

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 1:1-10 / Mk 9:14-29*

Julie Bradberry, Robert Ayres

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 2:1-11 / Mk 9:30-37*

Julie Bradberry

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6:30 a.m.**

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19*

Julie Bradberry, For an end to abortion, Sarah Theriot

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
Sir 5:1-8 / Mk 9:41-50*

Julie Bradberry, AML

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 12:10 p.m.**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 6:5-17 / Mk 10:1-12*

Julie Bradberry

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 49:14-15 / 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Mt 6:24-34*

**4:00 p.m.** M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Fran Listi, Michelle Denning, Thelma Hartman

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**7:00 a.m.** Julie Barrilleaux, Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Andy Robichaux, Edna Theriot

**10:00 a.m.** Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Mary Etta Taylor, Cliff Watson

**6:30 p.m.** Cass Oubre, Sadie & Roy Adams

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Offertory \$4234.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

I attended my first scrimmage of the baseball season Monday afternoon. I will simply summarize the games by repeating that I am looking forward to a remarkable season.

The excitement and joy of beginning a new baseball season is like beginning a new year.

I was not always that keen on the sport. When I was teaching, baseball was a second thought at Cathedral-Carmel. Some of the boys liked the game, were free in the spring, and got together to play. The school drafted a coach to supervise. It was definitely low key.

In the 1980-81 school year, however, the principal hired someone to coach baseball. He really began the program, creating a first class team his very first season.

Lacking lighted fields, all of our games were played in the early afternoon. Very few parents were able to attend the games. For me, there was just something special about being outside on a spring afternoon, watching and enjoying the game.

I am not sure why I enjoyed it so much. Perhaps baseball is an allegory for life.

The game focuses on one person at a time: a batter up against the entire opposing team. For that moment, the outcome of the game for his entire team is in that one player's hands. That moment depends on his physical prowess and, perhaps more importantly, on his mental acuity.

Although he is physically alone, the player is spiritually connected to others.

His coach is in the dugout, literally sharing the experience. The coach assesses the pitch, knows his player's ability to respond, and observes carefully. The coach has taught his player fundamentals, critiqued his skills, provided him with objectives and the means to achieve his goals.

The team is in the dugout, a group congealed by the same experience. There are words of encouragement and support. They are about to have the same experience. They understand the pressure, the joy of success, and the bitterness of disappointment. The team is empathetic.

Life is like that. Life proceeds at a certain, measured pace. The dramatic lows and highs are few, the daily events normative. Although we are individuals, we are never really alone. We need and enjoy the love and support of others, especially of those who really understand. Ultimately, however, we stand alone, making choices.

The Lord, too, is always present to us, revealing the depths of His love, guiding us in the pursuit of truth. He nonetheless gives us the freedom to make the choices.

In both baseball and life, you inevitably come to the same conclusion: you win some, you lose some, you get rained out a lot.

Yes, baseball is an allegory for life.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**St. Martha's Guild:** Parishioners have been volunteering to provide meals for families experiencing the death of a loved one. The last appeal for volunteers was six years ago. Since then, some have had to discontinue helping. There is a need for additional help. If you are interested in continuing this act of kindness, please telephone the office this week.

**Retreat Opportunities:** The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will have silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, March 6, or Thursday, March 9. For more information or to register, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251.

**Newly Baptized**

Charlotte Rose Gottung was baptized on February 11, 2017.

**Rest in Peace**

Mercedes LeBlanc Naquin died on February 6, 2017.  
David Paul Fonseca, Sr. died on January 30, 2017.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Central Catholic High School:** New student registration for Central Catholic High School is March 5-17. For more information, telephone 985 385-5372 or go to [cchseagles.com](http://cchseagles.com)

**Volunteers Needed:** In order to continue the practice of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernadette parish, Bayou Vista, needs volunteers to sign up for an hour of prayer during the course of a week. To volunteer or for further information, telephone Jenny Jones, 395-2470, or Murray Duval, 395-7970 or 518-9145.

**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.

February 20, Rev. Hampton Davis  
February 21, Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc  
February 22, Rev. Michael DeBlanc  
February 23, Rev. Edward Degeyter  
February 24, Rev. Michael Delcambre  
February 25, Rev. Mark Derise  
February 26, Msgr. Keith DeRouen

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Gayle Arnould, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Anthony Rhodes, Sr., Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Ken Macey, Vanessa Clements, Onesime Richard, Johnny Thomas, 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, IJL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Verdie Laws, Kristi Liner, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mary Geoffroy, Mable LaCoste, Jerry Guillory, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, Donna Duplantis, Susan Price, David Gilmore, MIL, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Gretchen & Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Daniel Fromenthal, Jeana Francis, Julie Barrilleaux, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Dean Carrington, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Larry Aucoin, Betty Jacquet, Bart Thibodeaux

| DATE / TIME                                       | READERS                                           | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION | ROSARY     |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| February 25, 4:00 p.m.                            | Janea Giroir                                      | Brian Giroir                        | Jean Beugh |
| February 26, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Blake Orgeron<br>Ann Lombardo<br>Landon Broussard | James Stewart<br>Belinda Boudreaux  |            |