

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37

Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Special Intention

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

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30

4:00 p.m. Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), LJL, Cecile Lombas Grow, Errol James Tabor, Eva Mae Nini, Nila Nini

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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., JPL, Dana G. Robin, Carolyn Marguerite Rau

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

I am reading George Cardinal Pell's Prison Journal, volume 1, *The Cardinal Makes His Appeal*, published by Ignatius Press, San Francisco.

Cardinal Pell was falsely accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The investigation lasted some four years and was widely publicized in Australia as well as in our own country. The initial court process resulted in a guilty verdict, despite the lack of evidence. The case was tried more in the court of public opinion, reflecting the difficult situation for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Cardinal Pell was sentenced to six years in prison. The seventy-eight year old Cardinal was sent to prison even though his case was on appeal. He remained in solitary confinement for thirteen months until the Australian High Court overturned his wrongful conviction by a vote of 7 to 0.

Though innocent, George Cardinal Pell spent thirteen months in prison.

From the beginning of his sentence, Cardinal Pell decided to accept this injustice as an extended retreat. He began a journal, recording his time in prison. As he writes a few times, he had his breviary (Liturgy of the Hours), his rosary, his television, and his kettle (Australian do like their tea). With the exception of one or two periods of exercise outside, he spent the rest of the day alone in his prison cell.

As I read through the daily entries, I am moved by the Cardinal's acceptance of this horrible situation. He speaks well of the prison personnel and accepts the restrictions- and humiliations- of prison life with admirable patience.

Cardinal Pell recounts the kind words and prayers of his thousands of supporters with touching gratitude. He received thousands of letters during his time in prison, each one opened and read by the prison authorities before being given to him.

As a priest, I found the Cardinal's being deprived of the sacraments a particularly grave hardship. He could not celebrate Mass or attend Mass. This was most difficult for him. A Sister of Mercy, a chaplain in the prison, brought him Holy Communion once a week.

Throughout this ordeal, Cardinal Pell whole heartedly forgave his accuser and all who did him harm. This is most inspiring.

For many of us, forgiveness is a challenge. When someone does us a grave harm over an extended period of time and we suffer deeply as a consequence of this action, it is difficult to forgive. It is more important, however, that we always remember that it is difficult to forgive, but it is never impossible to forgive. Sometimes we have to pray for the ability to forgive and sometimes we have to pray for years for that grace to forgive. But it is possible. Actually it is essential that we forgive for the sake of our own peace.

We have the example of Our Lord Who forgave His executioners. We have the example of Cardinal Pell, the disciple of Our Lord, who forgives wholeheartedly those who caused him such pain and suffering for five years.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

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. Monsignor Richard Greene will celebrate the Masses for the weekend of October 10 and 11. 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.

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 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- October 5, Rev. Kenneth Mayne
- October 6, Rev. Louis J. McCabe, SJ
- October 7, Rev. Richard McGowan, SJ
- October 8, Rev. Garrett McIntyre
- October 9, Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT
- October 10, Rev. Aaron Melancon

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
October 9, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux
October 10, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Cliff Journey Anne Theriot	Debra Parker Brian Theriot