

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 6:30 a.m.**

*Octave of Easter*

*Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15*

Julie Bradberry, Mary Tamporello, Helen Overturf, Carla Loupe fly. (L&D)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30 a.m.**

*Octave of Easter*

*Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18*

Julie Bradberry, Marcia Bergeron, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 6:30 a.m.**

*Octave of Easter*

*Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35*

Julie Bradberry

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 6:30 a.m.**

*Octave of Easter*

*Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48*

Robert Ayres, Julie Bradberry

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 12:10 p.m.**

*Octave of Easter*

*Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14*

Al Adams III fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31*

**4:00 p.m.** Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Sarah Theriot, Kent Patureau, Gus Arnould, Lori McIntyre, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Patrick Gray, Lee Nini fly. (L&D)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

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

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

**6:30 p.m.** Ray Rasberry

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Church in E. Europe/Africa \$442.00

**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

As I write this morning, preparations are underway for the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. In addition, as of now, I intend to attend the Chrism Mass tomorrow at the Cathedral.

The following days will be busy, but ever so meaningful. These days have been important to me for many years.

I was beginning the fifth grade when we moved to Cecilia. Because we lived across the street from the church, I began attending daily Mass on my own. At the pastor's invitation, I soon began serving Mass every day.

The ceremonies for the Triduum were considerably more complex than they are today. The use of Latin made them seem even more challenging.

Although I had not thought about these things from the past in many years, these memories came to mind because of a comment that someone made about how elaborate the Altars of Reposition were in some parishes. This elaborateness was the norm in those days, not the exception.

The Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament in Cecilia would spend hours preparing the Altar of Reposition. A large white curtain was hung behind the designated altar. A flock of individual flowers in small containers of water were pinned to the curtain. The altar itself had a frontal and cloths, vases of fresh flowers, and a minimum of sixteen candles.

The repository, used only on this one occasion during the year, was centered with a suitable backdrop.

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass the pastor carried the Blessed Sacrament, carefully wrapped in a humeral veil, through the church to the Altar of Reposition. Gentleman from the parish held a canopy over the Blessed Sacrament, two altar boys swung censers during the entire procession, other servers carried candles. The people knelt in great reverence and with heart-felt devotion.

As we do here, the parishioners maintained a vigil in front of the Altar of Reposition from the end of the Holy Thursday Mass until the Solemn Services of Good Friday at 3 the next day.

The Altars of Reposition and the ceremonies are considerably simpler, especially in smaller parishes. The essentials are the same now as then: The Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, is present Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearance of bread.

If the externals are simpler, the faith should never be. If we really understood the Mystery, we would be at a loss as to how to adequately express it. There would not be enough flowers or incense in Berwick to convey the full meaning.

Hopefully, our love for the Lord Jesus will be tangible and visible.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Friday Mass:** The Mass on Friday will return to the customary time of 12:10 p.m. beginning this Friday, April 21.

**Spring Pilgrimage:** Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage on Saturday, May 13, to New Orleans. This will include the Mother Delille exhibit, St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis cemetery, Our Lady of Guadeloupe and St. Jude Shrine. For more information, telephone Angie Stelly, 985 759-3154.

**Easter Holiday:** The parish office will be closed Easter Monday, April 17.

**Newly Baptized**

Levi Michael Joubert was baptized on April 9, 2017.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Easter Sunday:** The Masses on Easter Sunday are at the usual times, including the evening Mass: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard as usual before each Mass.

**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.

- April 17, Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD
- April 18, Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD
- April 19, Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
- April 20, Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
- April 21, Rev. Donovan Labbe
- April 22, Rev. Keith Labove
- April 23, Rev. Paul LaFleur

**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 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, 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, 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, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Archer Rogers, Jean Mitchell, Bart Thibodeaux, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry

| DATE / TIME                                    | READERS                                          | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION   | ROSARY      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| April 22, 4:00 p.m.                            | Kathy LaBouve                                    | Lonnie LaBouve                        | Gloria Nini |
| April 23, 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard<br>Sandra Watson<br>Luke Orlando | Carolyn Chaisson<br>Belinda Boudreaux |             |