

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

Julie Bradberry, Ray Folsie fly. (L&D)

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

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -19:3 / Mk 5:21-43

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30 a.m.

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

Julie Bradberry, Sonny Baudry

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 12:10 p.m.

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40

Julie Bradberry, Elma Braus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

First Saturday / St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

4:00 p.m. M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Gary Melancon, Cody Cousins, Lee Nini fly. (L&D), Hazel Landry Roy, Lee Landry, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Norman Hymel, Guy Gilmore, Jr., Onesime Richard, In Thanksgiving, Dana G. Robin

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 a.m. Andy Robichaux, Emile & Ivy Adams, Stephen E. Adams, Arden Clair Adams & family (L&D)

10:00 a.m. Onesime Richard, M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Richard Carline

6:30 p.m. Julie Bradberry

Offertory \$3141.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

I have finished reading several articles about happiness. These articles summarized the experience of happiness from the perspectives of sociology, psychology, psychiatry, biology, and religion.

Scholars have addressed such issues as the impact of marriage upon happiness, the influence of wealth, geographical location, nationality, and other factors.

The articles were interesting, but did not allow for any definitive conclusions.

In summary, I still find myself unable to describe happiness, much less able to determine its source.

At the same time, I do recognize unexpected moments of happiness.

For example, quite unexpectedly last football season, I met Eli, a student at the high school, and visited with him most Friday afternoons. He is an avid reader, possesses a remarkable vocabulary, and has a unique perspective on life- also termed adolescence by some.

"Conversations with Eli" was a happy experience for many reasons. He was reading and enjoying many of the same books that I did in high school, providing interesting observations on the books, and reflecting the exuberance so characteristic of the young.

A typical week of my life is filled with such experiences that do bring me happiness.

I also understand these happy moments as being gifts from God, manifestations of His Providence.

My life, like yours, is not insulated from painful experiences. I do experience slights, incivility, harshness, anger, pettiness, condemnation, and other negative things, as well as difficult people. I am at times disappointed, discouraged, and exasperated. I am painfully and honestly aware of my sinfulness, inadequacies, shortcomings, and failures.

An awareness of both the good and the bad, the beauty and the ugliness, the grace and the sin creates for me a dynamic interplay that enables me to find great joy and resignation: to rejoice in the goodness that the Lord gives me in His love and to accept with peaceful resignation the bad things in life.

Do I have to grow much more to grasp the quote from St. Therese?

You see, dear Mother, that I am far from being on the way of fear; I always find a way of being happy and of profiting from my miseries; no doubt this does not displease Jesus since He seems to encourage me on this road.

(Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, translated by J. Clarke, O.C.D., ICS Publications 1975, 1976, pg. 173)

I hope not.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Church in Latin America.

First Saturday: Saturday, February 3, is the first Saturday of the month. There will be a Mass at 8 that morning in addition to the evening Mass.

Feast of St. Blaise: Saturday, February 3, is also the memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of the throats will take place during the Saturday morning Mass.

Rest in Peace

Constance Ann Husband Herrera died on September 22, 2017.

Repeat Announcements

Hanson-St. John Schools: Hanson Memorial and St. John Schools will have registration from February 1-28. For inquiries, appointments, and campus tours, telephone 337 828 -3487 for Hanson Memorial or 337 828-2648 for St. John. Scholarships are available.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
February 3, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux	Linda Thomas
February 4, 7:00 a.m.	Susan Blanchard		
10:00 a.m.	Sandra Watson	Carolyn Chaisson	
6:30 p.m.	Landon Broussard	Belinda Boudreaux	

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.

- January 29, Msgr. Louis Melancon
- January 30, Rev. Mark Melancon
- January 31, Rev. Andre Metrejean
- February 1, Pope Francis
- February 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- February 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- February 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

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, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, Reese Grace Johnson, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, John Czajka, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, Bren Guillory, John Keenze, Sr., 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, Wy-anette Monceaux, 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, Mike Keith, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Sonny Gilmore, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Toups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, J.C. Ratcliff, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Louis Hall