

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 9:00 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family, Jamie Guidry, Irvin Loupe, Sr. fly. (L&D)

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

Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Julie Bradberry, Prestenbach family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 a.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Julie Bradberry, Leroy Naquin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 12:10 p.m.

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42

Julie Bradberry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Melissa Rhodes, Thelma Hartman, Abby Loupe fly. (L&D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 a.m. Loretta Crouch, Hollier & Marks families

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini, Glenn Lemoine, Gayle Chauvin, Debra MacConnell, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

6:30 p.m. Ray Raspberry

Offertory

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Up until then, they were quite animated, laughing and talking between sets. Then, spontaneously, they all became silent, not a word was spoken, as they watched with rapt attention.

This was last Friday at the jamboree. The Sound of Pride, the Berwick High School band, performed at 5:30 before the first BHS contest of the evening. After their performance, the band members took their places in the bleachers to perform during Berwick's two scheduled football games. Another school band performed between the games.

When I looked over to our band, I was amazed to see them observe the other band's performance with such intensity, not a word being shared.

Mrs. McCarter, the staff, and the students spend hours preparing for the annual marching competition. The routine has to be mastered, the music perfected. Given their tremendous dedication, they observed the other school's performance from their own perspective.

I have been wondering about the nature of that perspective. Were they interested in comparing the programs? Were they scoping out a competitor? Were they ranking their performance against the other band? Were they merely curious? Was it respect for others with whom they shared the experience of hard work and effort?

Whatever the perspective, the students were very intense in their attention to the performance.

This was in stark contrast to the rest of the crowd. Most people were engaged in conversation or making their way to the concession stand. Some, I am sure, had to see a man about a horse. This behavior is more typical.

We have a tendency not to be attentive to what is happening. Notice, for example, people having extensive conversations while watching a movie. People sharing a meal frequently sit there and text, play games, or do other things on their phones. I will pass on the opportunity to comment on the behavior of people in church.

Are we losing our ability to be attentive in a sincere, integral, and authentic manner?

If we are, it is not because we have not been well educated in the importance of being attentive. Our educational experiences contain many incidents wherein teachers told us to pay attention, including setting aside distractions. Human nature is human nature: we tend to revert to what we hold to be of value, even when it is to our detriment.

Mrs. McCarter did not tell the band members last Friday to watch the other school's performance. There are probably a multitude of reasons for their attentiveness.

There is, however, one thing that holds the various perspectives and motives together. Each student determined a value for watching the performance. This value was internal, self-motivation.

Are there situations in our lives that merit the same value and elicit appropriate attentiveness?

Do we fail to give people the attentiveness they are due? Do we fail to give our God the attentiveness He desires?

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Labor Day: Monday, September 5, is Labor Day. Mass will be at 9 a.m. and there will be no other Mass that day. The office will be closed for the national holiday.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the Catholic University of America.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight days beginning on Monday, September 19, or Thursday, September 22. To apply or register visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon or 1 to 5 p.m.

Rest In Peace

Debra MacConnell died on August 26, 2016.

Repeat Announcements

Choir: The choir will resume singing at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 4. This would be a good time to have new members. A choir does add so much to the Mass. Please give this some thought.

Pilgrimage: Father Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on October 8 in the Acadiana area. The places of pilgrimage are St. Peter Church, Carencro; St. John Berchmans Shrine, Grand Coteau; Charlene Richard grave, Richard; Immaculate Conception Church, Washington; St. Landry Church, Opelousas. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154.

Religion Classes: Religion classes for this academic year began on Wednesday, August 10. The lower grades meet at 3:15 p.m. and the upper grades at 6:15 p.m. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so.

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 5, Rev. William Massie
 September 6, Rev. Kenneth Mayne
 September 7, Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
 September 8, Rev. Garrett McIntyre
 September 9, Rev. Neil McNeill
 September 10, Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
 September 11, Rev. Glenn Meaux

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampedey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Theresa Henry, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Ada Fangue, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beiver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Greg Cart, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Jeff Brown, Beatrice Talbot, Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., Frank Cavalier, Thomas LeBlanc, Samantha & Sammy Barker, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdine Laws, Kristi Liner, Anna Rogers, Mary Geofroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Valerie Bella, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, Gloria Landry, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Julie Barrilleaux, Debby Morella, Jake Billiot

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
September 10, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Sandra LeBlanc	Jean Beough
September 11, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sheli McGonagill Brian Theriot	Mary Etta Taylor Anne Theriot	