

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:30 a.m.

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Julie Bradberry, Jamie Guidry

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

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

6:30 a.m. Fr. Richard Fabre

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

4:00 p.m. Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 a.m. Julie Bradberry

12:10 p.m. Ada Fangue

5:30 p.m. Gloria Landry

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

Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Julie Bradberry, L.J.L.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), 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, Andrew J. Daigle, Ada Fangue, Thelma Hartman, Melissa Rhodes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Nila Nini

6:30 p.m. Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

Offertory

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

Strangely, I returned to this topic after dismissing it several times. It is strange because normally I eagerly grasp the first viable idea that comes to my mind and develop it. Well, at least I try.

After all, I begin each week with a completely blank computer screen and an approaching deadline.

The topic is the violence in our society.

This week, however, the violence was too close to home, the corner of Bourbon and Iberville. Acme Oyster House is right down the street.

I have never been there at 1:30 a.m., but, when I stay in the Quarter, I tend to be up and walking at 5 a.m. The thought of possible danger did not enter my mind until the last episode.

This incident, occurring in a place so familiar, does contribute to my ongoing, life-long reflection on the mystery of evil. In so doing, I place myself in a long tradition of those who have engaged in the same reflection.

The death of one and the wounding of others, bystanders, do not allow the reflection to be purely academic. The authentic pursuit of knowledge demands integrity. This integrity requires that I examine my conscience to determine the extent to which I perpetrate evil personally.

One should never hasten to exonerate oneself. I observe the maxim.

The alternative to such an examination of conscience and acknowledgement of personal guilt is to cloak oneself with self-righteousness. Those who enjoy self-generated impeccability find the cloak of self-righteousness an easy and comfortable fit.

For their sake, hopefully, the cloak is fire resistant.

For us poor sinners, professing our need for God's mercy, there is the grace of forgiveness.

That has been, is, and will continue to be my choice.

In response, the Lord only asks that I reaffirm the mystery of love. He teaches us that the only divinely sanctioned response to evil is the affirmation of the primacy of love.

As difficult as it is at times, it really is the only way that we can remain true to our God, each other, and the self.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a holy day of obligation. Mass on the vigil, Wednesday, December 7, will be at 4 p.m. There will be three Masses on Thursday, December 8, the Solemnity: 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert: The Sound of Pride, the Berwick High School band, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 20, at 6 p.m. in the school gym. Help yourself to get into the Christmas spirit and plan on attending.

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.

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.

December 5, Rev. Gene Tremie

December 6, Rev. Stephen Ugwu

December 7, Rev. John Vessels, SJ

December 8, Rev. Jason Vidrine

December 9, Rev. Richard Vidrine

December 10, Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF

December 11, Rev. Thomas Vu

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampy, 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 Beiver, 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, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Lenora Ackman, Verdine Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Tammy Flirt, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donovan LeBlanc, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, 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, CJL, Jeanine Derise, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Duval family, Julie Barrilleaux, 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
December 10, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Gloria Nini
December 11, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Anne Lombardo Luke Orlando	Mary Etta Taylor Belinda Boudreaux	