

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6:30 a.m.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 6:30 a.m.

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

Julie Bradberry, Rani Braus & family, Sarah Theriot

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

Julie Bradberry, AML

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 9:00 a.m.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,
Martyrs

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Lk 21:20-28

Julie Bradberry, Gloria Landry, Joyce & Irvin Loupe, Sr. fly. (L&D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

Julie Bradberry, Fran Listi, Michelle Denning, Roland Becnel, Sr.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Britanni Head, M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Andrew J. Daigle, Mary Etta Taylor, Deanna Wells, Thelma Hartman, Eugene A. Fields, Gus Thorguson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 a.m. Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux, Ida Mae Bergeron, Dr. Earl Eues

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Ada Fangue, Nila Nini, Cliff Watson fly. (L&D), Grant Hebert, Dale Chaisson, Sadie & Roy Adams

6:30 p.m. John & Candace Givens fly. (L&D), Liz Judice

Offertory

\$3465.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Even as a child I found the event somewhat alien. The teachers in our elementary school had us creating turkeys out of pinecones, complete with tail feathers patterned on our hands.

We duly performed skits for the other classes about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans, the harshness of the winter and the difficulties of colonial life, and the fraternal and charitable acts that led to a moment of thanksgiving.

These themes, of course, are cause for reflection. In our day, there are difficulties and harshness that we endure with the charitable assistance of others rendered in compassion and concern. To give thanks, moreover, is a noble act.

I knew, even as a child, that my ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower. This Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts was distant from Lafayette in more ways than geographical.

Lafayette, especially in the 1950s, was overwhelmingly Cajun. One was as likely to hear French as English in the then thriving retail center, Jefferson Street. I actually cannot remember anyone in my class who had an Anglo family name.

In hindsight, Cajun children acting out the alleged First Thanksgiving is a little peculiar. This was not our history. On the contrary, I would only come to know our own history in adulthood.

Contemporary Berwick, like contemporary Lafayette, is a startling contrast to the Lafayette of my childhood. There are so many different ethnic groups and races that comprise our community here in Berwick.

Ideally, each ethnic group and race should share their history and celebrate their culture with their children: the children should appreciate their culture or, in some cases, multiple cultures. The history of the Plymouth Colony should be another piece of the beautiful mosaic along with the histories of each ethnic group and race that makes our nation a richness of cultures and traditions.

We should also all be aware of the too often destructive relationship between the Native Americans and the colonists of what now comprises the United States of America. It is a checkered history of light and darkness, of love and hate, of success and empty triumph, of charity and arrogance, of mutuality and division, of cooperation and competition. Most importantly, it is our history as Americans.

This Thanksgiving provides us with a short time to reflect on our history as a nation, to reclaim the posture that makes our nation as beautiful as it is great. The time for reflection is short because of the ever encroaching tide of consumerism. Is it more of a tsunami now?

This curmudgeon will leave the topic of consumerism for another day.

We, as an American people, have been, are, and always will be a mosaic of races, ethnic groups, and creeds.

Hopefully that truth affects our attitude, perspective, and behavior.

Too subtle?

Happy Thanksgiving.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Change in Daily Mass Schedule: For this week only, Mass on Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, is at 9 a.m. There will be no earlier Mass that morning.

Thanksgiving Holiday: The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Repeat Announcements

Anniversary Pilgrimage: Fr. Michael Russo, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima parish, Lafayette, will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, from June 21 until June 29, commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the apparitions. For more information, telephone 337 232-8945.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three or five days beginning on Monday, December 5, or Thursday, December 8. 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.

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.

November 21, Rev. Joseph Tetlow, SJ
November 22, Rev. Alphonse Thainese
November 23, Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ
November 24, Rev. Paul Thibodeaux
November 25, Rev. Jude Thierry
November 26, Rev. Thomas Tierney, SJ
November 27, Rev. Clint Trahan

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, 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, Johnny Thomas, Rand Nini, Braxton Burch, Kim Beaver, Reese Grace Johnson, Roland Lege, Jr., Brooke Rhodes, Edna Alcina, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, 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, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Anna Rogers, Mary Geoffroy, 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, Cass Oubre, Clay Leonard, Donna Barrow Hoya, Tina Theriot, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Alli Keith, Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Duval family, Julie Barrilleaux, Debby Morella, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Troy Osburn, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Dean Carrington, Archer Rogers

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
November 26, 4:00 p.m.	Christine Henry	Alison Wilson	Alison Wilson
November 27, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sandra Watson Landon Broussard	Carolyn Chaisson Belinda Boudreaux	