

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1-11 / Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 12:10 p.m.

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7

Monica Mancuso, Remembrance day for lost babies, AML, Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Angelique LeLeux, Guy & Ruby Pete, Jeanette Pete Begnaud, Ollie & Elmore Landry, Roland & Cleo Verret

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45

4:00 p.m. Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Cecile Lombas Grow, Errol James Tabor, Donovan LeBlanc, Bobby Monceaux, Delores Hubbard

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

10:00 a.m. Chad David Felterman, Lee Nini, Jr., Christian Legg Teska

6:30 p.m. Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Carolyn Marguerite Rau

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 Offertory \$5072.00
 Venmo \$1755.00

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
October 16, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas	Barbara LeLeux
October 17, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Laura Dozar Monique Ratcliff	Briant Dozar
October 23, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir
October 24, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christine Henry Martha Boudreaux Anne Theriot	Peggy Acosta Brian Theriot

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30 a.m.

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6:30 a.m.

Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59

AML, Stephanie Ann Baudry, Ben Baudry, Elaine Pete Windhaus, Beulah & Oscar Borel, Rebecca Daigle, Roger & Pearl DeHart, Ferrel DeHart, Gerald & Erna Thibodeaux

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

4:00 p.m. Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Cecile Lombas Grow, Errol James Tabor, AML, Verlie Angeloz Loupe

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

10:00 a.m. Marguerite Clement Usey, Lee Nini, Jr.

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

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has set the agenda for the Synod of Bishops to be held in October 2023. The theme of the synod is Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission. The consultation process for this synod begins now and concludes in 2023. The first phase of the process is to take place in every diocese throughout the world.

A friend of mine has already dismissed the process as silly and childish. Another said that here in the United States of America consultation has been part of church life for fifty years. In his opinion, this process is for countries that do not have our experience of consultation.

I do disagree with both of them. This synod is a call to deepen our faith.

It is true that efforts have been made in our diocese since the conclusion of Vatican II in 1965 to institute instruments of consultation. Early on, Bishop Schexnayder instituted the Senate of Priests, now called the Council of Priests. This was in addition to the College of Consultors, an entity that is legislated by church law for over a hundred years. This was an adaptation of an ancient institute, the Chapter of Canons of a cathedral.

The point is that consultative instruments have been a part of the Church, arguably, for most of its history. After all, the Acts of the Apostles has an account of a council in Jerusalem.

A novelty of the years from 1965 and following is the attempt to include the laity in the consultative process. This is the first time since the Counter-Reformation that such an attempt has been consistently made. Prior to the Reformation, laity had a right to be consulted in significant church matters. Part of the Counter-Reformation was to remove all governing power from the laity.

Here in the Diocese of Lafayette the effort to develop consultative bodies was not without challenges. Sincere efforts did not create the desired results.

Parish councils were created as was a diocesan council. Catholic schools had school boards for the first time. The successive bishops, pastors, and school officials dutifully met in sessions with the respective groups. Most functioned in a tranquil manner, but occasionally problems erupted. Some of the problems caused harm and hurt.

In this diocese, at one time, the diocesan policy required that each parish council have four commissions with each commission having a set number of committees. The parish council was empowered to override the pastor's decisions and appeal to the regional vicar. This policy was quite detailed, seemingly based on some hitherto unknown principles of democracy.

As the situations in parishes and schools at times became quite tumultuous, the current diocesan policy has resorted to avoiding the use of the word council in favor of advisory groups.

What caused the problems?

To be continued...

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Welcome Monsignor Greene: Please extend a warm welcome to Monsignor Greene who will celebrate the Masses during the weekend of October 9 and 10.

Monsignor's Absence: Monsignor Courville will be away from the parish from Saturday, October 9, until Friday, October 15, to fulfill his annual obligation for continuing education. There will be no public Masses here from Monday, October 11, through Thursday, October 14. Mass on Friday, October 15, will be at 12:10 p.m.

Mission Appeal: Sister Stella Mary and Sister Bhagya of the Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha (Our Lady of Good Health) will share their experiences at all of the Masses on the weekend of October 16 and 17. The Sisters in this community help to prepare children for First Communion and confirmation as well as teaching girls in the villages of India. Most of the children they assist are in need. The second collection that weekend will help support the work of the Sisters.

Repeat Announcements

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

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.

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.

- October 11, Rev. Bill J. Melancon
- October 12, Rev. Andre Metrejean
- October 13, Rev. Mark Miley
- October 14, Rev. Thomas Montelaro
- October 15, Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
- October 16, Rev. Randall Moreau
- October 17, Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ
- October 18, Rev. James Bam Nguyen
- October 19, Rev. Leo Nicoll, SJ
- October 20, Rev. A. Gayle Nunez
- October 21, Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF
- October 22, Rev. Anslem Ofodum
- October 23, Rev. Paul Onuegbu
- October 24, Rev. Paul Oredipe