

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 26, 6:30 a.m.

*Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Mt 13:31-35*

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Mt 13:36-43*
Liz Judice

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday
Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46*

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 6:30 a.m.

*St. Martha
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Jn 11:19-27*
Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 12:10 p.m.

*Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58*

SATURDAY, JULY 31

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35*
4:00 p.m. George "Brother" Michel, Lonnie Michel,
Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 a.m. Willie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux fly.
(L&D), In Thanksgiving
10:00 a.m. John Pecoraro, M/M Jerry A. Landry fly.
(L&D)
6:30 p.m. Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Jerry Barrilleaux

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Most of us have encountered a Jesuit at some time. Some in the area make an annual retreat at the Jesuit retreat house, Manresa. Others have made retreats in Grand Coteau, Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House. There may be a graduate or two here from Loyola University of New Orleans or the prestigious Jesuit High School in New Orleans.

Before the establishment of the Diocese of Lafayette, Jesuits were responsible for the pastoral needs of small, scattered rural communities. The Jesuits have staffed St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Grand Coteau since its foundation. St. Charles College in Grand Coteau has been the novitiate for the Southern Province for a long time. More recently it is also one of the retirement places for older Jesuits.

Although I have never attended a Jesuit educational institution as a full-time student, I have made retreats at both Grand Coteau and Manresa. I have known Jesuits and been impressed by their holiness, knowledge, and dedication to the Church. Like any good diocesan priest, I do crack jokes at their expense.

The contribution of the Society of Jesus to the Church and to the world is overwhelming, impossible to assess. Jesuits have made enormous contributions to the study of Scripture, ecclesiology, dogma, morality, and philosophy. In addition to these theological studies, Jesuits have made significant contributions in science, mathematics, astronomy, literature, anthropology, and other areas of human achievement.

In addition to these academic contributions, Jesuits have been outstanding missionaries, dedicated parish priests, retreat masters, and chaplains in schools as well as the military.

And it all began with St. Ignatius of Loyola and his two companions, St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter Faber in the Sixteenth Century. St. Ignatius' dream of being a famous soldier ended with a serious battle wound. This tragedy for a young foolish man, however, was transformed by the grace of God into good.

During his long and painful recovery, St. Ignatius had the occasion to read either romance and adventure literature or devout and pious works. Although he found great delight in the literature, he also discovered that the experience was of short duration and then he became restless and unhappy. Reading the devout literature, on the other hand, left him with an enduring peace.

From this experience and others, he developed a program of spiritual growth which was eventually published as the Spiritual Exercises, still in use today.

So often in our own lives we experience hardships and disappointments. If we, like St. Ignatius, open our hearts to the Lord in moments of suffering, then we, too, would become aware of His presence in the midst of difficulties and discover a path to peace.

July 31 is the feast day of St. Ignatius. May he intercede for us. May we also give thanks to the Jesuits who continue to do such marvelous work "for the greater glory of God."

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist: A schedule of ministers for the weekend Masses is being prepared for the month of August and the following months. Please inform Lisa Omota if you are unavailable at certain times.

Repeat Announcements

Fete-Dieu du Teche 2021: This now familiar procession with the Blessed Sacrament on the Bayou Teche begins with Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Leonville and will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at Mater Dolorosa Chapel in St. Martinville at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 15. The procession of boats will stop in Arnaudville (10:20 a.m.), Cecilia (11:45 a.m.), Breaux Bridge (1:35 p.m.), Parks (3:15 p.m.), and St. Martinville (4:45 p.m.). Bishop Deshotel will celebrate the morning Mass. The themes of the day center on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Year of St. Joseph and the Year of the Family. For more information or to register a boat for participation in the procession: <https://www.jesuscrucified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2021/form>

Rest In Peace

Joyce Romero died on July 14, 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.

- July 26, Rev. Richard Fabre
- July 27, Rev. James Fallon, SSJ
- July 28, Rev. Joel Faulk
- July 29, Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez
- July 30, Rev. Thomas Finley
- July 31, Rev. Sam Fontana
- August 1, Pope Francis