a world that is so conditioned by addictions and virtual experiences it frightens us to be free. (*La Civiltà Cattolica*, 12 September 2021)

Pope Francis states what we know from our experience: life is challenging. Sometimes life is overwhelming, sometimes painfully so. The temptation is always to escape pain, to deaden it or, at least, to make it less painful. The escapes frequently have the approval of society, rarely perhaps not.

Whether we consider freedom a blessing or a curse, it is our lot in life: we have to exercise choices, we have to make decisions. We can postpone or delay the choices and decisions, but even the postponement or delay has consequences.

Freedom can be scary.

A mindless, meaningless effort to return to the past is a harmful escape. Clinging to the superficial will not make life less difficult. On the contrary, taking refuge in the past will only prolong the discomfort of not making a decision. The psychological stress in such a situation could have devastating consequences.

Retreating to the past also blinds us to the beauty to be discovered and treasured today. As a people of faith, especially, we believe that Christ Jesus is making the journey with us at this very moment. He is to be found here today.

No living in the past for us. Enlivened by our faith, we eagerly accept the challenges of life.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Blessing of Animals: The Early Learning Center will celebrate the blessing of their pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 1, at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the church. Parishioners are invited to attend and to bring their pets as well.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
October 2, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir
October 3, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christine Henry Martha Boudreaux Monique Ratcliff	Peggy Acosta

Pilgrimage to Alabama: Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage to Alabama from April 28 to May 1, 2022. The pilgrimage includes the Eternal Word Television Network, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and St. Bernard Abbey. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Frank Guarisco Hall, 1011 First Street, Patterson. This meeting will provide more information and offer the possibilities of discounts. To attend the orientation meeting, please RSVP by telephone, 337 291-1933, or visit www.holytravels.org/stjosephalabama

Repeat 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

Lawrence Richard Rodrigue died on September 12, 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.

September 27, Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
September 28, Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG
September 29, Rev. Donald Martin, SJ
September 30, Rev. William Massie
October 1, Pope Francis
October 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
October 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel