

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 6:30 a.m.**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38*

Julie Bradberry, Angélique LeLeux, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 6:30 a.m.**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12*

Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 6:30 a.m.**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28*

Julie Bradberry, Antoinette LeBlanc, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30 a.m.**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31*

Julie Bradberry, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 5:30 p.m.**

*(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)*

*Lenten Weekday*

*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

Julie Bradberry, Michael James Dupont, Helen Overturf, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Mary Tamporello

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

**8:00 a.m.** Marcia Bergeron

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42*

**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, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

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

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

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

Offertory \$3876.00

Black & Indian Missions \$540.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

"My dad says I look like a girl."

So reported the youngster as he fashioned his hair into a ponytail and secured it with a band. It was more of a chonmage actually, albeit an anemic one. One would hardly mistake the little guy for a samurai. That might be the influence of the Tom Cruise movie.

A survivor of the paternal-filial skirmishes on locks of the seventies and eighties, I was a little taken aback by his father's comment. It had been a long time since I heard a comment on the length of a boy's hair.

I gave it no thought until a few weeks later when a father called out to one of the baseball players, not his son, that he needed a ponytail. I do not think it was intended to be a sincere recommendation. Several of the baseball players have long hair.

Is the second war about the length of a boy's hair upon us?

I hope not.

The length of a male's hair, like the length of a woman's skirt, is both cultural and ephemeral. In my lifetime, both male hair and women's skirts have gone from long to short and back again.

Most importantly, the length of a man's hair reveals nothing about his character. It is not a measure of moral rectitude or personal integrity. It is only hair.

To judge a person based on something so superficial as the length of his hair is morally unacceptable.

The same can be said about judging people on the basis of ethnicity or race. Nor can people be dismissed on the basis of their neighborhoods, places of employment, or the schools they attended.

As a people of faith, we strive to accept other people as they are. We recognize that the dignity of the human person is a gift from God the Father that is bestowed on every human being without exception.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to search our hearts to determine whether or not such prejudices have entered into our thinking. If so, we have the time of grace to experience a change of heart.

Yes, some of the boys in our community are sporting ponytails, man buns, and the occasional chonmage. Most importantly, they are good kids.

Yes, some of the baseball players are wearing their hair a little longer this season. More importantly, they are happy. Most importantly, they are winning. There may well be a cause and effect there.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Volunteers Needed:** Parishioners have been volunteering to maintain the various areas of the yard for the past six years or so. Some are no longer able to keep up the work. Volunteers are needed to perform this very valuable service. If you are interested, please speak to Linda Thomas.

**St. Joseph Altar:** Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette, will have the customary blessing of the altar in honor of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 18, after the 4 p.m. Mass. The recitation of the rosary will follow the blessing. The tupa-tupa ritual will follow the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 19. The customary meal will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The hall will remain open until 7 p.m.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of the Lenten Season are obligatory days of abstinence. Abstinence means not eating meat. Fasting means eating one full meal a day with the other two meals consisting of half of what would ordinarily be eaten. Those from the age of fourteen and up are obliged to practice abstinence. Those between the ages of eighteen years old and fifty-nine are obliged to fast. Catholic are encouraged, when possible, to observe the Good Friday fast until the Easter Vigil.

**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 20, or Thursday, March 23. For more information or to register, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or telephone 337 662-5251.

**Hospice Volunteers:** Notre Dame Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship, caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share. For additional information, telephone Melissa Meyers, 504 920-8442, or email [mmeyers@arch-no.org](mailto:mmeyers@arch-no.org)

**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 13, Rev. Peter Emusa
- March 14, Rev. Cyprian Eze
- March 15, Rev. Richard Fabre
- March 16, Rev. Joel Faulk
- March 17, Rev. Kendal Faulk
- March 18, Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez
- March 19, Rev. Thomas Finley

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampy, 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, Verdine 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, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Bart Thibodeaux

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
March 18, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Gloria Nini
March 19, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Ann Lombardo Luke Orlando	James Stewart Belinda Boudreaux	