

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 6:30 a.m.

*Weekday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21*

Julie Bradberry, Fr. Richard Fabre, Barbara LeLeux

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 6:30 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Julie Bradberry, Barbara LeLeux, LJL, Al Adams III fly. (L&D), Albert & Emma Folse fly. (L&D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 6:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Julie Bradberry, Barbara LeLeux, Melissa Rhodes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 12:10 p.m.

St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

4:00 p.m. Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Gerald Ohmer fly. (L&D), Jamie & Brittani Head, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Patrick Gray, Monica Mancuso, Dr. Ed Cancienne, Tyler Broussard, Stephanie Baudry, Alex Parro fly. (L&D), Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 a.m. LouElla Gilmore

10:00 a.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Donovan LeBlanc, Nila Nini fly. (L&D), Beatrice Talbot, Matthew, Todd & Ellis Braus, Jr. & families, Linda Johnson, Angelique LeLeux

6:30 p.m. Ray Rasberry, Patrick Gray

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

What is it about old men and their baseball caps?

Decades ago I was visiting an exhibition at a museum with a friend, an older priest. We were separated at one point, so I turned around to look for him. Because we were not in the same area, I thought I would look for him in another part of the large museum.

After all, I thought to myself, how difficult is it to find an old man wearing a baseball cap? To my amazement when I entered the room, there was a sea of old men wearing baseball caps.

I vividly remember thinking at the time, what is it about old men and baseball caps?

Yesterday I had an opportunity to take the day off. Because I was going to be outside for a good part of the day, I grabbed a baseball cap on my way out. As I looked at my reflection, I thought to myself: I am now another old man in a baseball cap.

I also realized the primary reason for us old men to wear baseball caps is to prevent sunburn to our hairless heads.

This led me to further reflection throughout the day as to the dynamic of aging and the acquisition of wisdom. Does aging simply mean external adjustments to physical limitations? Does wisdom come with the passing of time like hair loss and weight gain?

Anecdotally it is obvious that wisdom cannot be presumed with age- there are too many older people who are foolish and narrow minded- but has to be acquired with effort. What kind of effort captures wisdom?

Wisdom is acquired by reading the works of those held in honor for their wisdom, reflecting upon these insights from the advantage of experience, and becoming more comfortable with personal emotions.

As we get older, we have more leisure time for reading and reflecting. As we get older, we have the opportunity to be more aware of personal feelings.

Wisdom teaches us to become more patient as we grow in our respect for the dignity of the human person, to be more tolerant as we are less threatened by ideas alien or even opposed to our own, and to be more sensitive to the feelings of others.

There is an art to aging well, a grace of age to be experienced. The aches and pains are inevitable. Some loss of memory is a given. But the soul offers us the freedom that comes from wisdom. The physical may bind, but the spiritual frees.

Is it possible that all of these thoughts came from merely picking up a baseball cap to wear on a brutally sunny day?

It is possible and it did happen, probably because it was a Berwick High School baseball cap.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Religious Education: Religion classes begin for all grades on Wednesday, August 9. Volunteer teachers are needed.

Rest In Peace

Robert S. Robertson, Sr. died on July 24, 2017.

Repeat Announcements

Catholic Charismatic Renewal: The annual conference of this movement is on August 18-20 at the Wyndham Garden Inn, 1801 W. Pinhook Road, Lafayette. For more information, visit www.diolaf.org/Catholic-Charismatic-Renewal, the facebook page is Lafayette Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the telephone number is 337 265-3773.

Retreat Opportunities: The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, offers silent, individually directed retreats of three, five, or eight day duration beginning on Monday, August 21, or Thursday, August 24. For more information or to register, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or telephone 337 662-5251.

Fete-Dieu du Teche: This Eucharistic Boat Procession on Bayou Teche will be held on the Solemnity of the Assumption, Tuesday, August 15. The procession will begin with Mass at St. Leo the Great, Leonville, at 8 a.m. The procession will then continue down the Teche towards St. Martinville with stops in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks. For more information, including the registration of boats, go to the website, www.fetedieuduteche.org; or email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com; or telephone, 337 394-6550.

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.

- August 7, Rev. Harold Trahan
- August 8, Rev. Nicholas Trahan
- August 9, Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
- August 10, Rev. Gene Tremie
- August 11, Rev. Stephen Ugwu
- August 12, Rev. Jason Vidrine
- August 13, Rev. Richard Vidrine

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, 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., 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, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Cheryl Williams, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Bobby Monceaux, Adeline Maddix, Clay Leonard, Lee Nini, Jr., Mary Grace Rentrop, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Marilyn Simmons, Wayne Crappell, CJL, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Bart Thibodeaux, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Stacy Giroir, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 12, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	Jean Beough
August 13, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Sandra Watson Luke Orlando	Carolyn Chaisson Belinda Boudreaux	