

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 6:30 a.m.
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 6:30 a.m.
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 6:30 a.m.
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 6:30 a.m.
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 12:10 p.m.
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 4:00 p.m.
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin, Sr., M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Alice Taylor, Frankie Thomas, Leroy & Mercedes Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Vivian & Donald LeBlanc, Elaine Grant, Dana Robin, Cindy Landry, M/M Jerry Landry fly. (L&D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 a.m. Kenneth Garber, Sr., Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Frank Russo, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Lee Nini, Jr. fly. (L&D), Lee & Jeffrey Nelson

6:30 p.m. Don Lasseigne, Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Amy Aucoin

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Is it worth it?

Is it worth the trouble?

The antecedent of both pronouns is a life well-lived. The answers are in the affirmative: a life well-lived is of great value and the effort needed to acquire a well-lived life is actually a small price.

The Lenten Season begins by recalling Our Lord’s forty days in the wilderness. At first reading, these forty days may seem quite attractive, especially given the love of fishing and hunting in our area. Forty days in nature may seem like a vacation.

The wilderness of Israel is not like our much-appreciated “sportsman’s paradise.” The wilderness of Israel is a threat to survival, more of a desert. If the weather does not cause fear, the wildlife does. Far from a respite, the wilderness is a place of trial.

Our Lord went into the wilderness for a confrontation, to undergo a trial. He did indeed confront the devil, He did undergo the trial.

During the Season of Lent we have an opportunity to create the experience of the wilderness by the acts of self-denial that we undertake in order to unclutter and simplify our lives. Refraining from the use of electronic devices like our phones, computers, and televisions frees us from distractions and creates the time that we need to confront ourselves.

Part of that confrontation is honestly asking ourselves if we are making good use of our lives. Do we have a purpose or reason to live, a purpose or reason to strive to live well? Have we chosen to coast through life? Have we compromised our values? Have we abandoned our dreams?

Part of that confrontation is examining the way that we respond to the trials that we have encountered or are encountering at this moment. Have we experienced these trials as tests of our character? If so, were we faithful to our truest self? Have we rather tried to run away from our difficulties or become very bitter because of them?

Have we succumbed to the temptations of the devil? Have we become so enmeshed in our sinfulness that we no longer have any sorrow or remorse?

Paring our lives down to the essential for forty days is itself a challenge. Accepting and enduring any inconveniences or pain resulting from meeting this challenge is invaluable if it leads to living a more meaningful life.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Prayers for Ukraine: Please read the enclosed letter from our bishop about the tragedy in Ukraine. Prayers are essential, other relief is welcome. To facilitate the latter, a second collection will be taken up next weekend for the Ukrainian people.

Repeat Announcements

Cry Room: The cry room is now available for parents with babies or infants. Please do not use the room because you are sick and want to stay away from parishioners. Do remember that the room is used for babies. The room is also not for late comers or for people who do not really want to be at Mass.

Holy Communion to the Homebound: Monsignor is bringing Holy Communion to the homebound who so request. Since the pandemic is not over, the individual needs to make the decision, preferably with the advice of a physician, whether such contact is advisable under the circumstances. Unlike the past practice of going to several homes at a given time, Monsignor will make the visits one at a time as a safety precaution. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

Man-to-Man Catholic Men’s Conference: This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, at St. Pius Church in Lafayette from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. This event is for men eighteen years old and older. For more information and to register, please visit www.m2m21.com

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
April 2, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	
April 3, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Laura Dozar Monique Ratcliff	Briant Dozar

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Monsignor Courville will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 30 until December 9, 2022. The itinerary includes visits to the holy places of Bethlehem, Bethany, Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Emmaus, Jerusalem, and other places associated with our Lord Jesus. For more information, contact Lisa Russo, LMR Travel LLC, lisa@lmrtravel.com or 985 519-2720.

Rest In Peace

Donna Berg McClelland died on February 27, 2022.

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.

March 28, Rev. Edward Duhon
March 29, Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC
March 30, Rev. Nicholas Dupré
March 31, Rev. Gilbert Dutel
April 1, Pope Francis
April 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
April 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel