

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Julie Bradberry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Julie Bradberry

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Julie Bradberry

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6:30 a.m.

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 5:30 p.m.

(Way of the Cross followed by Mass)

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Julie Bradberry, AML

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

8:00 a.m. Raymond LaHoste

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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, Sr. fly. (L&D), Guy Gilmore, Jr., Dana G. Robin, Sidney Boudreaux, Arden Clair Adams & family (L&D), Bobby Monceaux, Angelo & Marjorie Streva, Donald & Vivian LeBlanc

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Julie Bradberry, Norman Hymel, Raymond Nini fly. (L&D), Richard Carline, Michelle Denning

6:30 p.m. Beverly Comeaux fly. (L&D), Fran Listi

Offertory \$4626.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

These words from the ritual for the imposition of ashes will be repeated in small churches and great cathedrals throughout the world on Ash Wednesday. People of all races, ages, incomes, and education will process to altars throughout the world to participate in this ancient custom.

Catholics who attend Mass extremely rarely will make their way to church for the imposition of ashes. Participation in this ritual is increasing rapidly in popularity with young Catholics. There will also be a significant number of people who are not Catholics who will make their way to a Catholic Church to receive the ashes.

There are many reasons motivating all these people to receive the ashes. One of the more compelling is the powerful reminder of mortality.

At least in our culture, efforts are made to mask the harsh reality of death. These efforts are futile.

The blessing and imposition of ashes at the beginning of Lent reminds us dramatically that we shall all experience death some day. At the same time, the ritual reminds us of the importance of living well.

The Lenten Season therefore becomes a moment of grace as we make the effort to respond to the call of the Lord to die to our self-absorption, to free ourselves from the tyranny of our negative emotions, to become more compassionate and tolerant, to grow in charity.

If we are to respond to the call of the Lord, we need to hear the call. Only in the intimacy of prayer will we be able to hear the call and to discern the direction he wishes us to follow.

More frequent attendance at Mass is a great assistance in having a fruitful Lent. If that is not possible because of some commitment, try reflecting on the readings for daily Mass. These are regularly published in this bulletin.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Centennial News: On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard's lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul's before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard's death made national news as *Life* magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: "Last Homage to Negroes' friend."

Special Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Black and Indian Missions.

Newly Married

Dale Anthony Broussard and Teresa Ann Landry were married on February 10, 2018.

Repeat Announcements

Centennial Indulgence: An Indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an Indulgence). Please see the diocesan web page for more information. The Centennial Prayer is in the Cathedral or you may print it from the web page (available in various languages on the web page).

Lenten Regulations: We are invited to enter into this penitential season as a community (c. 1249). The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, that is, we do not eat meat. This applies to everyone from the age of fourteen on. Adults are obliged to the law of fasting until the age of sixty. Good Friday is a day of both abstinence and fasting. The purpose of abstinence and fasting is to foster a deeper experience of prayer, encourage pious devotions, emphasize acts of charity, and promote fulfilling our duties and responsibilities with greater diligence (c. 1249). In forming their children, parents should introduce them in accord with their age to the values of self-denial and the importance of making sacrifices.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
February 24, 4:00 p.m.	Kathy LaBouve	Lonnie LaBouve	Jean Beaugh
February 25, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Linda Thomas Sheli McGonagill Laura Dozar	Donna Gisclair Briant Dozar	

Centennial Items: Centennial paperweights, yard signs, and history books can be purchased at the following locations: Immaculata Center, the Cathedral of St. John gift shop (both in Lafayette), St. Martin of Tours Church (St. Martinville), Queen of Angels (Opelousas), Crossroads Bookstore, and Acadian Religious Shop (both in Lafayette).

Lenten Daily Mass: During the Lenten Season, Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is at 6:30 a.m. Way of the Cross followed by Mass on Fridays begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday mornings at 8. The Masses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday are at the usual times. Confessions will be heard before each weekday and weekend 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.

- February 19, Rev. Paul Onuegbe
- February 20, Rev. Paul Osterere, SJ
- February 21, Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ
- February 22, Rev. Jose Padinjarepeedika, CMI
- February 23, Rev. John Paul, SJ
- February 24, Rev. Donald Pelous
- February 25, Rev. Neil Pettit

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, 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, John Czajka, Brooke Rhodes, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, Shawn McClelland, 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 Allbritton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Oliver Alfred, Angie Melancon, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Katherine (Kit) Guidroz, Patsy Henry, Laurie Hale, Theresa Henry, Connie Robichaux, Quinn Troups, Gloria Nini, Susan Cantrell, Denyse Millitello, Mike Taylor, Linda DeHart, John Menard, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Tanika Short, Sawyer Allums, Johnny Orlando, Dawn Anslem, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre